

BIBLE GUIDEBOOK

FOR

YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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- * **A discipleship study for youth, older children or adults.**
- * **A personal study of verses in the Gospel of John**
- * **A great study for new believers who need to grow in their faith.**

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Preface

Congratulations in your accepting Christ as Your Savior! Friend, this is your guidebook. This study will help you as a new Christian. It will help you to know more about salvation, about the Lord Jesus, and how to live for Him.

As you look up the verses in the Gospel of John and fill in the blanks, you will find new truths you should know. Also you will find things you should do to better serve the Lord now that you belong to Him. This will help you to obey the Lord Jesus in your daily life.

Study each lesson well. Write in your answers in your own words to the best of your ability. All you need is the New Testament, or a Gospel of John and a pencil or pen. Start reading the Gospel of John each day. It would be good to read the Gospel of John over and over again while you are studying this booklet.

You might want to use a pencil with red lead and underline each verse in the Gospel of John as you look up each verse when you are doing this study. This will help you remember what you are reading and you will find the verses easier at a later time.

The Bible is your Guidebook for life! In it you will find God's will for your daily life, how to live for Him, and how to be set free from sinful practices. You will learn how to pray and how to live for the Lord. Do all you can to learn to live for Christ!

You will want to go to church each Sunday and whenever the saved are meeting together. The one who gave you this book loves you and is concerned for you. Maybe you will want to study this book with that person and allow them to meet with you each week as you learn many new truths. May the Lord bless you richly.

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Lesson 1

The Way of Salvation!

Do you remember what happened when you believed in Jesus as your Savior? Do you remember how we are saved from our sins? Do you remember why you needed to ask Jesus into your heart and life and trust Him as your Savior and Lord?

When you asked Jesus to save you from sin, it was a very important decision. You should always remember that decision. The following questions from the Gospel of John will help you to know more about what it means to be saved. To be saved means that right now you have eternal life, the very kind of life that Christ has and He has given it to you!

You will want to study all these verses, look them up in the Bible or the Gospel of John and write the answers in your own words in the blanks that are provided.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL HAVE SINNED!

1. Why did Jesus come as the Lamb of God? (John 1:29) _____

2. Until we are saved, who is our father, and what does he lead us to do? (John 8:44)

3. What is it that the devil as our father leads us to do? (John 8:44) "*The _____ of your father ye will do. " The word lust means a strong desire to sin. " When he speaketh a _____, he speaketh of his own. "* Satan leads us to lie.
4. When we commit sin, we are _____ according to John 8:34. As sinners we are slaves to sin.
5. Christ came to set us free from slavery to sin. What do you read in John 8:34, 36 about this? _____

WE SEE THAT GOD SENT HIS SON TO SAVE US!

6. How much does God love us? (John 3:16)

7. What did Jesus do as the Good Shepherd? (John 10:11) _____

8. Why did God send His Son into the world? (John 3:17) _____

9. Why did God give us His Word? (John 20:31) _____

10. What is eternal life? (John 17:3) _____

WHY WE MUST BELIEVE IN JESUS AS SAVIOR!

11. Why are people lost in their sin? (John 16:9) _____

12. What is the reason people do not have eternal life? (John 5:40) _____

13. Upon whom does the wrath of God abide? (John 3:36) _____

14. What does God give to those who ASK Jesus, God's Lamb, take away their sins?
(John 8:24; 3:36) _____

15. What must we do to become a child of God? (John 1:12) _____

16. How do we KNOW that salvation is in Christ ONLY? (John 14:6) _____

17. Why did God allow His Son to die on the Cross? (John 3:16) _____

18. What is the one thing which will keep us outside of heaven? (John 3:18)

19. What is the WORK of God which Jesus said we are to do? (John 6:28,29) _____

(Most people think we will get to heaven by works, but that is not true.
Look at Ephesians 2:8,9.)

20. "Whosoever believeth in him should not _____ , but have _____
_____ ." (John 3:16)

To receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord means to believe that He died for your sins and that He paid for ALL OF THEM. The Bible says that HE put away sins by the sacrifice of Himself.

If you have a New Testament, look at Acts 16:31. "*And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. "*

A child of God is one who has personally received Jesus into his heart as Lord and Savior. He has accepted Christ's death on the cross in his place as payment for his sin. A child of God believes that Jesus was buried and rose again... and is alive NOW and on the throne of his heart as Savior and Lord.

21. What verb in this verse tell us what we are to do if we "*believe*" on Jesus?

(John 1: 12) _____

22. Have you received Jesus as your own Savior and Lord? If so, when? _____

If you have not done so, why not bow your head right now, pray and ask Jesus to save you and give you His eternal life.

