

Lesson 7 – The Good News

- 1) What is at the foundation of the character of God?

1 John 4:8-9 “He that _____ not knoweth not God; for God is _____. In this was _____ the love of God toward us, because that God _____ his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

NOTE: The very fact that God sent his Son is a clear manifestation of His great love for the human family.

- 2) Why is God so concerned about the human family?

Genesis 1:27-31 “So God created man in _____, in the _____ of _____ created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

NOTE: God made man according to His own image. The human family has the capacity to procreate, hence the hatred that Satan has for human beings. Satan is not able to create anything, he simply perverts that which was created originally for good.

- 3) Practically speaking, what effect does sin have on humanity?

Genesis 3:8 “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife _____ from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have _____ between _____ and your God, and your sins have _____ his face from you, that he will not hear.”

Romans 8:37-39 “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to _____

us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

NOTE: Sin separates us from God, and when we choose to sin, we are separating ourselves from Him. However, nothing we ever do can separate us from the love of God. So, even if a person has denounced God, and everything that is involved with the worship of Him, God still loves that person the same way just as if he has never sinned.

- 4) If sin goes untreated what will be the experience of the sinner?

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

NOTE: Sin results in eternal death, a complete separation from God.

- 5) How big of a problem is sin?

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

NOTE: The sin problem is terminal in nature and is something that no one can claim exemption from. Every person has sinned and come short of the glory of God. From the drunk on the street to the rich aristocrat in his mansion, every single socio-economic parameter suffers under the weight of sin. Because of sin everyone is under the penalty of death.

- 6) What does Jesus bring to the sinner?

Romans 5:18-19 “Therefore as by the _____ of _____ judgment came upon _____ men to _____; even so by the _____ of _____ the free gift came upon _____ men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the _____ of _____ shall many be made _____.”

NOTE: Adam brought death into this world because of his disobedience to God. You and I had nothing to do with the choice that he made. Some would dare to argue and say, “It was Adam and Eve’s fault, and therefore I can do what I want!” The fact that Adam sinned and we had nothing to do with that, does not legitimize sin in the least. Jesus came, and we had nothing to do with that either. He paid the penalty for sin. So, although Adam brought death into this world, Jesus came and brought life. Every person can choose Jesus today and have eternal life.

- 7) What did Jesus experience for us?

Galatians 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the _____ of the law, being made a _____ for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a

tree:”

NOTE: Jesus bore the curse in our behalf. He proved this by wearing the crown of thorns which was the curse of sin. This was an amazing transfer: The Crown of Glory for The Cursed Crown of Thorns!

Hebrews 2:8-9 “Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels ___ the suffering of ____, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should _____ for every man.”

NOTE: Jesus tasted death for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For he hath made him to be ___ for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the _____ of God in him.”

NOTE: Jesus Christ became sin for us, paid its penalty completely and fully, so we would not have to.

8) How do I accept Jesus as my personal Savior?

a) **REPENTANCE: Acts 3:19 “_____ ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”**

Acts 2:37-38 “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, ____, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

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

NOTE: Repentance simply means to turn around. It is a change of mind. It is a genuine, heartfelt, sorrow for sin and comes as a gift of God as we see His matchless goodness towards us.

b) **CONFESSION: 1 John 1:9 “If we _____ our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

NOTE: Once a sinner is broken because of his or her sins, the next logical step is to confess those sins to God. Some get hung up on this point and say, "I cannot remember all the sins that I have done." If you cannot remember the sins you have committed, ask God to reveal them to you, and He will bring them to mind and then you can confess them freely to Him. And the promise is, "If you confess He will forgive and cleanse you from all unrighteousness."

- c) **RECEIVING: Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no _____ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."**

NOTE: When we receive Jesus by faith for what He has done for us, we are no longer condemned in the sight of God because He took that condemnation for us.

- d) **INVITATION: Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and _____ the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."**

NOTE: When we accept Jesus by faith as our Savior, the experience does not end there. It is only the beginning. We invite Him to guide and lead us into all truth. When He leads us to that truth, we lovingly obey what He asks us to do because we love Him. (See John 14:15)

- 9) You don't know my past; I am not good enough to be saved!

ANSWER: None of us are good enough. That is precisely the reason He came to die, to save sinners like us who are not good enough to be saved. That is why Paul writes in the book of Ephesians...

Ephesians 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

NOTE: Grace is favor that is undeserved. If we had to work to earn it, then it would fail to be grace but works. We cannot earn this precious gift of eternal life.

- 10) What do we become, once we receive Him as Savior?

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

NOTE: As we receive Him we are adopted into the heavenly family, no longer children of wrath, but children of God!

11) What is one of the great gifts we receive by accepting Him?

1 John 5:11-13 “And this is the record, that God hath given to us _____, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the ___ hath ___; 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 _____ that ye have _____, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that _____ believeth in him should not _____, but have everlasting _____.”

NOTE: This is the good news! We need not wait for eternity to start to possess this gift of eternal life, but we can experience it today! We can KNOW that we have eternal life. We can have the assurance of salvation, if we meet the conditions of the above-mentioned criteria. This gift no amount of money can purchase and it is yours for the asking and receiving.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To receive Jesus as your own personal Lord and Savior? Yes or No