

# **PRINCIPLES FOR A CHANGED LIFE**

This study course is only an aid to get you started in your walk with the Lord. A solid foundation is essential to build upon and this course will help you to establish that foundation.

Whether it is a first time commitment or a recommitment, we want to say, “welcome to the family of God!” Then, each morning simply read the Gospel of John in the New Testament, which is included in the packet, beginning at page one and continuing as long as you have time. Try to allow 15 to 30 minutes. Each evening answer a few questions in the Bible Study Lessons, beginning with Lesson #1, and continuing as long as you have time. Again, try to allow 15 to 30 minutes.

Write down any questions you may have on the back of the Study Guide and bring it with you to the church for one of the pastors to help you with the answers. If you finish the Gospel of John before completing the lessons, just start over at the beginning.

Other materials are included in the packet to help you to understand the principles in the Study Guides. Most important is the Bible, the very Word of God. Use it to look up the answers to the questions in the Bible Study Guides and do not hesitate to use the table of contents, nor to ask your Christian brothers and sisters for help.

Welcome to the family of God!

# **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #1**

## **WHO IS JESUS?**

Matthew 16:13-16 – “When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ He asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.’”

It is very important to know in whom we believe. If Jesus is **ONLY** a man, or a teacher or prophet or philosopher, then our faith is in vain. But He is much more! In this lesson you should learn:

- What others said about Jesus
- What Jesus said about Himself
- The Bible teaches that Jesus is God

**RABBI** means ‘teacher’ or ‘master’.

**MESSIAH or CHRIST** means ‘Anointed One’ – the One promised of God as the great Deliverer.

1. Who did these people say Jesus was?

John (John 1:29, 34) \_\_\_\_\_

Andrew (John 1:40-41) \_\_\_\_\_

Nathaniel (John 1:49) \_\_\_\_\_

Samaritans (John 4:25, 27, 39-42) \_\_\_\_\_

Peter (John 6:68-69) \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas (John 20:28) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who did the Father say Jesus was?

Matthew 3:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 17:5 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What terms did Jesus use to describe Himself?

John 4:25-26 \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:33-25 \_\_\_\_\_

John 9:5 \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:7 \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:36 \_\_\_\_\_

John 11:25 \_\_\_\_\_

John 13:13 \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:6 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read John 10:22-23. The Jews asked Jesus for a plain answer. How did He answer? (Verse 30) \_\_\_\_\_

The Jews knew exactly what He meant by that answer. Who was He claiming to be? (Verse 33) \_\_\_\_\_

In Exodus 3:13-14, Moses asked God what he should tell the Israelites His name was. God said His name was "I AM"! In some translations the word "he" is added in italics after "I AM" for clarification. The word "he" does not appear in the original Greek text.

5. What happened when Jesus answered "I AM" to the Roman soldiers?

(John 18:4-6) \_\_\_\_\_

6. How did Jesus respond to the Jews' question of how Abraham had seen Him?

(John 8:58) \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus also claimed to be "I AM" in John 8:24, 28.

7. What characteristics of the Father can be seen in the Son?

(Hebrews 1:3) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What does Jesus say about anyone who has seen Him? (John 14:8, 9)

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The Greek word LOGOS translated WORD in the book of John means “divine expression”. When John refers to Jesus as the LOGOS or WORD, he means Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God. The Father chose to reveal Himself to us through the Son.

9. Read John 1:1-5, 14, 18

How long has the “WORD” been around?

(Verse 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Who does the Bible say the “WORD” is?

(Verse 1) \_\_\_\_\_

What things were made by the “WORD”?

(Verse 3) \_\_\_\_\_

What can be found in the “WORD”?

(Verses 4, 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Did the “WORD” stay in Heaven only?

(Verse 14) \_\_\_\_\_

Who has the Son revealed to us?

(Verse 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Read Colossians 1:15-20 and compare it to the above scriptures.

10. Whom do you say Jesus is? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #2**

### **SALVATION**

John 3:3, 7 – In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” “You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again’.”

