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“Christianity 101”

Booklet #2

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General Instructions:

1. Please fill in the blanks on the following pages using a King James Version of the Bible. Please read the detailed instructions for the individual lessons on page 6 before you begin to put pen to paper. NOTE: The individual lessons are designed to be completed daily so you can meditate on the material.
2. When you are done, return the **Review Section (Pages 37-38) of this booklet** to the address provided below. Keep the rest of this Booklet (Pages 1-36) for your own use. Review Sections returned less than 30 days from the time it was mailed, will not be accepted. Please spend time with the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you learn the material.
3. As soon as we receive your completed review pages, we will grade it and send it back to you, along with Booklet #3 in this Series.
4. When you have completed all three booklets in the "Christianity 101" Series, we will send you a certificate of completion.

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Mountain State Ministries was started in January of 2017 to continue the legacy of Country Wide Prison Ministry. CWPM's purpose was to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to prison inmates and their families, and to edify them through the teaching of the Word of God through Bible correspondence courses. MSM will continue this legacy and expand the Bible correspondence courses to anyone in world via the internet. This will provide anyone the opportunity to study God's word, become more closely imitate with Jesus, and be more sensitive and obedient to God's Holy Spirit. Our goal is to Exalt the King and to Expand the Kingdom!

Ray Witmer Jr., author of this Bible study curriculum, founded Country Wide Prison Ministry in 2003. His New Life Christian Growth Series has been administered to thousands of prison inmates throughout ever state in the Union. Mr. Witmer retired due to heath issues on 1 January 2017 and has provided Mountain State Ministries all rights to continue his legacy.

We are very grateful and appreciate Brother Ray's heart for God and his willingness to let us use this resource to spread God's Word among this generation of people.

“Verily, Verily, I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” John 12:24

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******* INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR BIBLE LESSONS *******

- A. The Bible verses used in this study are taken from the King James Version of the Bible, translated out of the original tongues with the former translation diligently compared and revised.
- B. Before doing each lesson, take time to ask God to open your understanding and show you the truth.
- C. For the best results, do only one lesson each day. Meditate on each day's lesson (there are four weeks of lessons per book).
- D. Keep in mind that these lessons are based on what the Bible says and not on man's opinion.
- E. These lessons are designed to help you to know the truth, to know the Lord in a personal way, and to trust what the Bible says and teaches you.
- F. Remember, it is not what you, I, or any preacher says, but what the Bible says.
- G. You must learn to stand on what the Bible says to "study to show yourself approved unto God, workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).
- H. Who wrote the Bible? (II Peter 1:21).
- I. All Scripture is inspired by God (II Timothy 3:16).
- J. Regardless of what man says, the believer (Christian) has direct access to the throne of God and is responsible directly to God. This access is through Jesus Christ and Him only (I Timothy 2:5).
- K. These studies are to help you have peace of mind (Isaiah 26:3-4).
- L. These studies will help you know if you are going to Heaven or Hell (Romans 10:13).
- M. These lessons will help you with assurance and security; these are not the same. The securing of the believer is God's work; It is a part of God's great work of salvation depending solely upon His infinite grace. Assurance is the believer's acceptance of the security provided for him in Christ. It is the result of the human soul resting in what God has promised in His Word to accomplish. This is why it is important to know what the Bible says (I John 5:11-13).



TAKE TIME TO READ BELOW BEFORE
DOING THIS LESSON

Meditate on the Scriptures of this Lesson and Ask Yourself
These Questions:

1. What do these verses teach me about God and myself?
2. Is there an example here to follow or avoid?
3. Is there a command, a promise, or a warning that I need to apply?
4. What action do I need to take to align my life with this truth?



The Bible is the Word of God

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Lesson #1

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Have you ever come to a point in your life when it seemed that everything you did was wrong, and everything you tried did not work or help? Perhaps it was like trying to walk through a brick wall. The Bible tells us in John 12:24 that until we become like a grain of corn that goes into the ground and dies, we cannot bring forth much fruit (win souls for God). If you look at a grain of corn in the ground, when it dies, the corn breaks open, and out comes a new life. It is the same with us when we get broken and die to self. It is then that we can become a new person; old things are passed away, and behold all things become new (II Corinthians 5:17). You must learn to die to self, think more of others and less of yourself, and put Christ first in your life.

Compare Your Troubles With What Jesus Went Through For Us:

He is _____ and _____ of _____; a man of sorrows (pains), and acquainted with grief (sickness) and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we _____ Him not. Surely He hath borne our _____ (sickness), and carried our _____: (pains) yet we did esteem (reckon) Him stricken, smitten (struck down) of _____, and afflicted. But He was _____ (pierced) for our transgressions, He was bruised (crushed) for our _____; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with _____ (beatings that cut into the skin) we are _____. All we like sheep have gone _____; we have turned every one to his own _____; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet he opened not his _____; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not his _____ (Isaiah 53:3-7).

I protest (affirm) by your rejoicing (boasting) which I have in _____ our Lord, _____ (to self) (I Corinthians 15:31).

He must _____, but I must _____ (John 3:30).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 8.

The name of the Lord is what? _____

Where is the name of the Lord excellent? _____

BROKENNESS IS THE WAY TO BLESSING

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“I want to serve you, Lord,” is a prayer that many of us have prayed on countless occasions, but service to God comes with a price tag. Usually dedication, a commitment to the course that God has mapped out for us to travel, and a sincere desire to be broken must be present in order for God's greatness to shine through our lives. Many of us have been broken. Are you now willing to submit your life to God and let Him control you?

For me to _____ is Christ, and to _____ is gain (Philippians 1:19-25).

He that hath no rule over his _____ is like a city that is broken down, and _____ (Proverbs 25:28).

