



# New Life Christian Growth Series

## “Christianity 101”

### Booklet #3

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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.
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. NOTE: The individual lessons are designed to be completed daily so you can meditate on the material.
3. As soon as we receive your completed review pages, we will grade it and send it back to you, along with your certificate of completion. 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.
4. The next series is our Verse by Verse study of the Book of John. There are four booklets in the series and you will receive a certificate of completion after you have completed all four the booklets in the series.

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**M**ountain 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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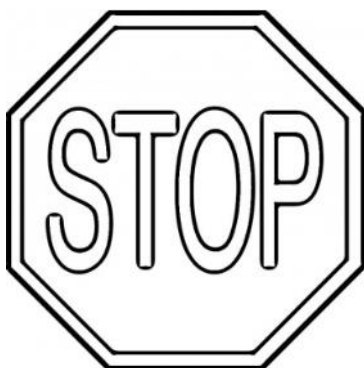
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**\*\*\*\*\* INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR BIBLE LESSONS \*\*\*\*\***

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- 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*

**THE CHRISTIAN HOME (PART I)**  
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**Lesson #1**

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*Marriage and the home are ordained of God. The Lord Jesus Himself endorsed marriage as a holy and divine institution. God sees marriage as an irrevocable contract between a man and a woman that makes their new relationship the most important human relationship in life. Marriage then becomes a complete commitment and a total sharing of the one person with another person until death. Christ desires to be the head of the home, as well as of your life. A Bible standard must be accepted for a happy, successful Christian marriage and home.*

*What does the Bible say about marriage?*

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a \_\_\_\_\_, and brought her unto man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore shall a man \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_, and shall cleave (be joined) unto his \_\_\_\_\_: and they shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:22-24).

But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain (two) shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore \_\_\_\_\_, let not \_\_\_\_\_ put asunder (separate) (Mark 10:6-9).

So ought men to \_\_\_\_\_ as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife \_\_\_\_\_ . For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man \_\_\_\_\_ his father and mother, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular \_\_\_\_\_ even as \_\_\_\_\_; and the \_\_\_\_\_ see that she \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:28-33).

But if any \_\_\_\_\_ for his own, and specially for those for of \_\_\_\_\_, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (unbeliever) (1 Timothy 5:8).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 32.**



## THE CHRISTIAN HOME (PART II)

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#### Lesson #2

Lucy's relationship with her husband was in jeopardy. The once happily married pair now engaged in heated arguments and disputes several times per day. When the tension reached an all-time high, Lucy decided to take action. Picking up the phone, she began a series of calls to her mother, her sister, a friend from school, several co-workers, and her neighbor. She described her situation to each of them and asked for their advice. "See a therapist and read this book"; "Watch this television show"; "Just try to relax and think positively." Each person replied with a different solution. Not wanting to insult anyone, Lucy tried all of her friends' suggestions. Yet, after completing the recommended tasks, she realized that her initial conflict remained.

When difficult situations enter our lives, there is truly only one solution. Before we seek counsel from others, we must first reach out to God. No matter how large or small the issue may be, He is intimately concerned about - and absolutely greater than - all of our problems (Ephesians 1:19-20).

Sometimes God's plan for our lives may lead us to follow practical courses of action. However, it is vitally important that we seek His will above our own and follow His direction instead of what may "feel" or "seem" right according to the world. Faith, confidence in each other, fellowship, and companionship are essential and important for a successful, happy marriage.

*What does the Bible say about marriage?*

For the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in \_\_\_\_\_ . Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_, even as Christ also loved the church, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself for it (Ephesians 5:23-25).

Except the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he \_\_\_\_\_ his beloved \_\_\_\_\_. Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. \_\_\_\_\_ is the man that hath his \_\_\_\_\_ of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate (Psalm 127:1-5).

Marriage is honorable in all, and the \_\_\_\_\_ but whoremongers and adulterers God will \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13:4).

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but to do the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:2).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 33.**

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**Lesson #3**

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*Parents should establish a daily family Bible time to show their children that the Word of God is important in their home, and the father should be the one to lead. Remember, the family that prays together, stays together.*

*What does the Bible say about family?*

Parents are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the way he should go: and when \_\_\_\_\_, he will not \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 22:6).

And thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with all thine \_\_\_\_\_, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_: And these words, which I \_\_\_\_\_ thee this day, shall be in thine \_\_\_\_\_: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto \_\_\_\_\_, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in \_\_\_\_\_, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

Wives, submit yourselves unto your \_\_\_\_\_, as it is fit (acceptable) in the Lord. Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_, and be not bitter against them. Children, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord (Colossians 3:18-20).

In I Corinthians 13:4-8, the Bible says that true love is shown by manifesting the following sixteen things. Please list the sixteen things below: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 34.**

# EIGHT STEPS TO BUILDING A WISE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR SPOUSE

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#### Lesson #4

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1. **Share Concerns and Interests:** *Mutual desires, along with a common understanding is the necessary beginning of any relationship. As a believer, you share a bond with your mate based on your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, so your hearts should be encouraged, having been knit together in love.*

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together \_\_\_\_\_ and unto all riches of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ (Colossians 2:2).