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us saying, “You must be born again”. In this lesson, you should learn:

- Why we need to be saved
- How God has provided for our salvation
- How we can have that salvation personally

Before you start, **PRAY**. Ask God’s Holy Spirit to open your heart to receive His Word and to show you how to apply it in your life. Do not copy the scriptures, but answer the questions briefly in your own words.

**SIN** is the failure to obey any of God’s commandments or laws.

1. How does the Bible describe sin? I John 3:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What is the result of sin? Romans 6:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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James 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_

To better understand the effects of sin, think of death as **SEPARATION**.

- Spiritual death – Your sins have **separated** you from God.
- Physical death – It **separates** the spirit and soul from the body.

- Eternal death – If you remain lost in your sins they will **separate** you from the mercy of God forever. (This is hell’s greatest punishment.) To be **RIGHTEOUS** means “to do right; to be totally innocent before God in regard to obeying His commandments”.

3. How many of us are righteous? Romans 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How many of us have sinned? Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What word explains why God would send His only Son to die for us?  
John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Does He love us as sinners, or do we have to become good enough for  
God to love us? Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Read each of the verses below and indicate if we are saved by Jesus only  
or if God allows another way of salvation.  
I Timothy 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
John 14:6 \_\_\_\_\_

God’s Word says sin causes death. Jesus took that penalty upon Himself in our place.

8. How did Jesus take the penalty of sin for us? I Corinthians 15:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What must we do to have Him save us from the penalty of sin?  
Romans 10:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 16:30-31 \_\_\_\_\_

**BELIEVE** means to “cling to, trust in, and rely upon”. **CONFESS** means to “admit guilt or acknowledge one’s sin”.

10. The Bible uses several words to show the contrast between “works” and “faith”. Next to each of the following scriptures, write the words that describe how we are saved.

Ephesians 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_

11. Why does the Bible say we are not saved by our works?

Ephesians 2:9 \_\_\_\_\_

**JUSTICE** is getting what we deserve. If God were only a **just** God, we would all perish.

**MERCY** is not getting what we deserve. It is by His **mercy** He can forgive us.

**GRACE** is getting something we do not deserve at all. By God’s **grace**, He sent us His Son.

**FAITH** is accepting as truth, things which cannot be proved by the senses.

**Faith** is trusting God.

12. What should be the result of God’s goodness and kindness to us?

Romans 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

**REPENTANCE** means “a change of mind”. It is a thorough change in the hearts of men, away from sin and toward God. It should include:

- A genuine sorrow for our sins
- Ceasing from continual sinning
- A desire to submit to God’s will

13. When we repent what happens in Heaven?

Luke 15:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Have the angels rejoiced over you? For this is happen, all you have to do is pray this simple prayer and mean it in your heart: “Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Forgive my sins and take control of my life. Amen.”

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# BIBLE STUDY LESSON 3

## FAITH & ASSURANCE

Hebrews 6:18, 19    things we can completely count on, for it is impossible for God to tell a lie.

Now all those who flee to Him to save them can take new courage when they hear such assurances from God; now they can know without doubt that He will give them the salvation He has promised them. This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with

(The Living Bible Paraphrased)

It is a comfort to know that God intends for us to be sure of our salvation. He simply wants us to have faith, trusting Him and believing He will do everything He said. In this lesson, you should learn:

- x God is faithful and keeps His promises
- x He promises us eternal life
- x We obtain His promises by faith
- x We can know we have eternal life He promises

**PRAY** before you start! Answer the questions briefly, in your own words.

**ASSURANCE** refers to the character of someone who has shown he is trustworthy and can be relied upon to keep his word.

**FAITHFULNESS** refers to the character of someone who has shown he is trustworthy and can be relied upon to keep his word.