Memorize John 1:12

Lesson 2

Some Things God Does For You When You Are Saved!

We are happy that you are going on in your Bible study. Remember to answer each question from the Scripture reference given in the Gospel of John, using your OWN WORDS as much as you can. This lesson teaches us some things God does for us when we trust Christ as our Savior.

1. When we hear the Word of God and believe in Jesus, God says three things are true of us as found in John 5:24.
 - a. We have _____
 - b. and we shall not come into _____
 - c. but we are passed from _____.
2. If we have received Jesus as our Savior, what does He make us according to John 1:12? _____
3. What does Jesus promise in John 6:37? _____

4. How safe are those who trust in Jesus according to John 10: 27, and 28?
 - a. He says, "I give unto them _____
 - b. and they shall _____, and
 - c. neither shall any man _____ them out of _____!"
5. In John 10:9, Jesus said, "I am the _____; by Me if any man enter in, he shall _____ and shall go in and out, and find pasture. "
6. Do you ever need to be afraid? (John 14:27) _____ What does Christ promise to us? _____
7. How much does Jesus love us according to John 15:9? _____

8. What does Jesus promise in John 14:2,3? _____

9. In John chapter 10, the saved ones are called the sheep, and Jesus is called the Shepherd. List some things Jesus does for His own, His sheep. (In some verses there are two statements, so you will want to look for both of them and write them in below.)

Verse:

- a. 10:3 _____
- b. 10:3 _____

Statement:

- c. 10:4 _____
- d. 10:4 _____
- e. 10:11 _____
- f. 10:14 _____
- g. 10:15 _____
- h. 10:28 _____
- i. 10:28 _____

You can be sure that you are saved. You can be sure that Jesus saved you and that you have eternal life right now. All the questions above help to make you sure. You must stand on the promises of God. God never lies. Believe His Word. Don't trust your feelings, but instead trust His Word alone. When we ask Jesus to be our personal Savior, we are trust Him to save us and He will keep His word to us.

I would ask you to read John 3:1-7 and 1:1-13. You will see that Jesus said we must be **born again**. To be born again means to receive Christ as our Savior, to put our full trust in Him alone. Jesus told Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, that he must be born again. **To be "born again" means to be born into God's family.** This ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus, was one of the spiritual rulers, yet he needed to be born again. Since that was true of him, it is true of us also.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh." Here Christ was speaking about a physical birth in John 3:6. **Then Jesus said, "Ye must be born again!" in John 3:7. Consider the following:**

10. What are the two kinds of birth that Christ spoke of in John 3:1-6? Answer: to be born of the flesh and the _____. Here Christ was saying we must be born physically and also spiritually. Nicodemus could not be born again physically, but he could be born spiritually into God's family.

Christ goes on to explain *being horn again*. Jesus explains what it means to be "born again" by what He taught us in John 3:14-18. **GOD SO LOVED US THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON to DIE FOR US!** To be born into God's family and therefore to be taken out of the devil's family means to trust Christ and His death on the cross for us.

11. John 1:11 tells us that Christ came unto His own (the Jews) and they _____

12. What does Christ do for us if we receive Him as our Savior according to John 1:12? _____

13. John 1:13 is a continuation of 1: 12, and here Christ tells us that if we receive Christ, (believe ON Him), we are born of _____.
(This birth is not a birth by blood, nor a birth by the will of the flesh. It isn't a birth by the will of man, but, it is to be born again of _____).

God tells us why He sent His Son to us in John 3:17. Maybe you ought to memorize this verse and claim what God says there. Christ came that we might have and life more

Lesson 3

What Did Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Say About Himself?

We are happy that you are continuing to study the Word of God. As you work on each question, try to answer it in your own words, for you will then know if you truly understand what you are reading.

This lesson teaches us some of the things Jesus actually said about Himself and His relationship to God, the Father, as well as His own relationship to us. We also read what others said of Him, and how we may know for sure we have eternal life in Him.

1. How may we come to know Jesus in a more personal way according to John 5:39?

2. What do we read concerning Andrew and his message to his brother Peter? (John 1:40, 41)

3. Who wrote about Jesus Christ according to John 5:45-47?

4. What was John the Baptist's MAIN testimony about Jesus according to John 1:34?

5. What did Jesus say about those who claim to "believe" in, or honor, God, but do not honor the Son? (John 5:23)

6. What was Jesus claiming every time He called God His "**Father**" according to John 5:17,18?

7. Why did some people seek to kill Jesus? (John 10:30-33)

8. Jesus claimed to be (1) 30 years of age, (2) ageless and eternal, (3) or, about the same age as Abraham? (John 8:56-59) (*Circle correct letter.*) **Memorize John**

1:1

9. How does Jesus respond to those who come to Him for salvation according to John 6:37? He will never _____ us out! But He says that He will _____ us up at the last day according to John 6:39, 40, 44.