2. **Focus on Meeting your Mate's Needs and not Your Own:** *A self-serving relationship drives away the other person. God wants to bring you to a point of adequate completeness and contentment in Him.*

So ought men to love \_\_\_\_\_ as their \_\_\_\_\_.  
He that loveth his wife \_\_\_\_\_ . For this cause shall a man \_\_\_\_\_ his father and mother, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto his wife, and they two shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:28 and 31).

3. **Risk Rejection and Pain:** *Ask God to heal your hurts, and allow His love to flow through you as you open your heart to experience a rewarding and meaningful relationship with your mate.*

4. **Love Sacrificially:** *This means to give and expect nothing in return. It is the ability to give up your wants and wishes in order to please the other person and bring happiness. Are you showing God's love?*

5. **Be Open and Transparent:** *Without honesty and a willingness to share your thoughts and feelings, you shut out the opportunity for a mutual, rewarding relationship. A genuine mate will stand by you in good times and through difficulty, accepting you in love and understanding because you have expressed your inner thoughts, your needs, and your feelings.*

6. **Ask for Forgiveness and be Willing to Accept Forgiveness:** *Every person makes mistakes. What do you do when you are hurt? If Christ has freely forgiven you, how can you refuse to forgive someone? When you hurt someone, acknowledge the situation and sincerely seek his or her forgiveness.*

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, \_\_\_\_\_, even as God for Christ's sake \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:32).

7. **Accept Criticism and Praise:** *When you care about someone, you encourage that person with praise and kind words.*

8. **Allow Biblical Principles to Govern your Relationship:** *God's Word provides wisdom for every aspect of life. When you allow His word to govern your words, actions, and thoughts, you will be able to build and keep a relationship with your mate that is loving, loyal, devoted, and immeasurable.*

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 35.

# SIX STEPS TO FINDING CLEAR GUIDANCE FOR YOUR LIFE

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#### Lesson #5

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##### **1. Clear your Life of Sin:**

But if the wicked will turn from \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely \_\_\_\_\_, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath \_\_\_\_\_, they shall not be mentioned (remembered) unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live (Ezekiel 18:21-22).

If we confess our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

##### **2. Seek Patience:**

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_: be of good courage, and he \_\_\_\_\_ thine \_\_\_\_\_: wait, I say, on the Lord (Psalm 27:14).

Yea, let \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 25:3).

##### **3. Be Alert of Pressures: *Be aware of pressure from people. Don't listen to every opinion, pressure from your circumstances, pressure from inward fear, or pressure from how you were raised.***

If any of you lack wisdom, \_\_\_\_\_ that giveth to \_\_\_\_\_ liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him (James 1:5).

##### **4. Persist in Prayer: *Tell God that you need help, and that you want to do His will for your life.***

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy \_\_\_\_\_, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy \_\_\_\_\_ which is in \_\_\_\_\_; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:6).

##### **5. Rest in God's Promises: *Search God's word, and read the Bible every day.***

I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee and \_\_\_\_\_ thee in the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_: I will guide Thee with mine eye (Psalm 32:8).

##### **6. Wait for the Peace from God: *He will give you a peace that you cannot explain.***

My soul, wait thou \_\_\_\_\_; for my expectation (hope) is from Him. He is my rock and my salvation: He is my \_\_\_\_\_; I shall not be moved (Psalm 62:5-6).

Wait on the Lord: be of \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall \_\_\_\_\_: wait, I say on the Lord (Psalm 27:14).

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He \_\_\_\_\_ unto me, and heard \_\_\_\_\_. He brought me \_\_\_\_\_ also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my \_\_\_\_\_ upon a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ my goings (Psalm 40:1-2).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 36.**

# FINDING CLEAR GUIDANCE FOR YOUR LIFE

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*It is wise to wait upon the Lord in order to receive His clear direction for our lives — to keep in step with His timing, to prepare us for what He what He wants to give us in life, and to sift our motives. But how are we to wait? What should be the attitude with which we wait? God expects us to wait in the following five ways:*

**Patiently.** *Making quick decisions often means making wrong decisions and forcing action when God is planning a different approach and outcome. As difficult as it may seem, we must wait until we are certain God has spoken to us.*

**Quietly.** *We cannot hear God's still, small voice when we drown Him out with our clamorous anxiety.*

**Full of Trust.** *Doubting God prevents what He wants to do in your life and for you. His Word and His promises are unfailingly true, and it honors Him when you live out your faith in trust and confidence in Him.*

**Steadfastly.** *It can be very tempting to act on impulse or to follow the advice of others. While God may use other people or circumstances to lead you, what you are hearing or experiencing must always square with God's Word.*

**Courageously.** *Sometimes waiting requires the courage to suffer through difficult or harsh circumstances. God often strengthens us through trials, increasing our faith even as His hand undergirds us. He asks us to lay aside our anxiety and know that He has our very best in mind.*

Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19).

