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**FOR YOU**

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BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

**INSTRUCTIONS**

This is a series of seven Bible lessons for you to study on your own, with a counselor, or in a group. The study is for anyone who wants to study the Bible. The lessons are based on the Gospel of John, so you will need either a copy of the Gospel of John, a New Testament, or a Bible before you begin the lessons.

The lessons are simply questions with the answers coming directly from the Bible. Do not accept any answer that you do not find in the Bible verses.

In a group study each person will need a copy of the lessons, a Gospel of John or New Testament, and a pen. One group member may read question No. 1 aloud as each person follows along in his own copy. At the end of the question is the Scripture reference showing where the answer can be found in the Gospel of John. Another person may read the Bible verse aloud as the others read along silently. The group will then decide on the answer, remembering that the answer must come directly from the Scripture verses. This procedure will be followed until the lesson is completed. Give everyone in the group opportunity to participate in the reading and in giving the answers.

It is better to minimize discussion and let the lesson flow smoothly without interruption. At the conclusion of each lesson the subject studied may be discussed. It should always be remembered that the Bible, not human opinion or philosophy, is the final authority.

Each person will need to learn how to find the Scripture references. To find John 3:16, find chapter 3, then go down the page until you find verse 16. Care should be taken to see that everyone has been able to find the correct verse before the verse is read aloud. (If a Scripture reference is given which is not found in the Gospel of John, that verse is printed in the lesson.) All Scripture quotations are from *Today's English Version* unless otherwise stated.

## LESSON 1

### MAN'S PROBLEM

1. The Gospel of John was written in order that \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through your faith in Him you may have \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 20:31) (Please fill in the blanks.)
2. Jesus called Himself the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. (John 8:12)
3. Is it important to follow Jesus? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (John 8:12)
4. From a study of John 8:12, what will we have if we follow

Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Some people do not follow Jesus because they love the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_ because their deeds are \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:19)

6. Why do some people prefer to live in darkness (sin)? (John 3:19-20) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How does Jesus Christ describe a person who lives in darkness and sin? (John 8:34) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What does Jesus say about those who do not hear (listen to, obey) the Word of God? (John 8:47)  
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9. According to John 16:9 people are guilty of what sin?  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Men are condemned because of the sin of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (John 16:9)

11. When a person does not believe (trust) in Jesus, he \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God remains on him. (John 3:36)

12. In Romans 6:23 (below) the Bible tells of the results of sin. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

*For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*

13. Choose from the following words those which best describe sin. (Check words found in this lesson.)

Walking in darkness \_\_\_\_\_

Faith \_\_\_\_\_

Slavery \_\_\_\_\_

Unbelief \_\_\_\_\_

Salvation \_\_\_\_\_

Disobedience \_\_\_\_\_

Doing evil deeds \_\_\_\_\_

14. A person who continues to walk in the darkness of sin faces

God's \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:36)

15. Some reject (do not believe) Jesus and are not willing to receive Him as Savior and Lord. (John 1:10-11)  
True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_

16. God sent Jesus into the world to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 3:17)

17. Why does the world need a Savior? (Romans 3:23, below)

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*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. Romans 3:23*

18. According to the previous Bible verses, what is a person's most serious problem? \_\_\_\_\_

**From the Bible we read more about sin:**

*But your sins have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear. Isaiah 59:2*

**In the New Testament we read:**

*In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God. Actually all of us were like them and lived according to our natural desires, doing whatever suited the wishes of our own bodies and minds. In our natural condition we, like everyone else, were destined to suffer God's anger. Ephesians 2:1-3*

From the above verses name four characteristics of a person living in sin. Please underline them as you find them.

**From another part of the Bible we read:**

*What human nature does is quite plain. It shows itself in immoral, filthy, and indecent actions; in worship of idols and witchcraft. People become enemies and they fight; they become jealous, angry and ambitious. They separate into parties and groups; they are envious, get drunk, have orgies, and do other things like these. I warn you now as I have before: those who do these things will not*

*possess the Kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21*

In the above verses underline words that describe the behavior of the natural sinful nature.

