

**Lesson 7 Every Tongue Confess** Teacher: Beth Seifert Read John 20:24-29. What did Jesus say when Thomas proclaimed his belief?

Read Psalm 31:24, Psalm 43:5, Ephesians 1:18-23, 1 Timothy 4:10. Where should our hope be placed?

According to Ephesians 1, what benefit do we receive when we place our hope in Him?

Read Philippians 2:6. Describe how you might "consider equality with God something to be grasped"?

Legalism (adding rules and requirements to the Gospel) is a way we attempt to achieve equality with God. Liberalism (making ourselves "happy" with whatever we want, despite what God says) is another way we attempt to achieve equality with God. In both, we are claiming that we know better than God or more than God about what will save us.

Read Romans 12:12 and 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Do you consider your salvation as worth the present sufferings? If so, is that evident in your attitude?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 Paul tells us we are in a war. What can the weapons that we have do? What are we to take captive?

Taking our thoughts captive means taking them under our control; under our power; they conform to our will, not the opposite. 2 Corinthians 10:5 tells us that our thoughts need to be obedient to Christ. What thoughts do you need to take captive today, so that your mind is like that of Christ?