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness \_\_\_\_\_; for in thee do I trust: cause me to \_\_\_\_\_ wherein I should \_\_\_\_\_; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to \_\_\_\_\_ to do thy \_\_\_\_\_: for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken (revive) me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness sake bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_. And of thy mercy \_\_\_\_\_ mine \_\_\_\_\_, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant (Psalm 143:8-12).

O Lord thou art my God; \_\_\_\_\_ thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thy \_\_\_\_\_, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary (Psalm 63:1-2).

Make me to \_\_\_\_\_ of thy commandments: for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn \_\_\_\_\_ mine \_\_\_\_\_ from beholding vanity (looking at worthless things) and quicken thou me in \_\_\_\_\_. Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my \_\_\_\_\_ which I fear: for thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness (Psalm 119:35-40).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 37.**

# **WHERE WILL YOU BE TOMORROW?**

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#### **Lesson #7**

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#### *What does the Bible say about "Tomorrow"?*

Go to now, ye that say, \_\_\_\_\_ we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and \_\_\_\_\_: (make a profit): Whereas ye know now what shall be \_\_\_\_\_. For what is your life? It is even a \_\_\_\_\_, that appeareth for a \_\_\_\_\_, and then \_\_\_\_\_. For that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that (James 4:13-15).

As for man, his \_\_\_\_\_ are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is \_\_\_\_\_; and the place thereof shall know it no more (not remember it). But the mercy of the Lord is from \_\_\_\_\_ upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his \_\_\_\_\_, and to those that remember His commandments to do them (Psalm 103:15-18).

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou \_\_\_\_\_ what a day may bring forth (Proverbs 27:1).

Lay not up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth, where moth and rust doth \_\_\_\_\_ and where thieves break through and \_\_\_\_\_: But \_\_\_\_\_ for yourselves treasures in \_\_\_\_\_, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your \_\_\_\_\_ be also (Matthew 6:19-21).

Let us \_\_\_\_\_ the conclusion of the whole matter: \_\_\_\_\_, and keep His commandments: for this is the \_\_\_\_\_. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every \_\_\_\_\_ whether it be good, or whether it be evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

And as it is \_\_\_\_\_ once to die, but after this the judgment; So Christ was once offered to bear the \_\_\_\_\_ (on the cross): and unto them that look (eagerly wait) for Him shall He (Jesus) \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ without sin unto salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28).

Yea, though I \_\_\_\_\_ through the valley of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, I will fear no evil: for \_\_\_\_\_; thy rod and thy staff they \_\_\_\_\_ me (Psalm 23:4).

He (Jesus) will \_\_\_\_\_ in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away \_\_\_\_\_ from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 25:8).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 38.**

# WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? HEAVEN OR HELL? (PART I)

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#### Lesson #8

Scripture evidently specifies three heavens, since "the third heaven" is revealed to exist (II Corinthians 12:2). It is logical that a third heaven cannot exist without a first and second. Scripture does not describe specifically the first and second heaven. The first, however, apparently refers to the atmospheric heavens of the fowl (Hosea 2:18). The second heaven may be the stellar spaces; it is the abode of all supernatural angelic beings (Genesis 1:14-18). The third heaven is the abode of the Triune God.

#### What does the Bible say about Heaven?

In my Father's house are \_\_\_\_\_: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will \_\_\_\_\_, and receive you unto myself; that where I \_\_\_\_\_ there ye may \_\_\_\_\_, And whither I go ye \_\_\_\_\_, and the way ye \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:2-4).

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ (if you are a Christian) (II Corinthians 5:8).

For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that \_\_\_\_\_ should not perish, but have \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:16).

Heaven is my \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ is my Footstool: What house will you build me? Saith the Lord: or what is the place of My Rest? Hath not \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_? (Acts 7:49-50).

And He (Jesus) lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said Blessed be you poor: for yours is the \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are you that hunger now: for you shall \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are you that weep now: for ye shall \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are ye, when men shall \_\_\_\_\_ you, and when they shall \_\_\_\_\_ you from their company, and shall reproach you, and \_\_\_\_\_ your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that \_\_\_\_\_ and leap for \_\_\_\_\_: behold, your \_\_\_\_\_ is great in \_\_\_\_\_: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets (Luke 6:20-23).

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were \_\_\_\_\_ that did \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God (Psalm 14:2).

For as the heaven is \_\_\_\_\_, so great is His \_\_\_\_\_ toward them that \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Psalm 103:11).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 39.**

# WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? HEAVEN OR HELL? (PART II)

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#### Lesson #9

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##### *What does the Bible say about Heaven?*

These things have I written unto you that \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the Son of God; that you may KNOW that \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:13).

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we \_\_\_\_\_ not at the things which are \_\_\_\_\_, but at the things which are \_\_\_\_\_: for the things which are \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_; but the things which are \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 4:17-18).