10. Who is even a greater witness than John the Baptist according to John 5:37?

11. At the time of Jesus' trial, what fault was found in Him? (John 18:38; and John 19:4) _____

12. After His death, how was Jesus buried? (John 19:40-42)

13. What happened to God's Son after He had been in the grave three days? (John 20:9, 12, 17, 20) _____

14. What does Christ do for all who hear and believe on Him? (John 10:27-29)

15. Whose hands keep us safe according to John 10:28, 29? _____

16. If you were to die today, would you be with Jesus in His heaven? YES or NO ? (Circle one) Do you know for sure? How? _____

17. Have you taken Jesus' promise in John 3:18 and 3:36 as your very own?

Memorize John 6:37

Lesson 4

You Need to Live As A Disciple for Your Savior!

Your continued faithfulness in these simple studies indicates a heart that God will surely bless abundantly. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Receiving Christ as Lord and Savior of our life may take but a moment of time, but getting to know Him and to grow in Him is a matter of time. It is a matter of growth in fellowship through the study of the Word of God and learning to pray. Sin is the only thing that blocks our union and our communion with Jesus.

A disciple is a follower, a learner. Jesus desires that you would be His disciple. His command to the disciples was to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. This is His last earthly command! It takes a disciple to win and build another disciple. Christ wants you grow as His disciple and to truly live for Him.

Be sure you answer each question, using your OWN WORDS if you desire. Think about the answers carefully as you read the portions from the Book of John.

THE TRUE DISCIPLE -- The marks of reality.

1. How does Jesus describe those who are His disciples?
 - a. John 1:37 _____
 - b. John 8:31 _____
 - c. John 15:8 _____
 - d. John 13:34, 35 _____
2. What should be the heart's prayer of every true disciple? (John 3:30) _____

John the Baptist meant that he wanted Christ to be everything to him. Christ Jesus must increase, that is become very, very important to him and he needed to learn not to live for himself.

THE OBEDIENT DISCIPLE -- The marks of responsiveness.

3. Who is truly a friend of the Lord Jesus? (John 15:14) _____
4. If a man truly loves the Lord, what TWO things will he do about Christ's commands? (John 14:21) _____ and _____
5. Why is it that many so-called converts never become true disciples of Christ? (John 12:42, 43) _____

THE FRUITFUL DISCIPLE -- The marks of relationship.

6. What can we, in ourselves, do for the Lord Jesus? (John 15:5) _____

7. What does Christ, our Good Shepherd, promise His sheep that He puts forth?
(John 10:4) _____
8. Fruit is the natural result of _____ (John 15:5)
9. Where are we sent? (John 17:18) _____
And why are we sent? (John 15:16) _____
10. How much does Christ love His disciples? (John 13:1) _____

11. What does Christ promise to His own? (John 14:27) _____

12. What happens to everyone who does not accept Christ as their Savior and Lord.
(John 3:18; 8:24) _____

Memorize John 15:14

Lesson 5

How to Grow For Jesus!

You must have a time with the Lord every morning and night. We sometimes call this a *Quiet Time with the Lord!* Get alone where you can read the Bible and pray each day. It is best if you read His Word and pray every morning and every night.

When you first get up:

1. Read your Bible, let God talk to you from His Word.
2. Think about what you have read. Think about how to carry out what the Bible tells you to do. Think about what Jesus means to you.
3. Then talk to God in prayer. Thank Him for all He has done for you. Tell Him how much you love Him. Pray for others, your family, and your own needs for that day.

It is important that you live for Jesus every day. You can best do this by having your quiet time with the Lord every day.

READ YOUR BIBLE

1. A disciple is a follower, a learner, one who loves Jesus because he is saved. What is a disciple to do with the Word of God? (John 8:31) _____

2. In John 5:39 we read the following words, "Search the _____ for in them ye think ye have eternal life, for they are they _____ of Me."
3. What did the nobleman do with Christ's Words? (Read John 4:46-50, the answer is in verse 50.) _____
4. Jesus said in John 6:63, "The words that I _____ , they are _____ and the are _____ ."
5. What did Peter say about the Words of Christ? (John 6:68) _____

6. Jesus said in John 12:48, ". . . the word that I have spoken, the _____ shall judge _____ in the that day. "

We will be judged by the Word of God. After being saved, we need to love His word, read it, meditate upon it and seek to live out the Word of God in our daily lives. The verses you have looked up helps you to understand the importance of God's Word.

Begin reading the Bible every day. It would be good to begin your reading by reading through the Gospel of John. Read it many, many times for this will help you to grow spiritually.