From this lesson we conclude that sin is:

God-rule \_\_\_\_ or self-rule \_\_\_\_

**Jesus described a self-ruled man:**

*"There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself; 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do,' he told himself; 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?' " And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight." Luke 12:16-21*

In these verses underline the personal pronouns, "**I**," "**me**," and "**my**."

Finish the spelling with a capital in the middle.

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The essence of sin is self-rule or self-centeredness.

But there is good news for you. The Bible says in 1 John 3:4-5,

*Whoever sins is guilty of breaking God's law, because sin is a breaking of the law. You know that Christ appeared in order to take away sins, and that there is no sin in him.*

Be sure to continue the next lesson because there is Good News for you.

Before doing the next lesson please **memorize** Romans 3:23.  
(Number 17 in this lesson)

## LESSON 2

### GOD'S SOLUTION FOR MAN'S PROBLEM

In lesson 1 we learned that a person's most serious problem is sin.

1. From John 16:9 we learn that sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus said that a person who does not believe in him will  
\_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:24)

The Bible says, *The wages of sin is death.* Romans 6:23

This word "death" refers to the second death which is eternal separation from God.

We read in the Bible:

*But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolators and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.* Revelation 21:8 (NASB)

3. What is God's attitude toward sinners? (Romans 5:8, below)

*But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!*

4. According to John 3:16 what did God do to show his love for sinners? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Bible says, *For Christ died for sins once and for all, a good man on behalf of sinners, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death physically, but made alive spiritually.*  
1 Peter 3:18

5. Jesus is called the \_\_\_\_\_ who takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. (John 1:29)

In the Old Testament times a perfect LAMB (young sheep) without any defect was killed and sacrificed (as an innocent SUBSTITUTE) to pay for the sins of the people. This was a symbol of JESUS CHRIST, the true LAMB OF GOD, who was later to come into the world.)

6. From God's Word read the story of the death of Christ—God's solution for man's sin problem. Read John 19:1-37.

7. Why did Jesus die on the cross? (John 1:29)

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8. When Jesus was on trial he was found: (John 19:4)

guilty of sin.

not guilty of sin.

(Check the correct answer.)

9. How did Jesus die? (John 19:17-18)

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10. Why was Jesus willing to die in our place? (John 15:12-13)

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11. Jesus died on the cross because: (John 10:17-18)

He was forced to.

He chose to.

12. When Jesus was on the cross what words did He use to describe His complete and perfect payment for all ours sins. (John 19:30) \_\_\_\_\_

13. What great event happened following the death of Jesus? (John 20:9) \_\_\_\_\_

14. God's solution for our sin problem is seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ on the cross. (John 19:30)

15. Give two reasons why God gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place. (John 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read the following Bible verses which tell us more about the death of Christ.

*I passed on to you what I received, which is of the greatest importance: that Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; that he was buried and that he was raised to life three days later, as written in the Scriptures.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

In the above verses underline the three things of greatest importance concerning Christ.

The Bible says:

*Because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do, we are all purified from sin by the offering that he made of his own body once and for all. Every Jewish priest performs his services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever, and then he sat down at the right side of God.*

Hebrews 10:10-12

*He is not like other high priests; he does not need to offer sacrifices every day for his own sins first and then for the sins of the people. He offered one sacrifice, once and for all, when he offered himself.* Hebrews 7:27

Jesus offered \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice, \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

16. In conclusion read John 3:16-18.

From these verses we learn that God has given his Son Jesus to die for us. Also, we learn that a person must \_\_\_\_\_ in the Son in order to have eternal life.

Be sure to continue the next lesson because there is good news for you. Share with a friend what you have learned.