And I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from \_\_\_\_\_ out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Revelation 21:1-2).

And God shall \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes; and there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, neither shall there be any more \_\_\_\_\_: for the former things are \_\_\_\_\_ away (Revelation 21:4).

And He carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that \_\_\_\_\_ city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of the heaven from God, having the glory of God and her light was like unto a \_\_\_\_\_, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal: And had a wall great and high, and had \_\_\_\_\_, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve \_\_\_\_\_, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And He that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth four square, and the \_\_\_\_\_ is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_: and he measured the city with the reed, \_\_\_\_\_ (2,640,000 feet).

The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (216 feet), according to the measure of a man, that is, to the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was \_\_\_\_\_, like unto \_\_\_\_\_. And the foundation of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of \_\_\_\_\_. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonix; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, veryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve \_\_\_\_\_; every several gate was of one pearl: and the streets of the city were \_\_\_\_\_, as it were transparent \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 21:10-21).

##### *Why would people not want to go to heaven?*

**Today's Bible reading is Revelation chapter 21.**



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##### *What does the Bible say about Heaven?*

Then said one unto Him, Lord, are there \_\_\_\_\_ that be \_\_\_\_\_? And He said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate (narrow): for many, I say unto you, will \_\_\_\_\_ to enter in, and shall not be \_\_\_\_\_. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and you begin to stand without (outside), and to knock at the door, saying, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know \_\_\_\_\_ whence you are (where you are from): Then shall you begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ in our streets. But He shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence you are; \_\_\_\_\_, all ye workers of \_\_\_\_\_. There shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves \_\_\_\_\_. And they shall come from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last (Luke 13:23-30).

Not \_\_\_\_\_ that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_, which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not \_\_\_\_\_ (preached) in thy name? And in thy name done many \_\_\_\_\_? And then will I profess unto them, \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ from me, you that work iniquity (Matthew 7:21-23).

For there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_, that shall not be \_\_\_\_\_; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in \_\_\_\_\_ shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ upon the housetops. And I say unto you my friends, be not \_\_\_\_\_ of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast \_\_\_\_\_; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not \_\_\_\_\_ of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head \_\_\_\_\_ Fear not therefore: you are of \_\_\_\_\_ than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ before men, him shall the Son of man \_\_\_\_\_ before the angels of God (Luke 12:2-8).

*On the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished." He paid the price for our sins. For thirty-three years, He had lived a spotless, blameless life that we all have failed to live. Then, on the cross He offered up that holy life to atone for our sins. When He shed His blood for sinful men and women, the great sacrifice was finished, which makes it possible for all who believe to come to God; and yet one thing was left: He must rise from the dead. But Christ did rise, gaining victory over death. Hallelujah, what a Savior! Do you know Him? Will you be with Him in Heaven some day?*

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 40.**

# WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? HEAVEN OR HELL? (PART IV)

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**Hell:** *A term which in common usage designates the place of future punishment for the wicked. There are three words in the original Scriptures rendered "Hell" in the English.*

**Sheol:** *In the Old Testament this word occurs sixty-five times. It is translated thirty-five times "grave," thirty-one times "Hell," and three times "pit."*

**Hades:** *One of the New Testament terms rendered "Hell," like the Old Testament "sheol," is comprehensive and has a quite similar significance. It refers to the underworld, or region of the departed, the intermediate state between death and the resurrection. The word occurs eleven times in the New Testament. The Bible doctrine of Hell is by no means confined to the terms above mentioned. There are many phrases in which the overshadowing idea is presented with great distinctness, such as "unquenchable fire," "the blackness of darkness," "furnace of fire," "torment in fire and brimstone," "the smoke of their torment," "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone," "where the worm dieth not," and "the place prepared for the devil and his angels." There is no doubt that Holy Scripture requires us to believe in a place called "Hell," the place of punishment. The different images under which it is represented must be taken literally; it is a real place. Perhaps you need to be warned against opinions of many preachers that "Hell" is not real and cannot be taken literally. Remember, it is not what man thinks or says, but what does the Bible say?*

*What does the Bible say about Hell?*

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 12:40).

And he (one of the malefactors which hanged with Jesus) said unto Jesus, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, \_\_\_\_\_ in paradise (Luke 23:42-43).

And beside all this, \_\_\_\_\_ and you there is a \_\_\_\_\_ fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence (Luke 16:26).

*At this time paradise was beside Hell, with a gulf fixed between them, in the heart of the earth.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast \_\_\_\_\_, that I should not \_\_\_\_\_ to the pit (Hell) (Psalm 30:3).

Jesus said I am \_\_\_\_\_ and was dead; and, behold, \_\_\_\_\_, Amen; and have the \_\_\_\_\_ of Hell and of death (Revelation 1:18).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 41.**

# WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? HEAVEN OR HELL? (PART V)

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##### *What does the Bible say about Hell?*

There was a certain \_\_\_\_\_, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain \_\_\_\_\_ named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the \_\_\_\_\_ and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar \_\_\_\_\_, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also \_\_\_\_\_, and was buried (Luke 16:20-22).

