

## Lesson 5



We have seen in prior lessons that God, through His son Jesus, has reserved hope in heaven for those who obey Him ([Colossians 1:5](#)). Upon our baptism into Christ, we are placed into the body of Christ (the church) by God ([1 Corinthians 12:18](#)). We are joined to other members of the body through Christ with the expressed purpose of building up the body to the “measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ” ([Ephesians 4:12-13](#)). Christ has won the victory and He gives us victory over sin and death, ultimately in the end of our earthly existence receiving an imperishable body like Him ([1 Corinthians 15:53-58](#)). Therefore, this hope should motivate a change in our perspective and focus while in this mortal body.

### PRE-CLASS HOMEWORK QUESTION:

List some words that reflect your feelings immediately after becoming a Christian?

#### I. KNOW

##### A. Stage Setter: Elijah

1. Read [1 Kings 18:16-40](#)

i. What did Elijah share in through God’s actions (hint: topic in lesson 4). How do you think Elijah felt immediately after these events?

ii. Where was Elijah’s focus?

2. Read [1 Kings 19:1-4](#)

i. Describe what happened to Elijah.

ii. Where was Elijah’s focus?

3. Read [1 Kings 19:5-18](#)
  - i. What was God's response to Elijah?
  
  - ii. Where was God's focus?
  
4. The rest of the story...
  - i. From what you know about Elijah, how did he "run the race" after these events?
  
  - ii. What did Elijah receive at the end of his "race"?

**B. Stage Setter: Habakkuk**

1. Read [Habakkuk 1-3](#)
  - i. What was Habakkuk focused on in 1:1-4, 1:12-2:1?
  
  - ii. Summarize God's response to Habakkuk in chapters 1:5-11 and 2:2-20?
  
  - iii. What did Habakkuk finally realize and state in his prayer in chapter 3:17-19?
  
  - iv. Who was guiding Habakkuk's thoughts and actions in chapter 1 and 2? Who in chapter 3?

**C. Read: [Matthew 6:33](#), [Colossians 3:1-2](#), [Hebrews 12:2](#), and [1 Peter 1:13](#)**

Where should we keep our focus as Kingdom citizens?

## II. Feel and Do:

A. Perspective: Read [Colossians 1:13, 21-23](#), [1 Peter 2:9-11](#), and [Hebrews 11:13-16](#)

1. What should our perspective be about our earthly existence?
  
2. What should our perspective be about life after our earthly existence?

B. Response: Read [Colossians 1:9-10](#), [Colossians 2:6](#), [Ephesians 4:1](#), [1 Thessalonians 2:12](#)

1. What does the word “walk” mean in these verses?
  
2. How should we now walk knowing the hope set before us and as kingdom citizens?

C. Specifics: Read [Colossians 3:5-9, 4:5-6](#), [Ephesians 4:17-32](#)

What are some specific, evident behaviors that should be laid aside as we change our focus from earthly citizens to Kingdom citizens?