Before doing the next lesson, **memorize** Romans 5:8.  
(Number 3 in this lesson)

### LESSON 3

#### MAN'S RESPONSE

1. What important question should all wise people ask?  
(John 18:38)\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus said in his prayer to God, \_\_\_\_\_ is truth.  
(John 17:17)
3. Jesus said: *I am the way, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.* (John 14:6)
4. Jesus said that everyone who wants to follow the truth must listen to \_\_\_\_\_. (John 18:37)
5. If a person rejects Christ as Savior and Lord and rejects the

words of Jesus now, what will the words of Jesus do in the day of judgment? \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:48)

6. The penalty of the sin of unbelief is \_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:24)

7. It is very important to know the truth because the truth will \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:32-33)

8. True freedom comes only through the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:36)

9. Jesus said, *I tell you the truth: whoever \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in him who sent me has \_\_\_\_\_ He will not be judged, but has already passed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.* (John 5:24)

10. It is true, all are condemned because of \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 6:23, below)

*For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23.

11. It is also true that God provided a solution to man's problem of sin when he sent \_\_\_\_\_ to die on the cross. (John 3:17)

12. Read the following verses from the Bible.

*Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the Lord, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive.* Isaiah 55:7

*The right time has come, and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News.* Mark 1:15

Repentance is turning away from \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Not only must a person repent of sin, he must also \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as the only Savior. (John 3:18)

14. God promises eternal life to: (John 3:36)

- \_\_\_ only those who are good enough.
- \_\_\_ only those who believe in God's Son.

15. If I accept Jesus' word and believe: (John 5:24)

What do I possess? \_\_\_\_\_  
When do I receive it? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What other word found in John 1:12 means the same as the word "believe"? \_\_\_\_\_

17. To become a member of God's family, a person must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as personal Lord and Savior. (John 1:12)

Some will say, "I believe already." However, the word "believe" as used in the Bible means more than a simple mental belief in certain facts or teachings. It means to trust in a PERSON with all your HEART. To believe in JESUS CHRIST for salvation is something quite different from believing in a national hero. It is more than simply knowing or believing about Him. It is surrender of all of yourself to Him as Savior and Lord of your life.

TO "BELIEVE" MEANS TO COME DIRECTLY AND PERSONALLY TO JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION.

In a nation that claims to be a Christian nation almost everyone "believes" in God and in Jesus. The Bible says that the devil believes also. Of course, he is not a Christian and he will not go to Heaven.

*Do you believe that there is one God? Good! The devil also believes—and trembles with fear. James 2:19*

The devil believes that there is a God. He believes that Jesus is God's son. But genuine believing that leads to salvation means completely trusting in Jesus as Savior and Lord. This means to surrender all of your life to Jesus as Lord of your life.

The believing that brings eternal life demands a personal, conscious commitment to Christ and His way.

Read again:

John 1:12; 3:15-16,18,36; 5:24; 8:12; 14:6.

The object of faith (one believed in) in all these verses is always one person only.

According to the Bible there is only one person who can give eternal life.

(Check the right name.)

- Peter
- Paul
- Joseph
- Mary
- Jesus

*Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us. Acts 4:12*

Before going to the next lesson, **memorize** John 5:24. (Number 9 in this lesson)

## LESSON 4

### A MAN WHO WANTED NEW LIFE

Review: Primary truths in lesson 1-3

Lesson 1 - Man's most serious problem is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 3:23, below)

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.* Romans 3:23

Lesson 2 - God's greatest gift is \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)

Lesson 3 - Man's greatest response is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 9:38)

1. Read carefully John 3:1-21.
2. Name the man who went to see Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_
3. It is clear that Nicodemus was: child \_\_\_\_ adult \_\_\_\_
4. Nicodemus belonged to the party of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 3:1)

#### Explanation:

The Pharisees belonged to a Jewish religious party during the time of Jesus. They were strict in obeying the Law of Moses and other regulations which had been added to the Law through the centuries.

5. Nicodemus was a religious person. True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_
6. Although Nicodemus was born into a religious family, Jesus said this was not enough. He said Nicodemus must be \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:7)
7. Even though Nicodemus was sincere in his religion, he could not see the \_\_\_\_\_ unless he was born again. (John 3:3)
8. According to John 3:3 can a person go to heaven if he has not been born again? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

9. Nicodemus was a good man who practiced many religious rituals, yet he was not a member of God's Kingdom because he had not been \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 3:3)

10. Did Nicodemus understand about being born again?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ (John 3:4, 9-10)

11. The Jews were aware that they were God's chosen people. From among them God had called prophets, priests, and kings. Finally, it was through the Jewish race that God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Nicodemus assumed himself to be a part of the Kingdom of God simply because he was born a Jew. Jesus was saying that a second birth was necessary.