1. How is God described regarding His promise?

Hebrews 10:23 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does God promise us?  
II Timothy 2:13 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does God promise us?  
I John 2:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Titus 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

4. How do we obtain or inherit the promises of God for ourselves?  
Hebrews 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What pleases God?  
Hebrews 11:5, 6 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where do we get our faith?  
Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Our feelings and emotions change from day to day. On some days, we may not believe because the devil can use them to put doubt (opposite of faith) into our minds to try to destroy our faith. We should not put our trust in feelings. Feelings change.

7. Who or what should we trust in, that never changes?  
I Peter 1:24, 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebrews 13:8 \_\_\_\_\_

While our feelings come and go, we can have our faith steady and solid, by basing it on what God has said in His Word. Here are a few of the things God has told us.

8. When we come to Jesus, what is one thing He has promised ~~NOT~~ to do?

John 6:37 \_\_\_\_\_

9. What can separate us from the love God has for us?

Romans 8:38, 39 \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 8:14 \_\_\_\_\_

11. We are told to love one another. What does the Bible say about those

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I John 3:14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Because God (our Father) disciplines us when we go against His will,  
what does this tell us about our relationship to Him?

Hebrews 12:6, 7 \_\_\_\_\_

13. How can we be sure that we know God?

I John 2:3 \_\_\_\_\_

14. If we have Jesus in our hearts and believe in Him, what do we have?

John 3:36 \_\_\_\_\_

I John 5:12 \_\_\_\_\_

15. Jesus is called the good shepherd. How do we know we are His sheep?

John 10:27 \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you one of His sheep? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know for sure? \_\_\_\_\_

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For more about FAITH, read Hebrews 11:40.

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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #4**

### **NEW LIFE: WHAT IS IT?**

When you opened your heart and by faith received Jesus into your life, you became a child of God. The book of Galatians, chapter 3, verse 26 says: “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” You have entered into a life that will last throughout all eternity. Let us look in the Bible to learn some things that will get you started on the right track.

The Christian Life is different from your former life. In this lesson, you should learn:

- How to begin this new life
- What changes to expect
- How these changes occur

1. What does II Corinthians 5:17 say has happened to you when you entered into Christ?

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2. From whom does Galatians 2:20 say that this life comes?

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3. In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says that we must do something to enter the kingdom of heaven. What?

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4. How are we described in I Peter 2:2, and what are we to seek?

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5. Again, in II Peter 3:18, it says that there is something that God wants to see us do. What?

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One of the facts of life is that babies should grow and mature. This is not only true in the physical realm, but in the spiritual realm, as well. You will really begin to understand and appreciate what it means to be “born again” as you see yourself growing up in the Lord to a new person.

Another fact of life, which we should remember, is that babies are weak and incapable of doing very much right away. God knows this and does not expect you to be a spiritual giant overnight. Can you imagine how clumsy a baby would be if it did all of its growing in a few weeks?

Many times a new “baby” Christian will become very excited and try to do things that he is not ready for yet; like moving away, trying to change everybody overnight, or getting in to some big project. What happens many times is that they expect too much and then get discouraged. Do not fall into this trap.

6. Notice what Jesus said to the man He healed in Mark 5:19. Was this man told to start off on a new journey or to stay where he was for a period of time?

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7. What kind of life does I Thessalonians 4:11 say we should lead?

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This new life that you will have will manifest itself as God begins to bring changes into your life. He does this because He loves us and knows the best kind of life for us to live. There are some areas where changes will take place. Read over these questions and think about how God would have your life become new. Perhaps you may think of specific areas where these apply in your life. In this way, God speaks to us and makes His Word part of our lives.

8. What should be number one in our lives?

Matthew 6:33 \_\_\_\_\_

9. What three steps of change does Jesus point to in Luke 9:23?

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10. In Romans 12:2, what does it say that we should NOT be?

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What does it say that we SHOULD be?

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11. Read I Peter 4:3-5. What areas of changes are described in verse 3?

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What possible result is mentioned in verse 4?

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What does verse 5 say that we should keep in mind?

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12. What is the writer confident of in Philippians 1:6?