LEARN TO PRAY

Only those who are saved have a right to pray. Prayer is talking to the Heavenly Father who has become our Father through our trusting His Son as our Lord and Savior. Prayer is talking to God. So how can unsaved people talk to a God whom they do not know? It is our great joy and privilege that we can bring every need to the Lord.

Here are some things about which you should pray:

1. Tell Him of our love to Him.
2. Confess your sins daily as His child, asking for forgiveness so that you can stay in daily fellowship. (I John 1:9)
3. Pray about your needs each day -- pray for wisdom, for strength to live for Jesus, for every concern and burden that you might have.
4. Pray for the needs of others: for your parents, brothers, sisters, church, pastor, Bible teachers, missionaries, and those who are unsaved and need Christ.

One of the most important things is to learn to pray for others. It is good to make a prayer list. Write down the names of those for whom you want to pray, and the requests, and keep a record of God's answers to your prayers. ***Make a list like the example below!***

MY PRAYER LIST

<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Prayer Requests</u>	<u>Date Answered</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. John chapter 17 is a record of Christ's prayer for us and for others!

For what did He pray?

- a. "Keep through their own name those _____ (John 17:11).
- b. (John 17:13) "That they might have _____
- c. (John 17:15) "That thou should keep them _____

8. In whose name are we to pray? (John 14:13,14) _____

9. If we ask anything in the Name of Jesus, He _____ (John 14:14).

10. Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall _____ (See John 16:24).

11. What two things do we need to do to have the Lord answer our prayers? (See

John 15:7.) "If ye abide in _____ and My Words abide _____ ."

12. What is the promise in John 15:7? _____

13. What are God's "rules" or conditions for answered prayer?

a. (John 15:7) _____

b. (John 16:23,24) _____

c. (John 9:31) _____

You do not have to pray aloud for Jesus to hear you. God can hear your prayers even if you say them quietly inside your own mind and heart. We need to be sincere, and not just think desires, but to truly ask of our Heavenly Father. God likes to talk to you, too. You should learn to read His Word and let Him talk to you through His Word. Then you will want to learn how to pray aloud in church and in prayer meetings with others.

To read God's Word and to learn to pray is very, very important for our walk with the Lord. It will help you to trust Jesus more and more. Remember to keep on asking Jesus in prayer. Remember to pray daily and to read His Word each day.

Take one of the specific prayer promises you have looked at as you answered the questions and claim that promise as you bring your petitions to the Lord in prayer. Then pray until you actually believe God has heard and will answer. Nothing can take the place of a specific time for daily communion with God. ***It helps to have a prayer list.*** Write down the names of people and needs as we suggested earlier.

Memorize John 8:31, and John 15:7.

Some Things You Should Do For Jesus!

More than anything else, our Heavenly Father wants us to be faithful. He wants to be able to count on you. He desires that you will live for Him. To be faithful means to be willing to serve the Lord and to desire to please Him. Obey Him in all that HE wants you to do. Be what He wants you to be!

There are many ways you can serve the Lord. You can seek to live for Him at work, among friends, in your home, and in the Church. Your friends, who are not saved, need to see a difference in your life.

WE NEED TO OBEY THE LORD!

1. "He that hath _____ and keepeth _____, he is it that _____ ." (See John 14:21.)
2. Also in John 14:21 Jesus said, "And he that _____ me shall he loved of my _____, and I will _____ him, and will _____ myself to him."
3. In John 15:10 we see that Jesus obeyed the Father.
Write the verse here: _____

4. How can we be really happy according to John 13:17? _____

5. We are told in John 8:31 to _____ in His Word. We must read, heed, and obey God's Word.
6. What word is used a number of times in John 15:1-8'? I am to be fruitful by _____

WE NEED TO LOVE OTHERS!

7. What did Jesus command in John 15:17? _____
8. What was the new command as Christ gave it in John 13:34? _____

9. How do we show that we are His disciples according to John 13:35? _____

10. What did Jesus ask Peter, three times, in John 21:15, 16, and 17?

11. Jesus tells us in John 5:42 what many people do not have. Write the verses here:

12. How much does God the Father love us and how much does Christ love us according to John 15:9? _____

13. Because of His love, what are we told to do in John 15:9? _____

14. How was Peter to show that he truly loved the Lord Jesus Christ according to John 21:15, 16, and 17. Here we read of Christ's command, what was it?

If we truly love Christ, then we need to show that love by our love to others. And we do that by wanting to share the things of Christ with them for we are to feed His sheep. A father will want to teach his children about Christ, how to be saved, to live for Christ and how serve Him and love Him.