The second birth is called being born of the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(John 3:5)

**IMPORTANT:**

Read John 1:12-13 where it is made clear that a person does not become a child of God by a physical birth, but by believing (trusting) in God.

12. In John 3:4, Nicodemus is speaking about what kind of birth?  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. In John 3:6, Jesus is speaking of two kinds of birth. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

14. We would therefore assume that Jesus is speaking about a \_\_\_\_\_ birth and a \_\_\_\_\_ birth in John 3:5.

**NOTE:**

The natural physical birth is a water birth because before a baby is born it is encased in water while in the mother's womb.

15. Jesus was telling Nicodemus that before he could become God's child he must be born physically (of water) but also that he must be born of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 3:5-6)

16. The physical birth is from flesh and the spiritual birth is from

the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:6)

17. The source of the physical birth is a human father. The source of the spiritual birth is \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:13)

18. John 3:15-16 explains how a person is born again. According to these verses a person is born again through:

- (1) Doing good works \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Baptism \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (3) Believing in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- (Check only one)

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Why do you think Nicodemus went to see Jesus?

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2. Nicodemus was: (check the correct answers)

- (1) Religious \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) A bad man \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Educated \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Searching for truth \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) In need of the New Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the word "baptism" found in this story of Nicodemus?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If your answer is yes, please give the number of the verse.)

4. According to the Bible, everyone who wishes to go to heaven must be born again. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

5. A person who is born again becomes a child of God (a member of God's Kingdom). This happens when a person \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Christ). (John 1:12)

**How do I receive Christ as my Savior?**

First, there must be an awareness of the sin of unbelief. (Sin is self-rule and rebellion against God's rule.) There must be repentance. Repentance is deep sorrow and turning away from sin (self-rule).

Then by faith trust Christ to be your personal Savior and Lord of every area of your life.

This is what it means to be born again.

6. Name one great truth you have learned from this lesson.
7. Have you been born again?

Before doing the next lesson, **memorize** John 3:3,16.

## LESSON 5

### THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

1. Jesus said, *I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except \_\_\_\_\_.* (John 14:6)
2. Jesus said, *\_\_\_\_\_ am the door. Whoever comes in by me will be saved.* (John 10:9)
3. Jesus said to Nicodemus, *No one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is \_\_\_\_\_.* (John 3:3)
4. We have learned that to be born again a person must receive \_\_\_\_\_ as personal Savior and Lord. (John 1:12)
5. Jesus said, *\_\_\_\_\_ am the light of the world. Whoever follows \_\_\_\_\_ will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.* (John 8:12)
6. Jesus said, *\_\_\_\_\_ am the resurrection and the life. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will live, even though he dies; and*

whoever lives and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will never die.  
(John 11:25-26)

7. The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is the only way to eternal life and Heaven.

Read: John 1:10-12; 3:36; 6:29,40,47; 10:28

8. Peter said, *Salvation is to be found through Him (Jesus) alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us.* (Acts 4:12)

From this verse we know that salvation is found only in \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Did Jesus mention any other mediator between God and man except Himself? (John 14:6)

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

10. Paul said, *For there is one God, and there is one who brings God and mankind together, the man Christ Jesus.*  
1 Timothy 2:5

11. No one will succeed if he attempts to come to God through any other mediator than Jesus Christ. (John 14:6)

True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_

12. Therefore we conclude that:

**SALVATION**

is **not** through

BAPTISM    GOOD WORKS    COMMUNION

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

but

**IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD**

Paul explained it when he said:

*For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9*

13. Is eternal life a gift or is it earned by good works? (check one)  
Earned by good works \_\_\_  
Gift \_\_\_

Paul said, *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior was revealed, he saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us. Titus 3:4-5*

**Explanation:** One does not work to be saved, but after one is saved (born again) good works will be the natural result. Good works is the fruit of the new life in Jesus Christ.