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# **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #5**

## **TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS**

The Christian life is not always a bed of roses. Like everyone else, the Christian has difficulties and hardships. However, the Christian has God with him, giving him strength to endure it and understanding to know what is talking place.

Trails are tests that God allows to happen to us to show whether we are really loving and trusting Him, or if we are insincere.

1. How important is the trial of our faith?

I Peter 1:6, 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Jesus gave an illustration in Matthew 7:24-27. Who is like a wise man that built on a rock?

(Verse 24) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What happened when the trails came his way?

(Verse 25) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who is like a foolish man that built on sand?

(Verse 26) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What happened when the trails came his way?

(Verse 27) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Read James 1:2-4. What good do these test produce?

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Many times when our faith is on trial, we also experience temptation to sin. We may find ourselves feeling bad, or having bad thoughts, or bad circumstances. We will be trying to believe what God has said about His love and faithfulness, but we will get a thought or impulse to lose faith and do something wrong. This is a temptation and can come anytime, even when we aren't in a trial.

4. Who is our enemy?

I Peter 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What are three areas in which we are tempted?

I John 2:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Look at I Corinthians 10:13. Is your temptation unique?

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Is it more than you can take? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you trapped in it without help? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Who give us strength to meet temptations?

Philippians 4:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why is He able to make us victorious?

I John 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_

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The devil did not just appear after you became a Christian. He has been around all this time, but you may not have been aware of his activity.

9. According to Ephesians 2:1 and 2, who was influencing your life before you were a child of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you asked a cloud about the wind, it would say, "What wind? I just move." He goes wherever the wind blows. But, if you asked a tree about the wind, it would know about it because it fights against it every day. This is a picture of our past and present relationship with the devil and temptation.

10. What are two things we should do in temptation?

James 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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It is not sin to be tempted. It is only sin when we give in to temptation. Even Jesus Christ, Himself, experienced temptation.

11. Read Matthew 4:1-11. In verses, 4, 7 and 10, what did Jesus use to meet Satan's attacks? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What has God promised to the one who endures trials and temptations?  
James 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Even if we fall and sin, we should not give up being a Christian. Realize that God knows we are not perfect and He still loves us. What does I John 1:9 say we should do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What will God do in response? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Overcoming sin and responding correctly when we have sinned are both parts of our life with God. What does I John 3:5 say that Jesus was manifested for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #6**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

In our past studies, we have been looking at the great things that are taught in the Bible, God's Word. By learning the scriptures, we have seen how much they can help us. We have been using the Bible rather than learning about the Bible itself.

This study will bring out some of the good things that the Bible says about the Word of God and how it affects us. In this way, we can grow in our trust and appreciation of the Scriptures.

1. No one ever spoke as Jesus did. What did Peter say about the words of Jesus that makes them so important?

John 6:68 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When we go through the Scriptures, we find that they all point to someone. Whom did Jesus say that the Scriptures talk about?

John 5:39 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Look at Hebrews 4:12. How is the Word of God described?

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What can it do in our hearts?

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4. What has given us a new birth?

I Peter 1:23-25 \_\_\_\_\_

How long will it endure? \_\_\_\_\_

5. A very important passage about the scriptures is II Timothy 3:15-17.

What are the scriptures able to do? (Verse 15) \_\_\_\_\_

Where do they come from?

Name some good things for which the scriptures can be used:

6. We have seen some different aspects of God's Word. Let us look at the good actions it can have in us. What can the Word do for us?

Acts 20:32 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Write out some reasons why the scriptures were written for us.

Romans 15:4 \_\_\_\_\_

8. We all know that man needs physical food (bread) to survive physically. What is the other food Jesus said we need to live spiritually?

Matthew 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. There were some special people in Berea. Besides receiving the Word, what else did they do that made them special?

Acts 17:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What should we let the Word do in us?

Colossians 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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How will this be evident in our lives?

Colossians 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Turn to James 1:22-25. What are we doing if we hear the Word and do not do it?