Will you promise God that you will now allow Him to take control over your life? **No** _____ **Yes** _____

In that I _____ this day to love the _____, to _____ in His ways, and to _____ His commandments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall _____ in the land (problem) whither thou goest to possess. But if _____ turn _____, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other _____, and serve them: I (God) denounce (announce) unto you this day, that you shall surely _____, and that you shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan (the problem) to go _____. I call heaven and earth to record (as witnesses) this day _____, that I have set before you _____ and _____, blessing and cursing: therefore, _____, that both thou and thy seed (children) may live: That thou mayest _____ the _____ thy _____, and that thou mayest _____ his _____ and that thou mayest _____ unto Him: for he is thy _____, and the length of thy days: that thou _____ in the land (God's will) which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them (Deuteronomy 30:16-20).

Let the wicked _____, and the unrighteous man _____: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have _____; and to our God, for He (God) will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 9.

I will praise the Lord how? _____

I will sing praise to whom? _____

The Lord also will be what to the oppressed? _____

Lord hast not forsaken them that do what? _____

BROKENNESS HELPS YOU INCREASE IN WISDOM

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Lesson #3

Today's verse to memorize: II Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Does the force of gravity cease simply because someone chooses to deny it? Obviously, the answer is no. If a person jumps off his roof thinking he will fly, he will quickly and undeniably find out that gravity is real. The result will be a painful fall to the ground. Galatians 6:7 gives a similar law of consequence: "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Unlike gravity, this is a law people attempt to ignore all the time.

What does the Bible say about when we are broken?

Be not _____; God is not _____: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also _____. For he that soweth to his _____ shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that _____ to the spirit (God's Spirit) shall of the spirit reap _____ (Galatians 6:7-8).

When thou passest through the waters, I (God) will be _____: and through he rivers, they shall not _____; when thou _____ through the fire, thou shalt not be _____; neither shall the flame kindle (scorch) upon thee (Isaiah 43:2).

But it is good for me to _____ to God; I have _____ my _____ in the Lord God; that I may _____ all thy works (Psalm 73:28).

Be strong and of a _____, fear not, nor be _____ of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth _____; He will not _____ you, nor _____ you (Deuteronomy 31:6).

He that dwelleth in the _____ of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1).

Be merciful _____, O God, be merciful _____: for _____ soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will _____ my _____, until these calamities _____ (Psalm 57:1).

For He (God) shall give His _____, to _____ you in _____ ways (Psalm 91:11).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 10.

The Lord standest where? _____

Who will not seek after God? _____

BROKENNESS LEADS TO SELF-DENIAL

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Lesson #4

Today's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The Bible says that self-denial is:

Then said Jesus his disciples, If any man will _____, let him _____, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life _____ shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and _____? What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:24-27).

Therefore, brethren, we are _____, not to the flesh, to _____ . For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall _____; but if you through the Spirit do mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body, ye shall _____ (Romans 8:12-13).

For the _____ of God that bringeth _____ hath appeared to _____. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and _____, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this _____ (Titus 2:11-12) .

Ye have heard that it hath been said, an _____ for an _____, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, that ye resist not _____ (an evil person), but whosoever shall smite (slap) thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the _____ (Matthew 5:38-39).

But I (Jesus) say unto you, _____ your _____, bless them that _____, do good to them that _____, and _____ for them which despitefully _____, and _____ you. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the _____ and on the _____, and sendeth rain on the _____ and on the _____ (Matthew 5:44-45).

Woe unto them that are wise in their _____, and prudent in their _____! (Isaiah 5:21).

Seest thou a man wise in his _____ (eyes) there is more hope of a fool than of him (Proverbs 26:12).

And they that are Christ's have crucified the _____ with the _____ and _____ (Galatians 5:24).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 11.

In the Lord I will put My what? _____

SELF-DENIAL LEADS TO A CONSECRATED LIFE

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Lesson #5

Today's verse to memorize: Psalm 59:9

Because of His strength will I wait upon Thee; for God is my defense.

At some point during your relationship with Christ, you have to plunge into the unknown with some measure of faith. The circumstances could vary — a new job, a new relationship, a battle with illness — and you have no idea what the outcome will be. Faith is not merely a concept anymore; it is truth in action.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed (surrounded by) about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us _____, and the _____ which doth so easily _____, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher (perfector) of our _____; who for the joy that was set before Him _____ the _____, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the _____ (Hebrews 12:1-2).

I (God) beseech you therefore, brethren, by the _____ of _____, that ye present your _____ a living sacrifice, holy, _____ unto God, which is your _____ (Romans 12:1).

What? Know you not that _____ is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in _____, which you have of God, and ye are not _____? For ye are _____: (Jesus' life on the Cross) therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are _____ (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

Set your _____ on things _____, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2).

But now ye also put off these things; _____, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. _____ one to another, seeing that you have put off the _____ his deeds; And have put on the _____, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him (Colossians 3:8-10).

And whatsoever ye _____ in _____ or _____, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, _____ to God and the Father by Him (Colossians 3:17).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 12.

What kind of lips will the Lord cut off? _____

CONSECRATED LIFE: YOU MUST HAVE FAITH

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Lesson #6

Today's verse to memorize: Psalm 56:11

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

You may not think of faith as being a guide or a way to find direction, but when we exercise our faith, we gain a steadfast sense of peace in knowing that what we are doing is in line with God's plan. Let's look at what the Bible has to say about faith:

But without _____ it is _____ to please Him (God): For he that cometh to God _____ that _____, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

Above all, teaching the shield of _____, wherewith _____ shall be able to _____ all the _____ of the wicked (Satan) (Ephesians 6:16).

