

Bible Study #1

SALVATION

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HABITS TO GET INTO THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW AS A NEW CHRISTIAN IS MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES. IN PSALMS 119:11 THE BIBLE SAYS, "I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU." MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES AND DOING WHAT THEY SAY, WILL HELP YOU TO FIGHT AGAINST TEMPTATION AND INSTRUCT YOU TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MEMORIZE THE VERSE BELOW TO GIVE YOU A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TOPIC OF SALVATION.

John chapter 3, verse 16, or abbreviated, it would look like this John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

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:

- A. Why we need to be saved.
- B. How God has provided for our salvation.
- C. 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 and in your own words.

Sin is the failure to obey any of God's commandments or laws.

1. How does the Bible describe sin?

1 John 3:4 _____

2. What is the result of sin?

Romans 6:23 _____

James 1:15 _____

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

- A. Spiritual death—Your sins have **separated** you from God.
- B. Physical death—It **separates** the spirit and soul from the body.
- C. Eternal death—If you remain lost in your sins, they will **separate** you from the mercy of God forever. (This is the greatest punishment of Hell.)

To be **Righteous** means “to do right: to be totally innocent before God in regards to obeying His commandments.”

3. How many of us are righteous? Romans 3:10

4. How many of us have sinned? Romans 3:23

5. What word explains why God would send His only Son to die for us? John 3:16

6. Does He love us as sinners or do we have to become good enough for God to love us? Romans 5:8

7. Read each of the verses below and indicate if we are saved by Jesus only or if God allows another way for salvation.

1 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? 1

Corinthians 15:3 _____

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 on.” **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 don’t deserve at all. By God’s grace (not our own merit) He sent us His Son.

FAITH is accepting something 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 through change in the hearts of men, away from sin and toward God. It should include:

- A. A genuine sorrow for our sins.
- B. Cleansing from continually sinning.
- C. A desire to submit to God’s will.

13. When we repent, when happens in Heaven?

Luke 15:10 _____

Have the angels rejoiced over you? 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 #2

FAITH AND ASSURANCE

BEGIN MEMORIZING 1 JOHN 5:12-13

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

Hebrews 6:18-19—He has given us both his promise and His oath, two 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 God Himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven. (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:

- A. God is faithful and keeps His promises.
- B. He promises us eternal life.
- C. We obtain His promises by faith.
- D. We can know we have the eternal life He promises.

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

ASSURANCE means to have the evidence and proof to know for certain that something is true.

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. If we don't believe or have faith, what happens to God's faithfulness?

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 promise of God for ourselves?

Hebrews 6:12 _____

FAITH IS THE KEY THAT OPENS THE TREASURE CHEST OF
GOD'S PROMISES.

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 "FEEL" LIKE GOD LOVES US. DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS. THE DEVIL CAN USE THEM TO PUT DOUBT (OPPOSITE OF FAITH) IN OUR MINDS TO TRY TO DESTROY OUR FAITH. WE SHOULD NOT PUT OUR TRUST IN FEELINGS THAT WILL 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 the 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 _____

10. When we yield to God's Spirit and let Him lead us, who does the Bible say we are?

Romans 8:14 _____

11. We are told to love one another. What does the Bible say about those who have God's love?

I John 3:14 _____

I John 4:7 _____

12. Because God (our Father) disciplines us when we go against His will, what does this tell us about our relationship with 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 3:16 _____

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?

For more about **FAITH**, read Hebrews 11:1-40.

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Bible Study #3
Power of the Holy Spirit

BEGIN MEMORIZING ACTS 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-5 – On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus did not want His disciples to immediately begin telling others about Him. He told them to wait for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, because He knew the **POWER** they were to receive was essential for the task ahead of them. In this lesson you should learn.

- A) Who the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for.
- B) What the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for.
- C) How to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM means to be immersed or dipped into something.

So that you will not become confused, you need to know that there are several terms which refer to “The Baptism of the Holy Spirit” and they all mean the same thing.

Acts 2:4 – “Filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:33 – “The promise of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:38 – “The gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 11:15 – “Holy Spirit fell (came) on them.”

Luke 24:49 – “The promise of My Father.”

1. Who does the Bible say the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for?

Acts 2:38-39 _____

Has God called you to salvation? _____

Is this promise for you? _____

In John 14:16-17, Jesus told His disciples that the Spirit had been **WITH** them and would soon be **IN** them. The Spirit came inside them in John 20:22. After Jesus had been resurrected, He spoke to them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Before we are saved, the Holy Spirit is **WITH** us calling us to Jesus. When we are born again, the Spirit comes **INSIDE** us to teach and guide us. All true believers have the Holy Spirit living inside them. But Jesus went on to tell His disciples in Acts 1:8 that the Spirit would also be **ON** or **UPON** them.

2. What did Jesus tell His disciples they would receive when the Holy Spirit came ON them? Acts 1:8 _____

The Greek word for **POWER** is "dunamis," where we get our words "dynamite" and "dynamic." It is also translated strength, ability, authority, and might.

Jesus knows our weaknesses and that we do not have the strength we need to continually follow Him or do things for Him, so He supplies us with the **POWER** (dunamis) we need. We do not have to do it on our own!

3. The Father strengthens us through the power of His Spirit in our inner being for what purpose? Ephesians 3:16-17 _____
4. After the disciples received this power, what would it give them the ability to be? Acts 1:8 _____

WITNESS – To be a witness, means to testify that something is true. The disciples went out testifying that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

5. When Peter and John were released from jail, they gathered together and prayed. What did they pray for the Lord to enable them to do? Acts 4:29 _____

6. The Lord answered Peter and John's prayer almost immediately. What did the Lord do to give them the boldness they asked for? Acts 4:31 _____

7. When Saul (later his name was changed to Paul) was filled with the Holy Spirit, what did he begin doing right away? Acts 9:17,20 _____

Another aspect of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is that the Holy Spirit wants to give each of us "spiritual gifts" or supernatural abilities to **EDIFY** (build up faith or strengthen) ourselves and other believers. The Bible refers to believers as the "body of Christ." Jesus is the head and each of us is given a gift (or gifts) that empower us to function as a part of that body.