(Verse 22) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What will happen if we do it?

(Verse 25) \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What must we do to truly be a disciple of Jesus?

John 8:31 \_\_\_\_\_  
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What benefits will this bring to us?

John 8:32 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #7**

### **RELATING TO GOD**

It is important to realize that the Christian life is not just a new way of acting toward people, or a new way of thinking, but actually a whole new relationship with the living God. Because of His love, and through Christ's death and resurrection, we now have the privilege of communicating with, and getting to know the Almighty God! The key to this relationship is our believing that He is there, and that He does love us.

1. What does Hebrews 11:6 say we must have to please God?

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2. On what do we base our faith?

Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. II Corinthians 5:7 says, "We walk by \_\_\_\_\_ not by \_\_\_\_\_."

Our relationship with God is like a tree that is "rooted and grounded in Him by faith". Colossians 2:7

The ground represents the fact of God and His Word, the roots represent our faith, and the branches and leaves represent the feelings and experiences that we have. In beautiful summer weather, we rejoice in our experience of God's blessings. However, when a storm comes that breaks off branches, or winter comes and the leaves fall away, we see that it is being rooted into the Lord that keeps us going until the new growth comes. Likewise, it is faith that keeps you in contact with God, not feelings.

The Lord wants us to talk with Him. That is what prayer is all about: communicating with the Father.

4. What should we do in time of need?

Hebrews 4:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What important fact about God should we keep in mind when we pray?

Acts 4:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Read Philippians 4:6-7. Instead of being anxious or worried, what does verse 6 say we should do?

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7. Look at I Thessalonians 5:16-18 and list three things that God wants to see in your life.

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8. What are two things that we should always do when we pray?

Mark 11:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. James 4:3 gives us a reason why we do not always get what we ask for.

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. If our prayer seems to be unanswered, and we believe that we are asking in God's will, what attitude should we take?

Hebrews 10:35-36 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Truly, it is a wonderful thing to be able to ask God for needs that we encounter. Nevertheless, God wants our relationship to be much deeper and closer than just that. Many Christians get so caught up in the things of this life (even good things), that their interaction with God becomes almost like this: “Lord, I would like to place an order. Please give me peace of mind on Monday, physical healing on Tuesday, and financial help on Wednesday. Amen.” Perhaps we might even send Him a thank-you note saying, “Thank you for that blessing you gave me last month.” And this becomes our whole relationship with God.

Our Heavenly Father loves us just as we are, and He wants His children to come and spend time with Him. Rather than always being wrapped up in our needs, we should take time to be with the Lord to talk with Him and let Him talk with us. Jesus wants to be your closet Friend.

In John 15:1-15, Jesus describes this relationship. Read it, and we will observe what He says.

11. What does He say to do in verse 4?

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What result will this bear? (verses 4-5)

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How will this affect our prayer? (verse 7)

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How do we glorify the Father? (verse 8)

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What does He call us in verse 15?

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12. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What fruit will come from our abiding relationship with Him?

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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #8**

### **RELATING TO PEOPLE**

Because of your new relationship with God, you will have a whole new relationship with people. Being a Christian is not something that you do once a week, or when no one is watching, but it affects your total life. The Lord is very concerned about your involvement with people. Let us look in the Scriptures to see how God views us.

1. Read I Peter 2:9-11. List some names that the Lord now calls us.

Verse 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have we always been His people?

Verse 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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How are we described in this present world?

Verse 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are we to proclaim?

Verse 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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We see, then, that there are two aspects to our dealings with people. First, there are the other members of God's family that we interact with. We will call this aspect "fellowship". Second, there are the unbelievers to whom we proclaim God's message. We will call this aspect "witnessing".

The word fellowship means sharing something with another person in a deep way. We share in the life of God.

2. Besides having fellowship with one-another, who else do we have fellowship with?

I John 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. In the Bible, the fellowship that believers have with each other and with God is described in various ways. In I Corinthians 12:12-27, this relationship is called a body. Read this passage and answer the following questions.