Now faith is the substance (realization) of things _____, the evidence (conviction) of _____ (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith is believing in something that is greater than ourselves. It is trusting God to do what we cannot do with expectations of how or when it will occur.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him _____, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth (without reproach) not; and it shall be given him. But let him _____, nothing wavering (not doubting). For he that _____ (doubts) is like a wave of sea driven with the wind and _____. For let not man _____ that he shall _____ any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways (James 1:5-8).

Knowing this, that the trying (testing) of your faith worketh (produces) _____. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire (complete), _____ (James 1:3-4).

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a _____ he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye _____ those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is _____, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my _____ by my _____ (James 2:14-18).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 13.

How long wilt thou forget who, O Lord? _____

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY (EXODUS 12:8)

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Lesson #7

This week's verse to memorize: Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to _____ bread, Paul _____ unto them, ready to depart on the morrow (the next day); and continued his speech (message) until _____ (Acts 20:7).

REVIEW

Jesus was _____ of men.

With Jesus' _____ we are healed.

I must _____ to myself daily.

For me to live is Christ and to _____ is gain.

He that hath no rules is like what? _____.

We are commanded to love whom? _____.

We should obey whose voice? _____.

Let the wicked _____ his way.

God is not _____.

Man shall reap what he _____.

God will be with you through A. _____ B. _____.

It is good for me to draw near to what? _____.

Who doth go with you? _____.

We can cry to God to be what? _____.

If we follow Jesus we must do what? _____.

The Bible says we are to love our what? _____.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 14.

THE BIBLE SAYS FAITH LEADS TO TRUST

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Lesson #8

This week's verse to memorize: Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Faith Comes Down To Two Questions:

Do you really believe that God is who He says He is? No _____ Yes _____

Will He do what He has promised in His Word (Bible)? No _____ Yes _____

Explain your answers to the above questions: _____

Trust in the Lord with all _____; and _____
unto _____ understanding. In _____ thy
acknowledge Him, and he shall _____ thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Trust in the _____, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed (feed on His faithfulness). _____ thyself in the Lord: and He _____
thee the _____ of thine _____. Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him; and he shall _____ it to _____ (Psalm 37:3-5).

God requires us to trust Him with the entirety of our lives. This means that when life does well, we understand that He is the one controlling our circumstances, and we trust Him. When life suddenly becomes difficult, the same is true. By faith, we know that God is faithful. He does not slumber or sleep, so we must trust Him (Psalm 121:3).

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: _____
_____ will he _____ from _____ that _____ uprightly. O
Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that _____ (Psalm 84:11-12).

Read Psalm chapter 91 and write in your own words what you will get by putting your trust in God:

YOU MUST HAVE FAITH, TRUST, AND WORKS

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Lesson #9

This Week's Verse To Memorize: Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

What does the Bible say about works?

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is _____. Now if _____ build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; _____ shall be made manifest (become evident): for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try (test) every _____ of what sort it is. If any man's work abide (endures) which he hath build thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If _____ shall be burned, he shall suffer _____; but he himself shall be _____; yet so as by fire (I Corinthians 3:11-15).

Fire is a symbol of the Lord's presence and an instrument of His power, either in way of approval or of destruction.

For by _____ are ye _____ through _____: and that not of _____: it is the gift of God: _____, lest any man should _____. For we are _____ workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto (for) good works, which God hath before _____ (prepared) we should _____ in them (Ephesians 2:8-10).

I (Jesus) must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when _____. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:4-5).

You are the light of the _____ a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do _____ light a candle, and put it under a bushel (basket) but on a candlestick (lampstand): and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. _____, that they may see your good works, and _____ your _____ which is in Heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

_____ therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: _____ to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded _____: and, lo, I (Jesus) am with _____, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19-20).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the _____ from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may _____ from their _____; and their _____ do follow them (Revelation 14:13).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 15.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? _____

SOME OF THE WORKS THE BIBLE TELLS US TO DO

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Lesson #10

This week's verse to memorize: Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

What works does the Bible command you to do?

Thou shall _____ the _____ with _____ thine heart, and with _____ thy soul, and with _____ thy might (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Thou shalt not avenge (take vengeance), nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt _____ thy neighbor _____ : I am the Lord (Leviticus 19:18).

You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I (Jesus) say unto you, love your _____, bless them that curse you, do _____ to them despitefully use you, and persecute you: that _____ may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the _____ and on the _____ (Matthew 5:43-45).

Honour thy _____ and thy _____ : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth _____ (Exodus 20:12).

Husbands, _____ your _____, even as Christ also loved the church, and _____ for it (Ephesians 5:25).

Obey them that have the _____ you, and _____ yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give _____, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is _____ for you (Hebrews 13:17).

Giving _____ for _____ unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20).

Train up a child in the way he _____ : and when he is old he _____ from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Chasten _____ while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for _____ (Proverbs 19:18).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 16.

Do what to me for in thee I put my trust? _____

I have always set what before me? _____

THE BIBLE TELLS US TO DO AND NOT TO DO

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Lesson #11

This week's verse to memorize: Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will if God.

What works does the Bible say we must stop doing?

Let him that stole steal _____: but rather let him _____, working with _____ the thing which is good, that he may have to _____ to him that _____ (Ephesians 4:28).

Let _____ communication proceed out of your _____, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may _____ unto the hearers (Ephesians 4:29).

Let all _____, and _____, and _____, and clamour, and _____, be put _____, with all malice; And be ye _____ one to another, tenderhearted, _____ one another, even as God for _____ hath _____ you (Ephesians 4:31-32).

That ye put off concerning the _____ (conduct) the old man, which is _____ according to the _____ (Ephesians 4:22).

Wherefore putting _____, speak every man _____ with his neighbor: for we are _____ one of _____ (Ephesians 4:25).