##### *The beggar died "and was carried by the angels," and the rich man died and was buried.*

And in Hell he (the rich man) \_\_\_\_\_, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom (paradise). And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have \_\_\_\_\_, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and \_\_\_\_\_; for I am \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 16:23-24).

***In Hell, the rich man had feelings ("being in torments"), he had knowledge (he knew Lazarus), and he could speak (He said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me."). He had a body (eyes, finger, tongue, mouth, voice), and it was hot (just one drop of water to cool his tongue).***

But Abraham said, Son remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is \_\_\_\_\_, and thou art \_\_\_\_\_. And beside all this, between us and you there is a \_\_\_\_\_: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, Father, that thou wouldest \_\_\_\_\_ to my Father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may \_\_\_\_\_, lest they also come into this place of \_\_\_\_\_. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, \_\_\_\_\_ . And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded; though one rose from the dead (Luke 16:25-31).

##### *The rich man was now concerned about his brothers; do you have brothers? Have you told them?*

He that overcometh shall inherit \_\_\_\_\_; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful (cowardly), and \_\_\_\_\_, and the abominable, and murderers, and \_\_\_\_\_, (sexually) and sorcerers, and idolaters, and \_\_\_\_\_, shall have their part in the lake which \_\_\_\_\_: which is the second death (Revelation 21:7-8).

**Today's Bible reading is Luke chapter 16.**

# **WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? HEAVEN OR HELL? (PART VI)**

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#### ***What does the Bible say about Hell?***

And if thy hand offend thee (makes you sin), cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to \_\_\_\_\_, into the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_: Where their \_\_\_\_\_, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt (lame) into life, than having two feet to \_\_\_\_\_, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-48).

And the devil that \_\_\_\_\_ was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the \_\_\_\_\_ (preachers) are, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, \_\_\_\_\_, stand before God; and the book was opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the \_\_\_\_\_ out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead, which were in it; and death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was \_\_\_\_\_ was cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 20:10-15).

The way of the wicked is an \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord: but He loveth him \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_. Correction is \_\_\_\_\_ unto him that \_\_\_\_\_: and he that hateth reproof shall die. Hell and destruction are \_\_\_\_\_: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? A scorner (scoffer) loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise. A \_\_\_\_\_ maketh a \_\_\_\_\_: (face) but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 15:9-13).

Even so the \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth (sets on fire)! And the \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it \_\_\_\_\_, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set in fire of Hell for every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison (James 3:5-8).

***How long is eternity? You will spend it somewhere.***

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 42.**

# THE GREATEST OF ALL FALLEN SPIRITS (MATTHEW 4:8-11)

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Scripture uses many names for Satan. Some examples of names used in the Bible to address Satan are the "Devil," "Dragon," "Evil One," "Angel of the Bottomless Pit," "Prince of this World," "Prince of the Power of the Air," "God of this World," "Apollyon," "Abaddon," "Belial," and "Beelzebub." But Satan and Devil are the names most frequently given. Satan, the supreme evil spirit, is referred to in the New Testament under the name of Devil.

#### What does the Bible say about Satan?

How art thou \_\_\_\_\_, O Lucifer, (devil) son of the morning!  
How art thou \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, which didst weaken the nations!  
For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ above  
the \_\_\_\_\_: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the  
sides of the North: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Yet thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the pit (Isaiah 14:12-15).

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, which  
\_\_\_\_\_: he was cast out into the earth,  
and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and  
the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our brethren is  
\_\_\_\_\_, which accused them before our God day and night (Revelation 12:9-10).

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father you will do. He was a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and abode not in the \_\_\_\_\_, because there is no truth in  
him. When \_\_\_\_\_, be speaketh of his own: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of it (John 8:44).

Be sober, be vigilant: because \_\_\_\_\_,  
as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom \_\_\_\_\_: Whom resist  
stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished (experienced by) in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that are in the \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 5:8-9).

He that committeth (practices) sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the \_\_\_\_\_,  
for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that \_\_\_\_\_ the  
works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit (practice) sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot  
sin, because he is \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 3:8-9).

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed (transforms himself) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 11:14).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 43.**

# WE ARE OPPOSED BY INVISIBLE FOES (PART I)

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*As we learn what the Bible says about angels, we also discover that we have enemies in the spirit world. A large number of evil spirits hate God. This hatred motivates these demons to do all they can to frustrate His loving purposes for mankind. The Bible refers to the devil as our adversary (1 Peter 5:8) and our enemy (Matthew 13:39) and pictures his followers as an organized and powerful army (Ephesians 6:12).*

*Let's now look at what these demons do and at what we can do to counterattack and defeat them:*

**1. They Oppose God and His People:** *Under their leader, Satan, demons do all they can to keep God from carrying out His plans and purposes. Remember, the devil is our "adversary," the "enemy" (1 Peter 5:8).*

The field is the world; the \_\_\_\_\_ are the children (Christians) of the kingdom; but the \_\_\_\_\_ are the children (lost people) of the wicked one; The \_\_\_\_\_ that sowed them is \_\_\_\_\_: the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_; so shall it be in the end of this world. The head of a vast host of evil beings against whom we must "wrestle" (Matthew 13:38-40).

