

Lesson 1 – Becoming a Christian

- 1) How does God feel toward you?

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is _____ to us-ward, not willing that ___ should _____, but that all should come to _____.”

1 Timothy 2:3-5 “For this *is* ___ and _____ in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have ___ men to be _____, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

NOTE: It is God’s will that everyone should be saved. God’s character is not one of force, but one of love and kindness. He is so gentle that He allows us to make the decision to follow Him.

- 2) What should you acknowledge to God?

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart *is* _____ above all _____, and desperately _____: who can know it?”

Romans 3:23 “For ___ have _____, and come short of the glory of God;”

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of ___ *is* _____; but the gift of ___ *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

NOTE: When we look at what sin costs, it will break our heart. Why will it break our heart? Because it was your sins and it was my sins that put Jesus on that cross. He didn’t have to die for us. He could have left us all to perish and to start all over again, but because of His great love, He willingly humbled Himself to the point of dying the most cruel death that has ever been devised, the death of the cross. He was stripped naked, beaten mercilessly, and had to go through torture. Why did he do this? It was because of the joy that was set before Him. What joy was that? To see you in heaven - dear friend! Why don’t you accept this sacrifice that was made on your behalf?

- 3) What must you do in order to possess salvation in Jesus Christ?

Ephesians 2:8 “For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the _____ of God: Not of _____, lest any man should _____.”

Romans 3:24-27 “Being justified _____ by his _____ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his _____ for the _____ of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time _____

_____ : that he might be _____, and the _____ of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is _____. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of _____.”

NOTE: This, is the most sublime truth in the universe, that God can be just, while He justifies the sinner. Salvation is a free gift. No amount of money can procure it! No amount of penance can secure it, and no amount of works can earn it. It is a gift freely bestowed on all who believe in Jesus Christ as the propitiation for sin. Boasting is excluded. It is bankrupt. Christ and only Christ is the sinners plea. He pleads perfectly in the sinners behalf for He is the only perfect one who has ever lived on this planet. If you and I ever walk the golden streets it will not be because of how “good we were,” but it will be because of how good He is. What a precious gift He has given to us – His righteousness – His perfect life – His perfection of character – freely bestowed on all who believe!

4) How should you respond to sin in your life?

Romans 2:4 “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the _____ of God leadeth thee to _____?”

Acts 3:19 “_____ ye therefore, and be converted, that your _____ may be blotted _____, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

Acts 5:31 “Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to _____ to Israel, and _____ of sins.”

1 John 1:9 “If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and _____ to forgive us our sins, and to _____ us from all _____.”

NOTE: The word “repent” means to be sorrowful for sin. So sorrowful, in fact that you willingly, of your own volition, turn away from it. In other words, you are so sorry for you sins that you are literally disgusted with them and you give them up. This repentance is a gift from God. We cannot earn it, or force it from our lips. Even this comes from the Father of lights. (James 1:17) It comes as a gift when we contemplate how good God really is. How He has provided so many things for us. Even when we were His enemies, He loved us.

5) What are you to believe by faith?

Ephesians 1:4-7 “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us _____ in the _____. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

according to the riches of his _____;”

1 John 5:11-13 “And this is the record, that God hath _____ to us _____, and this life is in his _____. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

NOTE: You are to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And if you study it out, it is very easy to believe. Why? Because of the incredible, voluminous evidence regarding His life, death and His resurrection that was predicted hundreds of years beforehand. It is also worthy of note, that we are accepted not because of how “holy” we are, but because of His holiness. We are accepted in the beloved – Jesus Christ.

- 6) Once you accept Jesus Christ, what miraculous events will begin to take place in your life?

John 1:12 “But as many as _____ him, to them gave he _____ to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a ____ creature: old things are passed away; behold, ____ things are become ____.”

NOTE: Once you become a Christian, Jesus doesn’t leave you to walk on your own. He is there every step of the way empowering you and giving you the strength to war against your own selfish desires. He also changes your desires! The things you once loved, you now hate and the things you were uncomfortable doing now becomes a joy! What a wonderful Savior!

- 7) What happens if you fall as you begin your new walk with the Lord?

Proverbs 24:16 “For a just *man* falleth _____ times, and _____ again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.”

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And ____ any man sin, we have an _____ with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”

NOTE: When a baby first begins to walk it does not begin by running. It is the same in the life of a Christian. Victory is always available, but if we do fall, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. The devil wants to discourage us to the point that we say: “The Christian life doesn’t work for me, I give up.” This is one of his most effective weapons in his arsenal. Sometimes we may even feel too sinful to pray. But it is at that time that we should pray even more fervently. Then it is that we need to simply bask in the presence of the one who loves us so much that He died for us. As you let your

mind comprehend how He feels toward you, sinning will become so dreadful that your nature will begin to be more and more like the nature of Jesus Christ.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Savior? Yes or No