Flee fornication. Every sin that a _____ is without (outside) the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth _____.
What? Know you not that _____ is the temple of the _____ Ghost which is _____, which you have of _____, and you are _____? (I Corinthians 6:18-19).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 17.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT YOUR BODY

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What does the Bible say about my body and how to control it?

For _____ are bought with a _____; therefore glorify God in your _____, and in your _____, which are _____ (1 Corinthians 6:20).

One of the keys to avoiding sin is to realize that sin is Satan's most destructive weapon in the life of a believer. A second thing to remember is that sin begins in the mind—usually with a tempting thought.

And be not conformed to _____; but be you transformed by the renewing _____, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, _____ (Romans 12:2).

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind: And that ye _____, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:23-24).

Your mind is like the ground: what you put into it comes out.

Wherefore gird (prepare your mind for action) up the loins of _____, be sober, and hope to the end for _____ that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13).

In whom the god of this _____ hath blinded the minds of them, which _____, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the _____ of God, should _____ unto them (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Thou wilt _____ him in _____, whose mind is _____ on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in _____ forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is _____ (Isaiah 26:3-4).

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your _____ through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are of _____: if there be any _____, and if there be any _____ on these things (Philippians 4:7-8).

For God hath not given _____ the spirit _____; but of _____, and of _____, and of a _____ (2 Timothy 1:7).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 19.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WORRYING, LYING, STEALING, AND MORE

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What does the Bible say about worry?

Trust in the Lord with all thine _____, and _____ unto thine _____ understanding. In _____ acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

What does the Bible say about how I should live?

That he no longer should _____ the rest of his _____ in the flesh to lust of men, but to do the _____ of _____ (1 Peter 4:2).

And _____ conformed to this world: but be you transformed. By the _____ of your _____, that you may prove that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not _____ the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

What does the Bible say about controlling your mouth?

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be _____ in thy _____, O Lord my _____, and my redeemer (Psalm 19:14).

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord, but they that deal _____ are his delight (Proverbs 12:22).

What does the Bible say about anger?

_____ from _____, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil (Psalm 37:8).

What does the Bible say about self-praise?

Humble _____ therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may _____ you in _____ (1 Peter 5:6).

Let another man praise thee, and not _____; a stranger, and not thine own lips (Proverbs 27:2).

What does the Bible say about controlling my eyes?

I will not set no wicked thing _____: I hate the work of them that turn _____: it shall not _____ to me (Psalms 101:3).

What does the Bible say about temptation?

And _____ into _____, but _____ us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen (Matthew 6:13).

Pray each day as Jesus taught His disciples to pray: "Do not lead me into temptation, but deliver me from evil." Because the Spirit of God is within you, you can resist the enemy and live a victorious life.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 20.

THE CHURCH (PART I)
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Lesson #14

What does the Bible say about the church?

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou _____ to _____
_____ in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery (hidden truth) of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:15-16).

Praise ye the _____, I will praise the Lord with my _____,
in the assembly of the _____, and in the _____ (Psalm 111:1).

Beware of false prophets (preachers), which come to you in _____,
but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Matthew 7:15).

Wherefore by their fruits (lives) you shall know them (preachers). Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall _____ into the _____: but he that doeth the _____ of my _____ which is in heaven. Many will say to me (Jesus) in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils (demons)? And in thy _____ done many marvelous _____ (miracles). And the wilt I (Jesus) profess unto them, I never knew you: _____ from me, you that work iniquity (Matthew 7:20-23).

I marvel that you are so soon removed (turned away) from Him that _____ you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would _____ the _____ of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have _____ unto you, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:6-8).

Let no man _____ you with vain (empty) words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be _____ ye therefore _____ (Ephesians 5:6-7).

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection (submission). But I suffer not a woman to _____, nor to usurp (have) _____ the _____, but to be silence. For Adam was _____ formed, then Eve (1 Timothy 2:11-13).

God gives the command that a Bishop is to be the leader of the church (1 Timothy 3:2). Words found in these verses (Elders, Bishop, and Pastor) all refer to the same office. This is one man who is in charge of the local church under the authority of Jesus Christ. Also, notice he is to be the husband of one wife. How can a woman be the husband of one wife? 1 Timothy 3:5 says, "If a MAN know not how to rule HIS own house, how shall HE take care of the church of God?"

Today's Bible reading is 1 Timothy chapter 3.

THE CHURCH (PART II)
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Lesson #15

A good church, first of all, must be made up of persons who have been regenerated (saved by the blood of Jesus Christ) and baptized by immersion. Secondly, the church should be an independent, separated, soul-winning, gospel-preaching church.

The church beliefs regarding the Bible and its teaching should differentiate from all denominations, sects, and organizations. These beliefs are the gauges by which the church and lives are governed.

THE DISTINCTIVES OF THE CHURCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Inspiration of the Bible: *The Bible is our ONLY rule of faith and practice.*

Baptism by Immersion: *Baptism is for believers only and is required for church membership.*

Priesthood of the Believer: *The Believer has direct access to the throne of God and is responsible to God; his access is through Jesus Christ and Him only, not man or any priest on this earth.*

Access of the Believer: *For there is one God, and _____ between God and men, the _____ Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time (1 Timothy 2:5-6).*

Let us therefore come _____ (confidently) unto the _____ of _____, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Self-government of the Local Church: *The local church is God's establishment, able and capable of handling His affairs. It is to be a growing, independent, self-governing body of believers. The Bible tells us that the local church is to elect its own officers (Acts 6:5-6). It is to conduct regular worship services (Acts 20:7). The Pastor is to be the shepherd of the flock (1 Peter 5:1-3). The Bible says that the local church is governed by the local body. Hence, it is to solve its own problems and manage its own affairs; it should not be subject to a bishopric hierarchy.*

The Local Church Should Teach Separation: *The doctrine of separation is not a popular doctrine among many Christians. Whether something is popular is not based upon what we accept or reject. The basis is the Word of God.*

Be ye not _____ together with unbelievers for what fellowship (in common) hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion (fellowship) hath light with darkness? And what concord (accord) hath Christ with Belial (idol)? Or what part hath he that _____ with an _____ (unbeliever)? And what agreement hath the temple (church) of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and _____; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: Wherefore _____ from among _____, and be _____, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Today's Bible reading is 1 Corinthians 14:34-40.

