

Biblical Discipleship

Part 1 Salvation

Throughout history, GOD has given every individual a chance to accept HIS eternal plan of salvation. Sadly, many people have rejected it and so will suffer forever. Thus, accepting JESUS CHRIST as your own personal Savior is the most significant decision you could ever make during your lifetime. Instead of being destined for Hell, you will now spend eternity with THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. No longer living life in vain, now you have a reason to live with eternal results. The emptiness inside has been filled by HIM.

The devil also knows of your new life in JESUS CHRIST. His desire is for you to reject GOD's salvation is no longer in effect. However, he will now exert every effort to keep you from growing close to GOD and fulfilling GOD's plan for your life.

These discipleship lessons are designed to help you begin your new life in JESUS CHRIST. They are to help you understand what your relationship to GOD is, how to communicate with HIM, how to apply basic Bible principles to your life, and how your life can be an influential witness and testimony of GOD's grace. Whether you just got saved or have been a Christian for years, understanding these principles will help establish a solid foundation in your life whereby you can learn to enjoy the victorious life in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our sincere prayer for you is that these lessons might help you grow in the grace and knowledge of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Lesson 1: SALVATION

“What Happened When I got saved”

“What is My New Relationship to
GOD?”

Your decision to trust JESUS CHRIST as your personal Saviour is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, it is very unlikely that you understand the true significance of what has happened in your life. The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place when you received eternal life, and how this has affected your basic relationship to GOD.

There are only two spiritual families in the world.

A. The devil's family.

1. **John 8:44** speaks of a group of people who are of "their father the devil." - See also **John 8:38**

John 8:44 - You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:38 - I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

2. You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. **Gen 5:3** shows that the descendants of Adam are born in Adam's image and likeness which is that of a fallen sinner. (Since he willfully chose to disobey GOD in the Garden of Eden thus introducing sin into the human race.)

Gen 5:3 - *When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.*

3. You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam.

Rom 5:12 - *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

4. **Rom 5:12** also states that as a result of sin you were sentenced to die. (Eternal separation from GOD and all who believe in HIM.)
 - A. **Rom 6:23** - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
 - B. **1 Cor 15:22** - *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

B. GOD's family.

1. **John 1:12 - 13** - *But to all who did receive him* (that is your decision to trust JESUS CHRIST as your Saviour), *who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God*, (your entrance into GOD's family) *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man*, (it is not a physical birth), *but of God*." (It is a spiritual birth)
2. You also enter GOD's family by birth; but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly father

John 3:3 - *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (Your first birth was physical, the new birth is spiritual)

3. This new birth puts you into GOD's family in exactly the same way as your physical birth puts you into your father's family. You are now a son of GOD by birth.
4. As a result of your new birth, you have inherited GOD's divine nature and you now have eternal life.

John 6:47 - *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.*

John 3:36 - *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

1 John 5:12 - *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Being in GOD's family separates you from the devil's family.

- A. Your body is now the temple (dwelling place) of the HOLY GHOST. GOD's HOLY SPIRIT lives inside you.

1Co 6:19 - *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

- B. **2 Cor 6:14 - 18** commands the believer to maintain a difference between himself and the lost (or unbelievers).

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

C. The new life is perfectly summarized for you in

2Co 5:17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

What is my relationship with GOD now ?

A. HE is your Heavenly Father and you are his child.

1 John 2:1 - *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

B. Now that you are saved, GOD no longer deals with you as a sinner; HE deals with you as a son/daughter.

C. That relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and his son/daughter.

1. A good father loves and cares for his son.

1 Peter 5:7 - *casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

2. A good father protects his son.

Mat 18:6 - *but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

3. A good father provides for his son.

Phl 4:19 - *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

4. A good father guides and teaches his son.

John 14:26 - *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

5. A good father helps his son.

Psa 46:1 - *To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to*

Alamo. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

6. A good father encourages his son.

Phil 4:13 - *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

7. A good father disciplines his son.

Heb 12:5 - 11

8. A good father feeds his son.

Mat 4:4 - *But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

9. A good father has a plan for his son.

Rom 8:28 - *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

- D. A good father will NEVER do anything to purposely hurt his son. He will only do those things which will help him grow into a mature individual. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way. only HIS ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err. GOD never makes a mistake in dealing with HIS children.

Mat 7:11 - *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

You did not lose your physical nature at the time of your spiritual birth.

- A. That is obvious because you are still alive!
- B. You now have two natures.
- a. Old nature - physical, sinful, in Adam's image.
 - b. New Nature - spiritual, perfect in GOD's image.
- C. Both natures are present constantly. The one that will control you is the one you nurture the most.

Col 3:5 - 10

2Co 4:14 - 18

Basic Questions

A. Will I sin after I am saved?

Yes, you still have your old sin nature. Romans 7:25 (also referred to as the “flesh” or “old man”)

Rom 7:25 - *Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?

GOD does not kick you out of HIS family. When you sin, HE disciplines you as a son.

Heb 12:5 - 11. When we sin, our relationship stays the same with our Heavenly Father, but our fellowship is broken.

1Jo 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Q & A

1. Who are the two spiritual fathers?
2. How does an individual enter into the devils family?
3. How does an individual enter into GOD's family?
4. Why are people sentenced to die after their physical or first birth?
5. List three verses (write them out) that promise you eternal life.
 - 1.

2.

3.

6. Give two things that make a Christian in GOD's family different from a non Christian in the devil's family.

1.

2.

7. Because you have received GOD's gift of eternal life. HE now deals with you as HIS _____ rather than a _____.

8. Your new relationship with GOD can be seen through the earthly father and child relationship. List nine ways GOD deals with you as a child.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.
- H.
- I.

9. Explain the two natures you now possess.

- A.

B.

10. What would be the reason for one nature to overpower the other nature?

11. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he/she expect from GOD?

12. According to I John 1: 9, when we confess our sins to GOD then HE will _____ us and _____ us from all unrighteousness.

13. Explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

14. Scripture Memorization: write down

I John 1:9

John 3:3

Romans 5:12

(True/False)

15. All mankind is part of one large family of GOD?

16. All mankind must earn their way to heaven?

17. All mankind can get to heaven any way they choose?

18. If there is such a thing as sin it must be confessed to another man or a church leader.

In the space below, write any question you may have concerning this lesson or any other:

Check one:

☐ I am saved and I know it

☐ I am not saved

☐ I am not sure

In the space below, list the reasons why you have not repented of your sin and asked JESUS CHRIST to save your soul from Hell and Damnation.