15. How do we prove that we love the Lord Jesus? (John 14:23) _____

It will make you happy if you really serve the Lord Jesus. The more faithful you are in showing love to others and in obeying the Lord in all things, the more your life will be full of joy. Christ said, in John 15:11 *"These things have I spoken unto you that MY JOY might remain in you, and that YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL."* **Memorize John 15:11**

I would encourage you to especially study chapters 14, 15, 16, and 17 in the Gospel of John. These are Christ's intimate words spoken to His own between being in the upper room with His disciples and going to the mock trial and to the cross only hours later. These were the special last words of Christ to the apostles or disciples prior to His death. They are like last words we might speak to our loved ones knowing that soon we will be leaving this earth.

Consider that Christ left a legacy for them and for us. Study these precious truths! Claim them as yours!

1. He promises that He goes to prepare a place for us in John 14:1-6.
2. He promises that we will do even greater works than He did. (See John 14:12.)
3. He promises that we can claim answers to prayer as we pray in His Name. (See John 14: 13,14 and 16:23,24.)
4. He promises that we will have the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who abides in us. He prays that the Father will send the Comforter to us, to teach, and to lead us into all truth. (See John 14:16-18,26; 15:26; and 16:7-14.)
5. He promises us His peace. (See John 14:27.)
6. He promises that we can abide in Him, be fruitful, and have answers to prayer. (See John 15:1-8.)

7. He promises to give us His joy. (See John 15:11.)
8. He promises to keep us in the midst of tests and trials. (See John 16:33.)

Lesson 7

Some Things You Can DO For Others!

We need to witness to others about how we came to Christ. Others need to know how to get saved. A witness for Jesus is someone who lives for Him and tells others about Him. To witness is to tell others the good news of salvation in Christ. Ask God to help you to tell others about Christ's death on the cross and how they can put their faith in His sacrifice and payment for sins. The Lord can save anyone from his sins, but it is our duty to tell others about how Christ died for them.

1. What did John the Baptist say to others as a witness about Jesus? (John 1:29)

2. John the Baptist spoke of His witness in John 1:34. What did he say?

3. Read John 1:38-42.
 - a. Whom did Andrew go to find? _____ (John 1:41).
 - b. What did Andrew say to his brother? _____ (John 1:41).
 - c. "And he _____ _____ _____ Jesus." (John 1:42)
4. Whom did Philip go to find to tell about Jesus? (John 1:45) _____
What did he say? _____
5. What are we to witness about according to John 3:16? _____

Salvation can be ours because God SO Loved that He gave His Son so we can trust what He did on the cross as the payment of our sins. We can have eternal life right now.

6. We are to urge others to _____ Christ according to John 1:12.
7. Jesus said, "Ye have not _____ _____ , but I have chosen you and ordained _____ , that ye should go and bring forth _____ ." (John 15: 16) This fruit is the _____ fruit of seeing others come to Christ as their Savior.
8. How do we know we are to go to others and tell them about Christ? (John 21:21)

9. What did many of the Samaritans do because of the woman who trusted Christ as her Savior? (John 4:39)

10. What did John witness about according to John 5:33? _____

When we witness about how to be saved we should share the way of salvation with them! Share the following truths.

1. That we all are sinners and need to be saved from sin. Romans 3:9 -12; 23
2. That Christ paid for all our sins. Romans 5:6, 8
3. That God offers eternal life. Romans 6:23; John 3:15-18
4. That we must accept Jesus or receive Jesus as our Savior. Romans 10 9-13; John 1:12

Memorize John 20:21

Lesson 8

The Lord Jesus Can Meet Your Every Need!

The Lord Jesus Christ wants to meet your every need. When you read the Gospel of John you will notice that Christ manifested His power here on the earth. He made the blind to see, the lame to walk, and even raised the dead. Since He has such power there are many things that He wants to do for us.

Also, in the Gospel of John you will find there are many names for Christ or names that He is called. ***Some of the names are I AM'S about Christ.*** We want to look at some of these portions and also to look at the some of names of the Lord Jesus. His names help all of us to understand ways that He desires to meet our needs today.

CHRIST IS THE LIVING WORD

1. What is Christ called in John 1:3, and verse 14? _____
2. As the *Word*, what is His relationship to the Father according to John 1:1, 2?

3. As the *Living Word*, what did the Lord Jesus do according to John 1:3?

4. How do we know the Person called the **WORD** is Christ? (Study John 1:14.)

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5. What is His glory like according to John 1:14? _____

 6. What did John the Baptist say that we receive from the Lord Jesus? (John 1:16)
(Write the verse) _____

 7. According to the story in John 4: 1-24 Christ gives us *living water!* What verses tell us He is like everlasting water, springing up in our lives? Write part of the verse! _____
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Water is very necessary for life. We would not be alive long without water. Christ is the only Savior and without Him we are spiritually thirsty. Only HE can meet the need of the heart. Day by day He desires to quench our spiritual thirst and spiritual hunger.