**Important:** Before continuing with question number 14, read again questions 12 and 13.

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14. Jesus said that any person who is good enough will receive eternal life. (John 6:47) True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_  
(Is your answer correct? To be sure, read John 6:47 again.)

15. Is anyone good enough in himself to deserve eternal life?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

16. *For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23 KJV*

17. God's gift of eternal life is through Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)

What must a person do to have God's gift of eternal life?

If you receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, He will forgive you of your sins and will give you eternal life. The Bible says, *If we confess our sins to God, we can trust Him, for He does what is right—He will forgive us our sins and make us clean from all wrongdoing. 1 John 1:9*

But how do I receive Him?

The Bible says, *Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:13*

### **What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?**

To call upon His name means to pray. When we pray we talk directly to God. He hears and will answer our prayer.

From your heart pray a simple prayer, believing without a doubt that Jesus will forgive your sin and will give you new life now.

Pray sincerely from your heart a prayer something like this:

Jesus, I am a sinner. I need help. I am sorry for my unbelief and rebellious nature. I believe that you died and that you rose from death and live today. I believe you can give me new life. Please come into my life now as my personal Savior and Lord. I surrender all my life to you for you to use as you please. Trusting you as Lord, I accept the gift of eternal life. Amen

Now are you ready to receive Christ? If so, pray a prayer something like the one above. If you pray and really mean it, God will save you now and give you a peace that will never end.

If you are not ready yet, you may want to think about it some more. In our next lesson you will have another opportunity to make this important decision. No one will try to force you. You are free to say yes or no to Jesus.

If you received Christ (were born again) today, please read John 3:16 and John 5:24. Now pray a prayer of thanksgiving such as: "Jesus, thank you for saving me. Amen."

Before going to the next lesson, **memorize** John 1:12.

## LESSON 6

### **THE BRIDGE OF LIFE**

If you have not been born again this lesson will help you to understand what you must do to be born again. If you have been born again it will reaffirm in your mind that your decision was real.

### **MY BRIDGE OF LIFE**

**Follow these instructions carefully:**

Step by step, from No. 1 to No. 12, fill in the above picture as you have seen the Bridge of Life on the first page of this lesson. But try to fill in your own Bridge of Life without looking at the one on the first page. Begin by reading No. 1 on the following page. Then write in SIN - John 3:18 on the above picture. Then go to No. 2, RESULTS OF SIN - Romans 6:23. After reading the verse and filling in the blank, write in RESULTS OF SIN - Romans 6:23 on the above picture. Continue until you have completed your Bridge of Life.

1. **SIN** - John 3:18

*He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the only Son of God.*

2. **RESULTS OF SIN** - Romans 6:23

*For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The result of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **DEATH/JUDGMENT** - Hebrews 9:27

*Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.*

All people have two appointments: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **HELL** - The final home for those who are not born again.

Jesus said, *Go in through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide*

*and the road is easy that leads to hell, and there are many who travel it. Matthew 7:13*

5. **LOVE OF GOD** - Romans 5:8

*But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!*

How did God show His love for us? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. To make your bridge complete, write the word **CHRIST**.

7. Now fill in the three boxes with the words, **BAPTISM, GOOD WORKS, COMMUNION**. Some will say these are the way to God, but note that they all are short, never reaching to God, never crossing to the other side. What does the Bible say about this? From Romans 10:3 we read: *They have not known the way in which God puts people right with Himself, and instead, they have tried to set up their own way; and so they did not submit themselves to God's way of putting people right.*

8. **FAITH** - Ephesians 2:8-9

*For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it.*

9. **REPENTANCE** - Acts 3:19

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that he will forgive your sins. (To repent of sin means to turn away from sin.)*

10. **BELIEVE** - John 5:24

*Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ my words and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him who sent me \_\_\_\_\_ He will not be judged, but has already passed from death to life.*

Fill in the blanks and then write those same words above the cross in your bridge of life. These are the steps you must take in order to cross the bridge.