SEPARATION: SETTING ONESELF APART

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Booklet #2

Lesson #16

What does the Bible say about separation?

You adulterers and adulteresses, _____ not that the friendship of (with) the world _____? Whosoever therefore will (wants to) be a friend of the world is the _____ of God (James 4:4).

Love not the world, neither the _____ that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father _____ him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the _____, and the lust of the _____, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the _____. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye _____ from every brother that walketh _____, and not after the tradition which he received of us (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no _____ that he may be ashamed. You count him not as an _____, but admonish (warn) him as a _____ (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15).

For there are certain _____ (unnoticed), who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ (Jude 1:4).

Now I beseech you, brethren, _____ which cause divisions and offences contrary to the _____ (Bible) _____; and _____. For they that are such _____ our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good (smooth) words and fair (flattering) speeches _____ the hearts of the simple (innocent) (Romans 16:17-18).

For I testify unto _____ that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall _____ unto these things. God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall _____ from the words of the book of this prophecy. God shall take away his part out of the _____, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Revelation 22:18-19).

If any man will _____, he shall _____ of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself (John 7:17).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 21.

DISCERNMENT: THE ABILITY TO JUDGE

New Life Christian Growth Series

Booklet #2

Lesson #17

Unlike many other countries in the world, the United States gives its citizens freedom of speech and the right to practice the religion of their choosing. Though this law allows Christians to worship God freely, it also provides the same freedom to many other false teachers. Books, newspapers, and television programs overflow with messages from persons claiming to know and speak the truth.

How can you decipher which pastors, speakers, and authors are legitimate messengers of the Gospel?

First, you must become intimate with the Word of God. If you know the Scriptures, you will be equipped to separate truth from fiction.

Secondly, you must learn to rely upon and listen to the Holy Spirit Who dwells within you. God gave you a discerning spirit for your protection because He does not want you to be deceived by the tricks of Satan. He also knows that you cannot accomplish this alone, which is why a Helper was sent to you. As you learn to think of the Holy Spirit as a constant Companion, Friend, and Advisor, His promptings will become familiar and welcome.

When you encounter confusing messages, stop and listen for His voice. Like a bright beacon on a dark night, His truth will pierce through that which is evil and bring forward that which is of God. Remember—it is not what man says, but it is what the Word of God says.

What does the Bible say about discernment?

For God is my record (witness), how greatly I long after you all in the bowels (affection) of Jesus Christ. And I pray, that your _____ may _____ yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment (discernment); That ye may _____ things that are _____: that you may be sincere and _____ till the day of Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God (Philippians 1:8-11).

The heart of him that hath _____ seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on _____ (Proverbs 15:14).

How much better is it to get _____ than gold! And to get _____ rather to be chosen than silver! (Proverbs 16:16).

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the _____ which thou shalt _____: I will _____ with mine eye. Be you not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with _____ and _____, lest they come near unto thee (Psalm 32:8-9).

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; AND IN THE HIDDEN PART THOU SHALT MAKE ME TO _____ (Psalm 51:6).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 22.

WISDOM: THE BEGINNING OF ALL KNOWLEDGE

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Booklet #2

Lesson #18

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What does the Bible say about wisdom and understanding?

If any of you _____ let him _____ of _____, that giveth to _____ men liberally, and upbraideth (without reproach) not; and it shall be given him (James 1:5).

But the wisdom that is from _____ is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated (willing to yield), full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and _____. And the fruit of _____ is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3:17-18).

The fear of the Lord is _____ of knowledge: but fools despise _____ and _____ (Proverbs 1:7).

_____ toward them that are without (outside the faith), redeeming the time. Let your _____ be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may _____ how you ought to _____ every man (Colossians 4:5-6).

For the Lord _____: out if His mouth cometh knowledge, and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for righteous, He is a buckler (shield) to them that _____. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and _____ the way of His saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment (justice), and equity yea, every good path. When _____ entereth into thine _____, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall _____ thee, understanding shall _____ thee. To deliver thee from the way of the _____, from the man that speaketh froward things (Proverbs 2:6-12).

Behold thou desirest truth in the _____ parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to _____ (Psalm 51:6).

For God _____ to a man that is _____ that is good in His sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner He _____, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is also is vanity and vexation of spirit (Ecclesiastes 2:26).

O the _____ of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How _____ are his judgments, and His ways _____! (Romans 11:33).

Evil men understand NOT judgment: but they that _____ understand _____ (Proverbs 28:5).

And _____ that the son of God is come, and hath given us an _____, that we may _____ him that is true, even in his Son _____. This is the true God, and _____ (1 John 5:20).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 23.

HOW TALL WOULD YOU BE IF YOU COULD MEASURE
YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY?
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Lesson #19

What does the Bible say about spiritual growth?

Wherefore _____ all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, As newborn babes, desire the sincere (pure) milk of the word, that ye may _____ : If so be you have tasted that the Lord is gracious (1 Peter 2:1-3).

Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing you are dull of hearing. For when for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that _____ again which be the first principles of the oracles (sayings) of God: and are become such as have, need of milk, and not of strong meat (solid food). For _____ that useth (partakes of) milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe, But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age (mature), even those who by reason of use (practice) have senses exercised (trained) to discern both _____ and _____ (Hebrews 5:11-14).

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think (meditate) on these things (Philippians 4:8).

Did your parents ever say to you, “You will understand when you grow up,” or, “It will all make sense when you are older?” Today’s lesson passage deals with the level of understanding that comes with maturity – spiritual maturity, that is. Hebrews 11:5 is addressed to a group of believers who have become “dull of hearing.” The verse that follows tells us that these people should be teachers instead of hearers because they have heard the truth and know it; instead, they are like babies who need milk and are not ready for solid food. Verses 12-14 conclude the discussion in this way: “But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good from evil.”

What does it mean to “train your senses”— to discern good from evil? It means that as you seek to become a mature Christian, you should trust the Holy Spirit to help you filter the things that enter your life through His wisdom. It should be your goal to SEE, HEAR, and FEEL things as God does and to respond in a way that will be pleasing to Him. Though true Christian maturity requires time, growth, and experience, you should always be moving forward instead of backward in your walk with the Lord. Spiritual discernment is a natural result of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Prove _____; hold fast that which is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Today’s Bible reading is Psalm chapter 24.

TEST
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Lesson #20

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. What upsets you more? Work Missing family Loss of freedom Friend in Hell
2. What makes you the most excited? New car Money Special gift Becoming free Getting saved
3. What do you think most about? Freedom Good health Dying Going to Hell Going to Heaven
4. When you help others, how do you feel? Bad You have to You're serving God Why me?
5. What comes to mind when thinking about love? Wife Friend Mother God Children
6. How does money make you feel? Happy Sad Want more Worry about not having Trusting God
7. In whom do you trust? Others Government Self Mother God Wife
8. Who or what controls you? Government God Wife Money Self
9. What must you do to be saved? Live a good life Don't sin Go to church Believe on the Lord Jesus
10. To go to Heaven, you must do what? Confess sins to a priest Help others Go to church Be born again
11. Who will be in Hell? Those who skip church Liars Do gooders Believers
12. Who/what paid for your sins? Good works Giving your time Helping others Jesus Money
13. What should do you do when you sin? Confess your sins to priest Forget them Confess them to Jesus
14. Where do you go when you have troubles? Best friend Mother God Wife Good lawyer
15. What happens when you are broken? Get mad Give up Get drugs Pray Cry Don't talk
16. To deny yourself, you must do what? Not buy anything for yourself Think about others Put God first
17. To have faith you must do what? Do things on your own Read the Bible Trust God and His Word

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 25.

“WHO” IS GOD THE FATHER?
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Lesson #21

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The two essential and personal names of God in the Hebrew Scriptures are Elohim and Jehovah (more correctly Yahweh); the former calls attention to the fullness of divine power; the latter means “He who is.” In the English version it means “God Almighty,” “The Living God,” “The Most High,” “The Lord,” “The God of Hosts.” “Lord” is used as a proper name of God only.

What does the Bible say about the Lord God?

The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with _____, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the _____ also is _____, that it cannot be _____ (shaken) (Psalm 93:1).

For the Lord is _____, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above _____ . For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord _____ the _____. Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary (Psalm 96:4-6).

For thou, Lord, art high _____ : thou art exalted far above _____. You that love the Lord, hate _____ : He preserveth the _____ of His saints: He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked (Psalm 97:9-10).

Exalt you the Lord our God, and _____ at his footstool; for He is _____ (Psalm 99:5).

Know you that the Lord, He is God: it is he that hath _____, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be _____ unto _____, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His _____ is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations (Psalm 100:3-5).

He is not the God of the _____, but God of the _____: you therefore do greatly err (are greatly deceived) (Mark 12:27).

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship him in _____ and in _____ (John 4:24).

What shall we the say to these things? If _____, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for _____, how shall He not with Him also freely _____ all things (Romans 8:31-32).

He that _____ knoweth not God: for God is _____ (1 John 4:8).

I am the Alpha and Omega, the _____, the first and the last (Revelation 22:13).

Today’s Bible reading is Psalm chapter 26.

A FRESH ENCOUNTER WITH GOD AND “WHO” HE IS

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Booklet #2

Lesson #22

What does the Bible say about praising the Lord?

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is _____, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his _____: Who forgiveth _____ thine _____; who healeth all thy diseases; Who _____ thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with _____ and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with _____; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for _____ that are _____. He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel (Psalm 103:1-7).

The Lord is merciful and gracious, _____, and plenteous in mercy. He will _____ always chide (strive): neither will He keep His _____ forever. He hath not dealt with us _____; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities (Psalm 103:8-10).

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so _____ is His _____ (lovingkindness) toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He _____ our _____ from us. For He knoweth our frame (understands our constitution); He remembereth that we are _____ (Psalm 103:11-14).

As for man, his _____ are as _____: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is _____; and the place there of shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from _____ to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; To such as _____ his _____, and to those that remember His commandments to do them (Psalm 103:15-18).

The Lord hath prepared His throne _____; and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, you His angels, that excel in strength, that do hi _____, hearkening unto the voice of His word. Bless you the Lord, all you His hosts; ye ministers (servants) of His, that do his _____. Bless the Lord, all His works in _____ place of his _____: _____ the Lord, O my _____ (Psalm 103:19-22).

Read Psalm 104 and list the things that the Lord cares for in His creation.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 27.

“WHO” IS GOD’S SON? “WHAT” IS HIS NAME? “JESUS”

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Lesson #23

What does the Bible say about God’s Son?