8. The story in the gospel of John, chapter six, tells us of Christ feeding the 5,000. They did not understand the miracle Jesus performed? Christ tells us that HE IS THE _____ in John 6:35. As the *Living Bread* He meets our needs! If we trust Him, we will never _____ or never _____
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9. Again in John 6:51, Christ said He is the _____ came down from heaven.

As bread is a universal food so Christ is the Savior for all mankind. (I John 2:1,2) Every nation has its bread. Christ came and died for our sins and is the only Savior. He is able to save anyone in the world who will come to HIM for Salvation.

10. You will want to read the story of Lazarus, Martha and Mary in John chapter 11. Here we read of their brother's death. Out of all that took place we are told by Christ that He is the _____ and the life. (John 11:25,26) Write the _____ John 11: 25, 26 in the space below.
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11. In John 15: 1-8 we read another interesting portion where Christ tells us that He is the _____. When we look at a vine we can say that just as the branch gets its life from the vine, so we get our daily spiritual life from Christ who is the _____.

All spiritual life and ability to serve Him must come from our Savior who is the vine. And we must abide in Him!

Memorize John 1:1, 2.

Lesson 9

You Should Watch For Dangers!

As you live for the Lord Jesus you will face all kinds of dangers. It is just a part of daily life because we live in a world where sin has brought a many tragedies, disasters, failures, heartaches, and trials.

Because we have received Christ as Savior and He has given us *a new life, a new purpose for living, and a new outlook on life*, we will look at things differently than before. We won't like the old sinful ways, and we will be misunderstood by relatives and friends who do not know Christ as personal Savior. As we try to stand up for what is right and what pleases Christ we will probably be ridiculed by loved ones and friends. Expect this kind of trouble.

SOME PEOPLE WILL MAKE FUN OF YOU.

You can expect, some will laugh at you, if you really live for Jesus, They will try to get you to quit going to church. And they will make fun of prayer, reading the Bible, and they may even laugh at your new found faith in Christ and salvation.

1. We are called His servants. What did Jesus say about servants in John 15:20:
"The servant is not _____ than his Lord."
2. Jesus also said, "If they persecute me, they will _____ you."
(John 15:20)
3. What can we expect from the people of the world who do not love Jesus?
(John 15:18) _____
4. We are not to be of the _____, but we have been chosen _____ the
_____. (John 15:19)

The Lord Jesus has chosen us out of the world to live for Him. We are to be separate from the sin of the world and live for Him alone.

YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLES!

We will face all kinds of troubles. It is just a part of living in this world. Experiencing tests and trials is a part of daily living. At times we will be tempted to sin, not to trust the Lord, to act independently of the Lord and not submit to His leadership and will for us.

5. What does Jesus want us to have? (John 14:27) _____
6. "Let not your heart _____, neither let it be _____." (John 14:27)

7. Jesus told us to be of good cheer. We can overcome because He overcame _____
_____. (John 16:33)

Don't allow troubles to make you turn your back on the Lord. Don't think that Christ has left you alone when something happens to you. Make up your mind to follow Him every step of the way.

In John 10:4-9, Christ promises to go before us, to guide us, to keep us, and to lead us in and out that we might find pasture. This is a picture of His meeting our every need and supplying whatever we lack as a shepherd would care for his sheep.

YOU HAVE A REAL ENEMY!

Satan, the old devil, is a real person. He is your enemy. He will try to get you to sin. He will try to get you to neglect the Bible, prayer, and the church. He will do all he can to get you off track and away from spiritual things.

Satan is the enemy of God and of every person in the world. He is especially the enemy of the Christian. He hates those who are saved and will do all he can to defeat them.

First, Satan tries to tell people not to come to Christ for salvation. Then when people do accept Christ, he will try keep them from dedicating their lives to Christ so they can live for Him.

8. According to John 8:44, who is the father of the unsaved? _____

9. What was the devil from the beginning? _____ (John 8:44)

10. Satan abode not in the _____, because there is no _____ in him.
(John 8:44)

We cannot trust Satan. He will always whisper lies to you. He will do all he can to bring failure in your Christian life.

HE IS THE:

Adversary	I Peter 5:8
Accuser	Revelation 12: 10,1 1
God of the world	II Corinthians 4:4
Tempter	Matthew 4:3
Devil	Ephesians 6:11

We must learn to resist Satan in the power of the Name of the Savior. (James 4:7)

Memorize James 4:7.

Lesson 10

Promises Jesus Makes To His Own!