For we wrestle not against \_\_\_\_\_, but against principalities, against powers, against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).

**2. They slander God and His People:** *Under their leader, the devil ("slanderer"), demons do all they can to cast doubt on God's character and that of His people.*

Now the serpent (devil) was more subtle (cunning) than any beast of the field which the Lord God had \_\_\_\_\_. And he said unto the woman, yea hath God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ of it, neither shall ye \_\_\_\_\_, lest you die. And the serpent said unto the woman, you shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and ye shall be as \_\_\_\_\_, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:1-5).

**3. They Deceive the Unsaved and Try to Deceive Christians:** *Satan deceives the whole world, blinding the eyes of those who do not believe using "lying spirits," and sending "deceiving spirits" who promote "doctrines of demons" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).*

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall \_\_\_\_\_, giving heed to seducing (deceiving) \_\_\_\_\_, and doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to \_\_\_\_\_, and commanding to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (food), which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which \_\_\_\_\_ and know the \_\_\_\_\_. For every creature of God is good, and \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_, if it be received with \_\_\_\_\_; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer (1 Timothy 4:1-5).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 44.**

# WE ARE OPPOSED BY INVISIBLE FOES (PART II)

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*Test the spirits to see whether they are of God; Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God (1 John 4:1-3). In today's lesson, we will continue to see what demons do, and how we can counterattack and defeat them.*

#### **4. They Plant Evil Thoughts into the Minds of People.**

*Satan put it into David's mind to take a census of his people, undoubtedly motivated by pride (1 Chronicles 21:1). He was behind Peter's rebuke of Christ for announcing His approaching suffering and crucifixion (Matthew 16:22-23). He filled the mind of Judas with thoughts that led him to betray Christ (Luke 22:3; John 13:2), and he was involved in the lying done by Annanias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3). Demons play a large role in the mental processes of the false teachers.*

But there were \_\_\_\_\_ also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among \_\_\_\_\_, who privily (secretly) shall bring in damnable (destructive) heresies, even \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord that \_\_\_\_\_ them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ their pernicious (destructive) ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil (blasphemed) spoken of (2 Peter 2:1-2).

#### **5. They Take Over the Personality of Some People.**

*Demons made two men in Gergesa so fierce that people avoided the region (Matthew 8:28). They caused such severe convulsions in a boy that he often hurt himself as he fell. Their sinister purpose in taking control is indicated by the terms used to describe them: "unclean spirits," "evil spirits," and "the devil."*

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have \_\_\_\_\_ on my \_\_\_\_\_: for oftimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not \_\_\_\_\_. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. \_\_\_\_\_; and he departed out of him: and \_\_\_\_\_ from that very hour (Matthew 17:14-18).

#### **6. They Influence National Leaders.**

*The devil, who is the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) and the "god of this age" (2 Corinthians 4:4), used "a lying spirit" to lead King Ahab to his death (1 Kings 22:20-38), assigned a spirit being to control the leader of Persia (Daniel 10:10-21), and will lead armies of humans to fight against God and be slaughtered in the war of Armageddon.*

And I saw three \_\_\_\_\_ like frogs come out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the \_\_\_\_\_. For they are the spirits of \_\_\_\_\_, working miracles, which go forth unto the Kings of the earth and of the \_\_\_\_\_, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (Revelation 16:13-14).

*The Bible says to submit yourself to God, and resist the Devil. Then, the Devil will flee from you (James 4:7).*

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 45.**

# WE ARE OPPOSED BY INVISIBLE FOES (PART III)

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#### Lesson #17

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*Lucifer and those who follow him made one bad choice—one that determined their destiny. They will spend eternity in the lake of fire (Hell) forever and forever. Once again, in this lesson, we will continue to see what demons do and how we can counterattack and defeat them.*

#### 7. They Play a Role in Human Illnesses.

*Demons caused some to be mute (Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22), blind, deformed (Luke 13:11-17), convulsive (Matthew 17:15-19), and insane (Luke 8:27-29). Satan brought on Job's physical affliction (Job 2:6-8). Even if he doesn't bring on the affliction, as in the case of Paul's thorn, he may use the illness as his "messenger" of discouragement.*

And lest I should be \_\_\_\_\_ through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a \_\_\_\_\_, the messenger of Satan to buffet (beat) me, lest I should be exalted above measure (2 Corinthians 12:7).