11. **RECEIVE** - In John 1:12 there is another word which means the same as believe. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

12. **PRAY** - Romans 10:13

*Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.*

To call upon the name of the Lord means that you will call (pray) to Him, inviting Him into your life as personal Savior and Lord.

Now, will you pray a prayer like this: "Jesus, I am a sinner. I need help. I have heard your Word from the Bible. I now believe that you will forgive my sins and give me new life. Please come into my life as my Savior and Lord."

If you have prayed asking Jesus to come into your life as your Savior and Lord, now, out of gratitude, pray from your heart a prayer of thanksgiving such as: "Jesus, thank you for saving me, for giving me new life. Amen"

You will want to share with a friend what has happened to you. Jesus said, *If anyone declares publicly that he belongs to me, I will do the same for him before my Father in heaven. But if anyone rejects me publicly, I will reject him before my Father in heaven.* Matthew 10:32-33

Please **memorize** Ephesians 2:8-9 (number 8 in this lesson).

## LESSON 7

### **THE ROAD TO LIFE**

Jesus said, *Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it.*  
Matthew 7:13-14

1. For a few minutes study the first page of this lesson. You are on one road, either the narrow or the wide. Which road are you on? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which road do you want to be on? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In lesson 6 we learned that people are separated from God because of their \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 3:23)
4. Some on the wide road will say, "All roads lead to heaven."

Jesus said there are two roads. One leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and the other leads to \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:6) Read Matthew 7:13-14 at the top of this page.

5. Often someone on the wide road says, "I will go to heaven if I live a good life."

The Bible says:

*For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it.* Ephesians 2:8-9

Check the correct formula for salvation based on these verses.

- Good Works = Salvation
- Grace + Faith + Good Works = Salvation
- Grace + Faith = Salvation

6. On the wide road another will say, "I'll go with the crowd."

Read the following verse:

*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good, and is pleasing to him, and is perfect. Romans 12:2*

7. Another says, "Baptism will save me."

But there is no example of this in the Bible. If a person is saved through baptism, why did Jesus die? The following verse from the Bible makes it clear that baptism always follows believing.

*Many of them believed his message and were baptized;... Acts 2:41a*

8. Often people say, "I will go to heaven if I keep the commandments."

Read the following verse from the Bible.

*Yet we know that a person is put right with God only through faith in Jesus Christ, never by doing what the Law requires. We, too, have believed in Christ Jesus in order to be put right with God through our faith in Christ, and not by doing what the Law requires. For no one is put right with God by doing what the Law requires. Galatians 2:16*

In this verse we see that a person is saved through \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, never by doing what the Law requires. (If you have a New Testament, read Romans 3:20-31.)

9. Another person on the broad road says, "I will trust my church for salvation." But salvation comes only through \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Another says, "I have much time. Tomorrow perhaps I will receive Christ by faith." Are you sure you have tomorrow?

11. You may transfer from the wide road to the narrow road.  
Read John 14:1-6.
12. Unless a person is \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot enter the narrow road that leads to heaven. (John 3:3)
13. On the wide road there is a person asking the question, "What must I do to be saved?" Perhaps you are asking the same question. This question and the answer are found in Acts 16:30-31 (below).

*Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your family."*

What must you do to have eternal life?

- 1) Hear the Good News about Jesus.
- 2) Admit that you are a sinner.
- 3) Repent of sin. Be sorry enough to turn away from self-rule.
- 4) Believe without a doubt that Jesus will forgive you of all your sins and that He will give you new life.
- 5) Invite Jesus to be your Savior and Lord. You do this by praying a simple prayer from your heart directly to God. A prayer such as: Jesus, I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I receive you as my personal Savior and Lord. Amen.

Now read John 5:24 and thank God for your new life.

You have now completed seven lessons. If you have been born again, this is just the beginning. There will be development and maturity in your new life. You may ask, What next? That is the question to be answered in our next study.

Please **memorize** John 14:6.

### **About the Bible**

**Jesus said,**

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*  
Matthew 24:35

**Paul said,**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Isaiah said,**

*Yes, grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of our God endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

**Peter said,**

*For no prophetic message ever came just from the will of man, but men were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.*

2 Peter 1:21

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