A promise is ones pledge to another to do or not to do what is specified. God has given us over 3,000 promises or His pledges of things He will do for His own. And who are His own? Those who have received Jesus as their Savior, for they have become a *child of God*. (John 1:12)

Some promises are conditional for they depend upon our obedience. Other promises are unconditional. But all must be CLAIMED BY FAITH! We must accept the promises as ours and act upon them by faith. To CLAIM is to accept as our very own the very words that have been spoken by Christ or by the Heavenly Father in His Word, the Bible.

Just as you receive the words your parents or other say to you, so we are to receive or accept God's Word, what the Bible says to us.

Carefully look up the references in this study and write in your own words (the best you can) the very promise that you find in the verse. Prayerfully consider if you are NOW believing and using the promise in your own daily life!

PROMISES TO BELIEVERS!

1. Jesus makes three wonderful promises to all who hear His voice and believe. What are they as found in John 5:24?
 - a. that we _____ life,
 - b. we cannot come into _____,
 - c. but we are passed from _____ unto _____.

2. List some of the blessings to be claimed by those who truly believe in Him.
 - a. John 11:26 _____
 - b. John 12:46 _____
 - c. John 16:33 _____

3. Where is Jesus NOW and what three things does He promise us in John 14:2,3?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

PROMISES TO OBEDIENT BELIEVERS

4. What is Jesus' promise to those who serve Him as their Lord? (John 12:26)

5. If we do what Jesus asks, two promises are available to claim from Him.
Name them. John 14:23 _____
and _____
6. The greatest treasures are priceless. What does Jesus freely give to those who claim the promise of:
 - a. John 14:27 _____
 - b. John 10:11 _____
 - c. John 10:14 _____
 - d. John 10:15 _____
 - e. John 15:9 _____
7. If we faithfully practice what Jesus says, we will have His _____
IN us NOW according to John 15:11.

PROMISES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

8. Who comes as a river of living water to all who believe? (John 7:38, 39)

We must remember that the Holy Spirit is not some kind of liquid to fill an empty vessel. He is a PERSON, to control all who believe and will yield themselves to Him. Let us seek to know Him through the Scriptures and obey His leading. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* (Romans 8:14)

9. Since the Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in Jesus, what is His promise in John 14:16? _____

10. What is the first work of the Holy Spirit in anyone's life? (John 16:8) _____

11. What does He promise to do IN the believer? (John 16:13) _____

12. Jesus promises happiness to those who _____
(John 13:17)
13. What is another name for the Holy Spirit as found in John 14:16 and 14:26?

14. The Holy Spirit is called the *Spirit of truth*, as such what does He promise in John 14:17? _____
In John 15:26? _____
15. What are three things that Christ said about the Holy Spirit in John 14:16 as He relates to the believer? _____

_____ and _____

16. Who said He would pray the Father that He might send the Holy Spirit?
(John 14:16) _____
 17. Christ said the Holy Spirit would be sent in His _____ (John 14:26)
 18. Why was it important for Christ to ascend to heaven according to John 16:7?
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Memorize John 14:16,17.

Lesson 11

Obeying The Lord In Baptism!

We have seen a number of things we should do in living for Jesus. Remember that you should read your Bible each day and spend time in prayer. Also, you should witness for Christ, telling others about how to trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior, too.

There is something else you should do. As soon as we are saved, we are to obey the Lord by being baptized.

JESUS TELLS US TO BE BAPTIZED!

Jesus, Himself was baptized. Reading Matthew 3:13-17. *"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of Him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for this it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were open unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. "*

Then Jesus commanded us to be baptized: Here we read Matthew 28:18-20. *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (disciple or show how to be saved) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen"*

Baptism does not take away our sins. Christ died to pay for sins. God can forgive us our sins because Jesus died to save us from those sins and give us eternal life. Water

cannot take away sin. The water did not die for us; Christ did. There are those who teach that baptism removes sins. If that was true why did Jesus die for our sins?

Baptism does not save you. *We are to be baptized because we are already saved and not in order to be saved. Salvation is only in Christ.* When we are baptized we are telling everyone who is watching that we are already saved and trusting in what Christ did and that only. We are also telling others that we want to live for Him, that is why we are obeying the Lord's command that we are to be baptized. We must be baptized **after** we are saved in order to obey the Lord Jesus.

WE ARE TO BE SAVED BEFORE WE ARE BAPTIZED!

Every time we read in the Word of God about someone who was baptized, we see that **FIRST** he was saved from his sins. We are to be sure **FIRST** that Jesus is our Savior and that we are trusting His death on the cross as the payment for our sins, and that **ONLY**.

The following verses from the book of Acts tells of people who were baptized and how they trusted Christ first.