Whose body is it (who is in charge)?

Verses 12 & 27 \_\_\_\_\_

Are all the members the same?

Verses 14 & 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Who puts us in our place in the body?

Verse 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you needed in the body?

Verses 21-26 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need the other members of the body?

Verses 21 & 26 \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are some activities that the early believers shared in Acts 2:42?

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5. Name some actions that should accompany the Word.

Colossians 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What should we not neglect?

Hebrews 10:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. How can we show that we are Christ's disciples?

John 13:35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. I John 3:18 says we should not just talk love. How should we love?

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The truth is on trial today and God wants us to take the stand and give our testimony on behalf of Jesus. We should back this up with our lives. Then we will win people over to Christ.

9. What should we be always ready to do?

I Peter 3:15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What will Jesus do if we follow Him?

Matthew 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What good example did Andrew give that we should follow?

John 1:40-42 \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Read Matthew 5:16. What will result from being a proper witness?

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13. How will Christ respond if we deny Him?

Mark 8:38 \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. James 5:20 states a goal that we should keep in mind, as we are witnesses. Put it into your own words.

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# **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #9**

## **DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS**

Hebrews 6:1-3 is the basis for treating all baptisms as a doctrine. The purpose of this lesson, therefore, is to understand the special emphasis, which has been placed on each kind of baptism as recorded for us in the Bible. The Greek word “baptismo” means, “to identify with”. Substitute this meaning when you read “baptism” during your study of the seven baptisms.

### **I. BAPTISM OF JOHN**

1. What was the basis of John’s baptism?

Mark 1:4,5 and Luke 3:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The Old Testament concept of baptism was based upon what action of the water?

Psalm 51:2 & 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. John’s baptism was really a transition from the old to the new because Paul tells (in Acts 19:3,4) that John added a new ingredient to the traditional Old Testament baptism. What was the new ingredient?

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### **II. NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM**

4. Would you agree that immersion in water is inferred from the following Scriptures?

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Acts 8:36-38

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5. If full immersion in water is the method of the New Testament baptism, then we can see a new meaning to this ordinance. The new meaning actually has two parts: the going under the water and the coming up out of the water. What is the meaning of being submerged in water?  
Romans 6:3, 4f; Colossians 2:12f \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the meaning of coming out of the water?

Romans 6:4-5; Colossians 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What condition must be met by a person before he can be baptized?

Acts 8:37 \_\_\_\_\_

7. How old was Christ when He was baptized?

Luke 3:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

8. How old must a person be to be baptized?

Acts 2:37-38; 2:41; 8:12; 18:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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### **III. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

9. The promise of the Holy Spirit was given 800 years before the birth of Jesus. Who was to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit?

Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28-29 \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Who does the baptizing?

Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33 \_\_\_\_\_

11. When the Holy Spirit was first given to the New Testament church, what was the evidence that this was the work of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:1-4 [1] \_\_\_\_\_

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[3] \_\_\_\_\_

12. Were the apostles given the Holy Spirit prior to the day of Pentecost?

John 20:22 \_\_\_\_\_

13. When did Jesus say that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

14. Jesus was crucified during the Feast of the Passover, which was how many days before The Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was first given to the New Testament church?

Leviticus 23:15-16 \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is one of the things that the Holy Spirit does?

I Corinthians 12:8-11 \_\_\_\_\_

16. Why does the Holy Spirit give spiritual gifts?

I Corinthians 12:7 \_\_\_\_\_

17. Is there a New Testament commandment that you should be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_

18. What must you do to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Luke 11:9-13 \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST**

19. This baptism forms the spiritual body of Christ by uniting believers to Christ, the risen and glorified Head, and to each other. Who is the one that baptizes us into the body of Christ?

I Corinthians 12:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

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20. This relationship with Christ and with all other believers makes us the true descendants of whom?

