

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS 3 APPOLYON & FAITHFUL

Intro:

- 1) Who or what opposes your progress to the Celestial City?
- 2) When have you gone through a valley of shadow?
- How did you make it through?
- 3) Who is your "soul friend"? Who walks with you?

Scene 15 - The battle with Appolyon

- 1) What does the Valley of Humiliation represent in the life of a believer?
- 2) What do we learn of Appolyon from **Revelation 9:1-11**?
- 3) Look at the spiritual armor in **Ephesians 6:13-18**. What "piece" is missing?
- 4) Why / how does Appolyon lay claim to Christian?
- 5) Why doesn't Appolyon begin with a direct, physical attack? What does he do instead?
- 6) Why was the first "dart" aimed at Christian's chest?
- 7) How long did the battle last? What does that say about our spiritual battles?
- 8) What three wounds did Christian receive in the battle? Why these three places?
 - **Romans 12:2**
 - **I Corinthians 15:2**
 - **Romans 10:15?**
- 9) Why / How does Christian lose his sword?
- 10) See **Hebrews 4:12**; How does Christian emerge wounded, but victorious?
- 11) How is he healed of his wounds? (**Revelation 22:2**)
- 12) How is he sustained for the rest of his journey?

Scene 16 - The Valley of the Shadow of Death

- 1) How is this a case of "out of the frying pan, into the fire"?
- 2) In what way(s) do we become vulnerable during dark times?
- 3) Who does Christian meet at the entrance to the valley?
- 4) What does the ditch represent in the life of a Christian? (**Matthew 15:12-14**)
- 5) What is the quagmire? (**Psalms 69:14-15**)
- 6) What pictures / images of Hell does Bunyan portray to us?

- 7) How is All-Prayer (**I Thess. 5:17**) a better “weapon” than the Sword of the Spirit?
- 8) What keeps us from praying in times of doubt, darkness, confusion, and need?
- 9) How did Appolyon (or at least his spirit) return to torment Christian?
- 10) Look at **II Corinthians 10:3-5**. How do we guard our minds from Satan’s assaults?
- 11) How are the words of **Psalms 119:105** portrayed here?
- 12) Who were the two giants in the cave at the end of the valley?

Scene 17 - Meeting up with Faithful

- 1) What does it mean that faithful is far ahead of Christian on the path?
- 2) How do we “pick up the pace” in our Christian walk?
- 3) What does Christian learn of his efforts to persuade the people of his former city?
- 4) How is Pliable like the farmer in **Luke 9:62**?
- 5) What does Wanton represent?
- 6) Describe Faithful’s interaction with Old Adam.
- 7) Who does Faithful meet whilst climbing the Hill of Difficulty?
- 8) Why is Moses unable to stop landing blows on Faithful? (**Romans 6:23**)
- 9) What is the temptation of Discontent?
- 10) How does Paul advise us to deal with contentment in **I Timothy 6:6-10**
- 11) What does Shame have the wrong name? Do we see this “pride” today?
- 12) How does Shame (**Romans 1:16**) hound us our whole faith journey?

Scene 18 - Talkative

- 1) Why is Faithful so drawn to Talkative?
- 2) What are some of the concerns Christian has with Talkative?
- 3) Read **Matthew 18:6-7**. How did Jesus respond to Talkative in His day?
- 4) How does Talkative miss the linkage between faith and works?
- 5) What was Talkative’s first answer to how to know if one is saved? Would you agree?
- 6) How much merit does his second answer hold?
- 7) Why is it “a difficult conversation” to have with one who professes faith?
- 8) What is the sevenfold “proof” of faith that Faithful outlines?
- 9) How does Talkative respond to Faithful’s invitation to self-examination?

- 10) Do you think many in our day and age would think Faithful to “judgy” or “harsh”?
- 11) Look at **Matthew 7:1-5**. What does it mean to “judge not”?
- 12) What does **I Timothy 6:3-5** urge us to do with those who “talk the talk, but don’t walk the walk”?

Scene 19 - Reunion with Evangelist

- 1) Why are Christian and Faithful so happy to see Evangelist again?
- 2) What does he rejoice over when he hears their account?
- 3) Look at **Galatians 6:9**. When are we likely to become weary of doing good?
- 4) Why do these two need to “keep thier eyes on the prize”?
- 5) What does it mean to resist to the point of shedding blood?
- 6) Is Evangelist’s message as comforting this time as in prior appearances?
- 7) What encouragement does **John 16:33** give us?