In the _____ was the Word (Jesus), and the Word (Jesus) was with God, and the Word (Jesus) was God. The same was in the beginning with God. _____ THINGS were _____; and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1:1-3).

And we have seen and do testify that the Father _____ to be the Saviour of the world. _____ shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in Him, and he in God. And _____ have _____ and _____ the love that God hath to us, God is love; and he that dwelleth (abides) in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Herein is our love made _____, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:14-17).

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt _____: for he shall save his _____ from their _____. Now, all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, _____ shall be with child, and shall bring forth a _____, and they shall call, His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is “God _____” (Matthew 1:21-23).

For God so _____ the world, that He gave _____ begotten Son, that _____ believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Jesus said, For I came down from heaven, not to do _____ own will, _____ of Him (God the Father) that _____ me (John 6:38).

From that time many of His disciples went back (away), and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, _____. Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of _____. And we believe and are _____ *that thou art that Christ*, the Son of the _____ God (John 6:66-69).

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, *Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?* And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one the prophets. He saith unto them, *But whom say you that I am.* And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the _____, the _____ of the _____ (Matthew 16:13-16).

Whom do you say Jesus is?

Today’s reading is John chapter 5:19-47.

JESUS THE SON OF GOD: WHERE IS HE NOW? (PART I)

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Booklet #2

Lesson #24

What does the Bible say about Jesus' death and resurrection?

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is _____: That at the name of Jesus _____ knee shall _____, of things in earth, and things under the earth. And that _____ should _____ that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9–11).

Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall _____ unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn _____, and shall deliver Him to Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day he _____ (Matthew 20:18-19).

Then saith He (Jesus) unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even _____: tarry you here, and watch with me. And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and _____, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as _____, but as _____ (Matthew 26:38–39).

Notice: in this verse, Jesus calls out to His Father. Also, Jesus knew that the sins of the world would be upon Him and that His Father could not look upon sin, so His Father would not be looking upon Him. This was the first and only time the two would be parted.

And they _____ Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, they parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture (clothing) did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched Him there; And set up _____ His accusation written, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Then were there two thieves crucified with Him one on the right hand, and another on the left (Matthew 27:35–38).

Now from the sixth hour there was _____ over _____ the land unto the ninth hour, And about the ninth hour Jesus _____ with a loud voice, saying, E-li, E-li, La-ma Sa-bach-tha-ni? That is to say, *My God, my God. Why Hast Thou _____ Me?* (Matthew 27:45-46).

And when they _____, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great (large). And entering into the sepulchre, they _____ a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye _____ of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is _____; He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him (Mark 16:4-6).

And that he was _____, and that he _____ the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was _____ of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, He was seen of _____ brethren at once of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep (have died) (1 Corinthians 15:4–6).

Today's Bible reading is Matthew chapter 27.

JESUS THE SON OF GOD: WHERE IS HE NOW? (PART II)

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Booklet #2

Lesson #25

What happened after Jesus rose from the dead?

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rab-bo-ni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, _____: for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to _____ God, and _____ God (John 20:16-17).

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were _____ where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and _____ in the _____, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He _____ unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples _____, when they _____ the Lord (John 20:19-20).

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Did-y-mus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have _____ the _____. But he said unto them, Except I shall see his hands the _____ of the _____, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my _____; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into _____: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have _____ (John 20:24-29).

Where is Jesus now, and what is He doing?

Let not your heart be _____: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place _____. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:1-3).

And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was _____; and a cloud received Him out of their _____. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he _____, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into _____? This _____, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so _____ in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven (Acts 1:9-11).

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the _____, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in _____ tempted like as _____, yet without sin. Let us therefore come _____ unto the throne of grace, that we may _____, and find _____ to help in time of _____ (Hebrews 4:14-16).

The Bible says, in I Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." This means that no man or priest on earth can be a mediator between us and God.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 28.

“WHO” IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHERE DOES HE LIVE?

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Booklet #2

Lesson #26

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The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. Scriptural designations given to the Holy Spirit are as follows: “the Holy Ghost,” “the Holy Spirit,” “the Spirit,” “the Spirit of the Lord,” “the Spirit of God,” and “the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” Understanding the Holy Spirit is about as difficult as understanding the Trinity or the existence of God as a purely spiritual being. The difficulty arises from the narrow limits of the human understanding. Nevertheless, the Scriptures bring to us their definite truth. The Holy Spirit is a person distinct from the Father and the Son, Jesus, though united to both in the mysterious oneness of the Godhead. He is not simple as some have believed at various periods of the history of the church.

And I will pray to the Father, and He shall _____ you another _____ (helper), that He may abide with you _____; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot _____, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but you know Him; for He dwelleth _____, and shall be _____. I will not leave you _____; I will _____ (John 14:16-18).

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall _____ you all things, and bring _____ to your _____, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will _____ from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear _____, because you have been with me from the _____ (John 15:26-27).

But it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by _____: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the _____ things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save (except) the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth _____, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the _____ which is of _____; that we _____ the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth; but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural (lost) man _____ the things of the _____ of _____: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he _____ them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of _____. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the _____ of _____ (1 Corinthians 2:9-16).

Today’s Bible reading is Psalm chapter 29.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE THIRD PERSON IN THE GODHEAD

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Booklet #2

Lesson #27

When I trusted Christ, my perception of who I am was not transformed automatically. I did not enjoy immediate victory over the deep scars of my past. However, when I trusted Christ, I received the Holy Spirit, who has helped heal the old wounds and has helped restore true identity. From that point on, I have experienced a process of growth toward seeing myself through God's eyes and learning to behave accordingly. The positive changes I find in myself today seem almost unbelievable.