Acts 2:41 *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."*

In Acts 8:12 we read: *"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."*

You will notice from this verse that **they first heard** about how to be in the kingdom of God and about salvation in the name of Christ, and believed. **Then they were baptized.** They were preaching about being born again. We noticed in John 3:1-7, and John 1:12,13 what this means.

Again in Acts 8:35-39 we read that Philip preached about Jesus to the eunuch. *"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture and preached unto him Jesus. " (Notice he was preaching about Jesus and that means to tell how He PAID FOR ALL OUR SINS. Look at Acts 4:12.) "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. "*

These portions of Scripture tell us that we are to be saved first, that is, trust in Christ first, and then obey Him by being baptized. We are baptized because we trust Christ, **NOT** to have our sins washed away, but because they are forgiven through Christ's death alone.

WHAT BAPTISM MEANS OR WHAT IT PICTURES !

Baptism is like an object lesson. It is something Jesus commanded us to do after we are saved. It pictures a number of things:

1. **It is a symbol that we belong to God!** Jesus was baptized as an outward act that He was God's. Then God said, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased "* (Matthew 3:17). Read all of Matthew 3:13-17.

If baptism saved then we would have to say this was when Jesus had His sins washed away.

When we are baptized, it is a **symbol** to all who see that we are trusting Christ and therefore we belong to God. Just as a wedding ring is a symbol that someone is married and belongs to the one whom he or she has married, so baptism is a symbol that we are not our own. We are God's.

2. **It is a testimony that we are saved and have a new life in Christ.**
(Read Romans 6:3-5 printed below.)

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. "

When were we planted in the likeness of his death? We were planted in the likeness of his death when we are baptized. We were put into the water signifying or picturing His death, and brought out of the water as a picture of Christ's resurrection.

We are baptized in order to obey the Lord and to show to all who watch that we are saved from our sins and we want to live for Jesus. When we are immersed in the water, our baptism shows our death to our old way of life. When we are raised up from the water, it shows our resurrection to a new life given to us by Christ's death on the cross.

So our baptism is an act of dedication! We are giving ourselves to the Lord to live for Him. We are saying we are leaving behind our old life and are going to live for Jesus. We won't live for Him perfectly, but we should have a great desire to love and serve Him.

3. **It is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.**

We are told in Romans 6:3-6 that when we go into the water and are lowered into the water (immersion), we are picturing Christ's death. . death for our sins, burial in the grave, and resurrection from the dead.

Because He died for us and is a living Savior, we can be saved and have eternal life RIGHT NOW! Our baptism pictures the finished work of Christ whereby we are saved. Our baptism pictures what Christ DID for us whereby we are saved as we trust Him.

And He is in heaven for the cross is empty and the grave is empty. He is ALIVE! (John 11:25,26)

When someone is baptized, usually the pastor stands in the water and the new Christian (or the person just newly saved) stands beside him. The pastor may ask the person if he really is trusting Jesus as his Savior. Then the pastor will lower this new believer down into the water and bring him up again quickly. The act is a picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. (Read I Corinthians 15:14.)

You should desire to be baptized after you accepted Christ as your personal Savior. You do this because you love the Lord Jesus and because you know you are saved from your sins. You do this to obey Christ, who died for you.

Memorize Acts 2:41 and Acts 8:12.

RECIPE FOR CHILD REARING

1 cup of Proverbs 22:6
2 tablespoons of Proverbs 19:18
Dash of Proverbs 23:13
1 teaspoon of Proverbs 3:5
1/2 cup of Titus 2: 3 through 7
2 tablespoons of Ephesians 6:1-4

Mix all the ingredients, add a pound of persistence, one cup of love, and whip until right consistency. This recipe is recommended by the Creator of Mankind. (Please add a pinch of Romans 6:13 and 12:1,2).

THOUGHT: Who's petting your dog? Who's raising your children? These were the questions on the cover of a leaflet. Good questions, too. Quite often when kids get in trouble someone jumps up and says, "*Why doesn't the town or the police or the school, or the church do something about these kids?*" But really, who is truly responsible for children? It is the man and women who brought the child into this world. How about this for a refreshing change? Let's provide some Christ-centered homes where kids are taught right living and godliness at Mom's knee and over Dad's!

(Deuteronomy, chapters 4, 5, and 6.)

A Child Shall Lead Them!

A mother and father, who sent their little boy to Sunday School but didn't go themselves, slipped upstairs to hear him say his prayers. After the general run of words he said, "*And dear God, please help mommy and daddy learn about you like I have. Help them to be good*

Christians, too. Make them like to go to church with me, please help them!" With tears streaming down his face, the father turned to the mother and asked, *"What are we going to do to about it?"* *"We'll answer his prayers,"* she replied.