Galatians 3:26-29 \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. BAPTISM UNTO MOSES**

21. This baptism was a forerunner of the New Testament baptism because the concept of being immersed and then coming up out of the water. What represented the water into which the people were “immersed” and “came out of”?

I Corinthians 10:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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**VI. BAPTISM UNTO SUFFERING**

22. The baptism spoken of in Matthew 20:22-23 is symbolic of being plunged into the same kind of suffering that Jesus faced. Did James and John agree to this kind of baptism?

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## **VII. BAPTISM OF FIRE**

Every “born-again” Christian undergoes trials during his spiritual walk. In John 16:33, Jesus said we will have these trials and tribulations.

23. The principle of being chastened is given to us in Hebrews 12:5-11.  
What is to be the final result of our chastening?

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24. Exactly what is being tested?

I Peter 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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25. Who is the baptizer with fire?

Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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26. Which is more important to God, your faith or gold?

I Peter 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

27. What is the reward for your continued faith?

I Peter 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

28. What does God advise people to do?

Revelation 3:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_

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29. Should we be happy that God is chastening us?

Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:4; I Thessalonians 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_

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30. There is a reason why we are chastened in our present spiritual walk.

What is that reason?

I Corinthians 11:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BIBLE STUDY LESSON #10**

### **WHAT GOD EXPECTS**

Deuteronomy 10:12 “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul”.

As Christians, we should always remember what God expects from us. In this lesson you should learn:

- We should fear God
- We should love Him and obey Him
- We should serve Him from our heart

**FEAR** does not mean to be afraid or frightened of God. To fear God means to respect Him, have reverence for His holiness, to be in awe of His majesty and glory.

1. What does God promise those who fear Him?

Luke 1:50 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 10:35 \_\_\_\_\_

2. When God judges the whole earth, who will He have rewards for?

Revelation 11:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 1:7            “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”.

Proverbs 9:10        “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”.

3. What is produced by fearing the Lord?

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Proverbs 15:16 “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and turmoil with it”.

**LOVE** – The Greek word AGAPE, translated LOVE (or CHARITY in some translations), means the selfless, giving love that comes from God. It is a sacrificing, caring love that seeks what is best for others and not itself. Read I John 4:7 – 5:5 to get a better idea about AGAPE.

I Corinthians 13:4-7 defines AGAPE. Read it and substitute the name JESUS in place of love (or charity) to see if He fits the definition. Then try it with your own name and see how it fits you!

4. Why do we love God?

I John 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did Jesus say is the most important commandment?

Mark 12:29-30 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other commandment did He say is also important?

Mark 12:29-31 \_\_\_\_\_

7. If we are to love God, what else must we do?

I John 4:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

8. What will we do if we truly love the Lord?

John 14:23 \_\_\_\_\_

I John 5:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

To serve God involves putting our faith into action. Our faith demonstrates itself through our good works. Read James 2:14-26.

9. James said we should not just be hearers of God’s Word. What else should we do?

James 1:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What does Jesus say about the man who hears His words and then puts them into action?  
Matthew 7:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_

11. When we do good works or deeds for others, who does Jesus say we are really serving?  
Matthew 25:31-40 \_\_\_\_\_

12. What was God's purpose for creating us in Christ Jesus?  
Ephesians 2:10 \_\_\_\_\_

13. If a Christian does lots of good works, but love (agape) is not the reason for doing them, what does the Bible say about that person?  
I Corinthians 13:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

14. The Bible says we are to do good works. Are we saved by doing them?  
Ephesians 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Titus 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 21:23 says, "Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice".

All works should be from **inside** your heart, not just an **outward** show for others to see. When your works are judged by the Lord, He does not see the **outward** appearance of the work, but the **inward** motive. The outward actions of going to church, witnessing, doing good works, etc., do not make you a Christian. Going to church does not make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger! You are a Christian because

Jesus has come **inside** your heart. Your outward actions should show others what has happened **inside** your heart.

15. When we serve God from a true heart, what will unbelievers do when they see our good works?

Matthew 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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