Still, after all these years, the process continues. I still sin and make mistakes, and I will until I die, but when you become a Christian, you become a new person inside. The process of understanding your true self begins. The Bible tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

If you are like me, you've wished that some external things about your past would change. You may also have some past experience that you wish would disappear. But the newness the Bible talks about is spiritual in nature. It describes the internal changes that begin to affect us as we start to grow spiritually in the weeks and months after our conversion. We come to see ourselves as God sees us, through an ongoing relationship with Him and the help of the Holy Spirit.

A new heart also will _____, and a new Spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the _____ out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of _____. And I will put My _____, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (weaknesses) for we know now what we _____ for as we ought: but the _____ itself maketh _____ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that _____ the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the _____ of _____. And we know that _____ things work together _____ to them that love God, to _____ who are the _____ according to His purpose (Romans 8:26-28).

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not _____ the _____ of the _____. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are _____ the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would (Galatians 5:16-17).

In whom ye also _____, after that ye heard the _____ of _____, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, ye were _____ with that Holy Spirit of promise. Which is the earnest (deposit) of our inheritance until the _____ (deliverance) of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His _____ (Ephesians 1:13-14).

What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are NOT YOUR OWN? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 30.

AM I SAVED? CLEARING UP YOUR SALVATION

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Booklet #2

Lesson #28

We have all had spiritual lows before — times when we were living the Christian high life, and suddenly we found ourselves committing the most unbelievable sinful acts. Sometimes, in the suddenness of guilt, we lower our heads and say, “I can’t believe I did that. Surely I wouldn’t have done it if I really were a Christian. I must not know Jesus after all.”

It is during these times when we do not “feel” very saved. Our guilt-ridden consciences override our understanding of the Gospel, and the result is that we begin to question our salvation. This is a dangerous predicament.

The problem with this outlook is that it is based on feelings rather than on God’s covenant or His infallible Word. The fact is that our feelings change from moment to moment. It is unwise to base spiritual decisions on such a fluid foundation.

For a born-again Christian to say, “I do not feel saved today,” is misleading. Christianity is much like a marriage commitment. A husband saying, “I do not feel married” does not undo his wedding vows. Likewise, we do not operate on the basis of our feelings, but on the basis of our position. If you have accepted Christ, then your position is that of a Christian. Do not allow your ever-changing feelings to rob you of the joy of your salvation.

What does the Bible say about being saved?

He that _____ on the _____ hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the _____ that God _____ of his _____. And this is the record, (testimony) that God hath given to us eternal life, 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 _____ on the name of the Son of God. And this is the _____ that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to _____ he heareth us. And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him (1 John 5:10-15).

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, (God) and walk in darkness, _____, and do not the truth: But if we _____, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ his son _____ from ALL _____. If we say that we have no sin, we _____ ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us, our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have _____, we make Him a liar, and His word is _____ (1 John 1:6-10).

Without repentance (the complete change of heart and mind away from sin and toward God), we would not be ready for the new life Christ came to offer. In our comfortable society, it is often easy to overlook this call to turn from sin. However, we still hear the call of the preachers saying, “Repent! Repent!” What sin in your life today have you hidden from God? Lay it at the foot of the cross and walk away. That is what repentance is all about.

Today’s Bible reading is Psalm chapter 31.

THE JUDGMENT TEST
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Take time to read 1st John chapter 5. In verse 13, God tells us, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may KNOW that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Can you judge yourself after reading these verses and determine that you have eternal life? Explain how you know that you have eternal life: _____

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. Notice the saying "ACCORDING TO HIS WILL."

Can you truly say that when you pray, you ask for things according to His will? Explain how you pray:

Now that you have judged yourself and you can say that you know without a doubt that you are saved, you can do the following to know for sure that you are saved.

"FIVE STEPS TO HEAVEN"

Step 1.

Acknowledge that you have sinned. (Romans 3:10 and 23)

Step 2

Realize there is a penalty for sin. (Romans 6:23.)

Step 3

Acknowledge that Jesus Christ paid the penalty of sin for you. (Romans 5:8)

Step 4

Realize that God now wants to give you a gift of eternal life in heaven. (Romans 6:23)

Step 5

You must believe that Jesus is the Lord, and ask Him to save you in order to have eternal life in heaven (Romans 19:9 and Romans 10:13).

Today's Bible reading is James chapter 4.

"Submit yourself therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

New Life Christian Growth Series—Christianity 101

*****Booklet #2 Review (Pages 37-38)*****

Instructions: After you complete pages 7-36 of this Booklet, please answer the following questions to share what you have learned. When you are all done, please mail pages 37-38 ONLY, back to: Mountain State Ministries, P.O. Box 217, Springfield, WV 26763. When we receive it, we will review your answers and then return it with the final lesson in this series.

Today's Date: ____/____/_____

My Full Name: _____

My Address: _____

What did Jesus go through for you? _____

Do you want to live fully for Jesus? _____

If you denied yourself, took up your cross, and followed Jesus fully, would your life be different from many people around you and different than it now is? If so, how? _____

We know from the Bible that salvation does not come by works, but by faith in Jesus. What part do works play in the life of a Christian, according to the Bible? _____

What are some characteristics of a Biblical church according to the Bible? _____

Explain how someone can be separate from the world outwardly, but not inwardly. For example, the Pharisees were different from many of the Jews outwardly, but Jesus called them hypocrites because they were just like the world inwardly—in their hearts. How is this true today? _____

Are you sure that you have been saved? Are you clean on the inside—in the heart, having been changed by the Holy Spirit? If not, will you now trust in Jesus alone? _____

Do you have any questions that we can try to answer for you about these lessons or help you in any way?

How can we pray for you? _____

If it is your desire to have a Bible lesson sent to your loved ones and friends or if you want to share the love of God with them and help them to live for Jesus, please fill out the following.

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