8. Who decided which spiritual gifts each of us will have in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 12:18 _____

9. What are some of the gifts that the Spirit gives to different parts of the body?
1 Corinthians 12:8-10 _____

10. What should we desire to do with our spiritual gifts? 1 Corinthians 14:12

11. When all the spiritual gifts are working properly in the body of Christ, what will
the body do for itself? Ephesians 4:16 _____

12. How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:11-13

If you want to know more about the Body of Christ, read Romans 12:4-8 and 1
Corinthians 12:1-31.

The Holy Spirit is like a wall outlet in your house. The power is always there, all you
have to do is plug into it. With the power of the Holy Spirit, your “plug” is faith. When
you ASK, believe God will answer your prayer, and you will plug into His power.

In Ephesians 5:18 the Bible commands us to “be filled with the Holy Spirit.” It is better
translated “be continually being filled with the Holy Spirit.” It is talking about REFILLS.
It is not just a one time filling, but we are continually in need of God’s power. We get
refills in the same way we get the first filling, JUST ASK!

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OR IF
YOU NEED A REFILL, JUST PRAY A SIMPLE PRAYER LIKE THIS: “FATHER,
MY POWER IS NOT ENOUGH. FILL ME WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND GIVE
ME THE POWER I NEED. IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN.”**

From memory, write out your memory verse below.

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Bible Study #4

TRIALS

BEGIN MEMORIZING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it.”

1 Peter 4:12-13 – *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.*

Soon after we are born again the Lord begins to TEST our faith. He often removes the emotions and feelings we have been experiencing to cause us to walk by faith. This does not mean He has deserted you! In this lesson you should learn:

- A. What trials are.
- B. How God uses trials.
- C. What we should do when we are in the middle of a trial.

A **TRIAL** is when God allows temptations, tribulations, (hardship or affliction) or our relationship with other people to **TEST OUR FAITH**. It is the process He uses to refine us, make our faith stronger and teach us to trust Him more.

1. Becoming a Christian does not mean we will stop having troubles. How did Jesus describe our lives in this world? John 16:33 _____

2. What should be our attitude when we are having our faith tested by trials or temptations? Why? James 1:2-4

3. What are some of the results of trials? 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, 1 Peter 1: 6-7

PATIENCE or PERSEVERANCE means steadfastly enduring adverse circumstances with joy.

One aspect of trials, is enduring hardship and affliction. When the Lord is dealing with us as His children, He will allow tribulations to chasten or discipline us.

CHASTEN or **DISCIPLINE** in Greek means to train, educate, instruct, correct, reprove or admonish. It is a positive, loving method of eliminating evil and encouraging good. It is **NOT** harsh punishment.

4. When our Father disciplines or chastens us, He is demonstrating our relationship to Him. What is that relationship? Hebrews 12:5-8

5. Why does God discipline or chasten us? Hebrews 12:9-10

HOLINESS means morally perfect or free from sin.

6. What are the end results when our Father disciplines us? Hebrews 12:11

Another way God tests our faith, is by allowing Satan to tempt us. Each time the Lord helps us resist another temptation, we learn to trust Him more. He uses it to build our faith in Him.

TEMPTATION is when Satan tries to get us to sin. He may tempt us by something we see. He may tempt us by putting evil thoughts in our minds. He may tempt our flesh or our pride. He has many temptations. It is **NOT** a sin to be tempted! It is only a sin when we give in to the temptation.

7. Satan's temptations are strong, but what promise do we have that is stronger? 1 John 4:4

8. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and answer the following questions:

Are your temptations ever new, something no one else has gone through before?

Will the Lord allow your temptations to be so strong that you will be unable to resist it?

What will the Lord provide when you are tempted?

9. When we ask our High Priest, Jesus, for help with our temptations, how can we be sure He understands what we are going through? Hebrews 4:15

10. In Matthew 4:1-11 when Jesus was tempted by Satan, what did He use to respond to Satan's temptations? Matthew 4:4,7,10

11. What results when we give in to temptations? James 1:13-15

12. If we find that we have sinned, what should we do about it? How will Jesus respond to us? 1 John 1:9

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 tells us three things about trials?

- A. They are *trivial* compared to the sufferings of Christ and the glory we are to have in heaven.
- B. They are *temporary* compared to the eternity Jesus has prepared for us.
- C. They are *transforming*. They cause us to be conformed to the image of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

13. What encouragement does the Lord give us concerning every event and circumstance that happens to us in the world? Romans 8:28

14. We see that God uses **ALL** the events in our lives to shape us and mold us. Whose likeness is He trying to make us into? Romans 8:29 _____

Jesus told us in John 14:27 that the peace He gives us is not like the peace the rest of the world has. His peace does not depend on favorable circumstances. His peace comes from knowing, that regardless of how things appear, God is still in control and we can trust Him to see us through the rough times. The hardships we suffer are not a surprise to Him. They are part of His plan. By them He prepares us, not for a temporary life of comfort, but for an eternity of holiness.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A TRIAL, SEEK GUIDANCE FROM GOD'S WORD AND FROM HIM IN PRAYER. YOU MIGHT PRAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
"LORD HELP ME TO LEARN FROM THIS, HELP ME TO BECOME WHAT YOU WANT ME TO BE, HELP ME TRUST YOU THROUGH EVERYTHING."

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