#### 8. They Try to Pervert the Doctrine of Grace.

*The Bible refers to rules that forbid marriage and the eating of certain foods as coming from "seducing spirits," and called these regulations "doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1-5). The Bible expressed the concern that the devil, through his craftiness, may corrupt the minds of believers from the "simplicity that is in Christ." This was a reference to the teaching of those who insisted on circumcision and dietary restrictions as essential to salvation. The devil and his followers hate the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith with nothing else needed.*

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent (devil) \_\_\_\_\_ (deceived) Eve through his subtly (craftiness), so your \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_ from the simplicity that is in Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3).

#### 9. They try to distort the Biblical view of Jesus Christ.

*This fact lies behind the Bible's warning to "test the spirits," whether they are of God. Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.*

Beloved, \_\_\_\_\_, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because \_\_\_\_\_ (preachers) are gone out into the world. Hereby know you the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_: and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, whereof you heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1 John 4:1-3).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 46.**



# HOW CAN WE COUNTERATTACK THE ATTACKS OF THE DEVIL AND DEMONS?

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#### Lesson #18

Knowing what the enemy aims to do and how he executes his plan can be a liability; it can do nothing more than increase our fear and apprehension. It is beneficial, however, if we use the information to build a good defense and to strategize a counterattack. The Bible gave the following plan: “Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Wanting to do God’s will, humbly submitting to Him, and resisting the devil in God’s strength is the prescription for victory.

Put on the \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the wiles of the \_\_\_\_\_. For we \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the darkness of this \_\_\_\_\_, against \_\_\_\_\_ in high places. Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having **your loins girt about with truth**, having on the **breastplate of righteousness**, and having your **feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ fiery darts of the \_\_\_\_\_. And take **the helmet of salvation** and **the word of the Spirit**, which is the \_\_\_\_\_: Praying \_\_\_\_\_ with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints (Ephesians 6:11-18).

**We must also have on certain pieces of military equipment –“the whole armour of God.” Let’s look at each element of this armor and what it means to us in the battle against “the wiles of the devil.”**

**The Belt of Truth:** Since Satan and his demons depend on deceit to maintain their power, our first line of defense is always to be truthful. We must never distort or misrepresent the truth, regardless of any advance we might think we will gain by doing so.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness:** Any sin in our life leaves us open to demonic attack. Even though we are given the righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21), we must still continually put on the protection of holy living.

**The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:** With our feet firmly planted on the truth that we are at peace with God, we can stand resolutely against Satan’s attacks.

**The Shield of Faith:** In order to quench the “fiery darts” of Satan’s temptations, we must trust and believe what God’s Word says about every area of our life.

**The Helmet of Salvation:** This is the confidence that there is coming in the future a great victory celebration; it is also referred to as the “hope of salvation” (1 Thessalonians 5:8). This helmet protects us against Satan’s attack of discouragement and doubt.

**The Sword of the Spirit:** Since the Word of God is the basis of our Faith, we need to learn how to wield it with authority. Scripture is our best offensive weapon against the Devil (Matthew 4:1-11).

**Today’s Bible reading is Psalm chapter 47.**

# GETTING YOUR LIFE BACK ON COURSE

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*Getting off course in life is easy to do. While a slight miscalculation in navigating the high seas might not seem much for the first 20 nautical miles, it can land you on another continent a thousand miles later. So it is true with our walk with God.*

*If we become weary in life, it is easy to let down our guard; we quit watching ourselves so closely. In fact, we may assume that we've got everything under control and that there is no need to pay close attention to "minor" spiritual details at all times. In addition, we might lose the desire to go on, or we might begin to slowly drift from the things that once held us tightly to our faith — we begin to descend a slippery slope downward. But no matter how far away we drift or how long we strayed, God's desire is for our best. He wants us back. The Bible encourages us to keep "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2). It is difficult to fall away when He is the sole focus of our lives.*

*As we aim to steer our lives back on course, we can take the first steps by confessing where we have erred and by asking God to forgive us. Then, we must let our drifting serve as an ever present reminder that no matter how well things are going, there's always the possibility that we might drift, and that is why we must determine to keep our eyes fixed firmly on the Lord.*

#### 10 Verses To Get Your Life Back on Course:

1. The Bible says, You must first: (1 John 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Bible says, I must first: (John 3:30) \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Bible says, We should: (Mark 11:25-26) \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Bible says, We should ask for: (James 1:5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Bible says, We should do to self: (Matthew 16:24) \_\_\_\_\_
6. The Bible says, What we should do to our minds: (Romans 12:2) \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Bible says, Three things we should do: (James 1:19) \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Bible says, Resist: (James 4:7) \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Bible says, You must: (Matthew 6:6) \_\_\_\_\_
10. The Bible says, You now must: (Proverbs 3:5-6) \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 48.**

**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET YOUR LIFE BACK ON COURSE**

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	No	Yes
<b>1. Do you know for sure that the Bible is the Word of God?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>2. Do you know for sure that Jesus is the Son of God?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>3. Do you know for sure that Jesus came down and walked on this earth?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>4. Do you know for sure that Jesus died and arose from the grave and is alive today?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>5. Do you know that the blood of Jesus covers all your sins?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>6. Do you believe that Jesus is coming back some day?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>7. Do you believe that you can live a Christian life?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>8. Do you believe that God controls all things and everything that happens to you?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>9. Do you know for sure that if you have ask God to forgive you, He will?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		
<b>10. If you are saved, do you believe you should tell others about Him?</b>	_____	_____
What do you base your answer on? If the Bible, what verse? _____		

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 49.**

**VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION**  
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*The Christian Life, once entered upon, is a battleground, and the believer must enter this warfare spiritually prepared. God has never planned that a Christian should live a life of defeat, but has a wonderful plan to enable the believer to live a life of victory. This lesson is designed to aid you to know how to live victoriously over the power of sin.*

*Will A Christian be tempted? Let's look at what the Bible says about being tempted:*

Then was \_\_\_\_\_ led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matthew 4:1).

*Even Jesus was tempted!*

My brethren (Christian), count it \_\_\_\_\_ when you fall into diverse (various) temptations (trials);  
Knowing this that the \_\_\_\_\_ (testing) of your \_\_\_\_\_ worketh (produces) patience. But  
let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_  
(complete), wanting (lacking) nothing (James 1:2-4).

That the \_\_\_\_\_, being much more precious than  
of gold that perisheth, though it be tried (tested) with fire, \_\_\_\_\_ unto  
praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Whom having not seen, ye \_\_\_\_\_; in whom,  
though now you see Him not, yet \_\_\_\_\_, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls (I Peter 1:7-9).

There hath \_\_\_\_\_ temptation taken (overtaken) you such as is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_: but  
God is \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_  
to be tempted \_\_\_\_\_ that ye are \_\_\_\_\_; but will with the temptation also \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to bear (endure) it  
(1 Corinthians 10:13).

My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man \_\_\_\_\_, we have an  
\_\_\_\_\_ (intercessor) with the Father, \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous:  
And He is the propitiation (work of Christ on the cross) \_\_\_\_\_: and not  
for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2).

Who hath delivered \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption  
\_\_\_\_\_, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14).

I am the vine, you are the branches: he that \_\_\_\_\_, and I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me, you can do \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:5).

**Today's Bible reading is John chapter 15.**

# WHAT BURDEN ARE YOU CARRYING RIGHT NOW?

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*Though sin mars the life of each of us, God has not called us to carry the weight of guilt on our backs. Neither does He require us to atone for our wrongdoings. Instead, God sent His only Son, Jesus, to bear the sin of the entire world. His blood was shed to relieve us of the debt that each of us owed to God (John 3:16). What burden are you carrying right now? Will you allow Jesus to “cut the ties” and receive you into His outstretched hands?*

*What does the Bible say about burdens?*

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is \_\_\_\_\_ than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Let your conversation (conduct) be without covetousness; and be \_\_\_\_\_ with such things as you have; for He (Jesus) hath said, I will \_\_\_\_\_ nor forsake thee (Hebrews 13:5).

Wait on the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Psalm 27:14).

For the Lord loveth judgment, and \_\_\_\_\_ His saints (Christians): they are \_\_\_\_\_: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off (Psalm 37:28).

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_: thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 138:7).

The steps of a good (Christian) man are ordered (established) by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way. Though he \_\_\_\_\_ (sin), he shall not be \_\_\_\_\_: for the \_\_\_\_\_ with His hand (Psalm 37:23-24).

The \_\_\_\_\_; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He \_\_\_\_\_: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the \_\_\_\_\_ of mine \_\_\_\_\_: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : And I will \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:1-6).

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 50.**

**“WHY” DOES GOD LET TROUBLE COME TO HIS CHILDREN?**

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**Booklet #3**

**Lesson #23**

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**The answers to the questions below are found in James chapter 1. Take time to read the whole chapter.**

What is James to God? \_\_\_\_\_

What should we have joy in what? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the trying of our faith do? \_\_\_\_\_

What will God give you if you ask? \_\_\_\_\_

How should we ask God for things? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is man unstable in all his ways? \_\_\_\_\_

The rich man's life is described as what? \_\_\_\_\_

If we endure temptation, we shall receive what? \_\_\_\_\_

Is man tested of God? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is man tempted? \_\_\_\_\_

What do Christians get from heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

Let every man be swift to what? \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian should lay apart what? \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian should receive what? \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you hear God's word, you should be what? \_\_\_\_\_

If any man does not control his tongue, his religion is what? \_\_\_\_\_

Pure religion should do what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 51.**

**HELP GET YOUR LIFE ON COURSE (PART I)**

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**Booklet #3**

**Lesson #24**

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**The answers to the following questions are found in James chapter 2. Take time to read the whole chapter.**

Should you show favor to the rich man? \_\_\_\_\_

Who has God chosen of this world? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God promise to them that love Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Rich men blaspheme the name of whom you call what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you fulfill the Scripture (Bible), you should what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you keep the whole Bible and break one law, you have what? \_\_\_\_\_

If a man hath faith, and not works, can faith save him? \_\_\_\_\_

If a person is without food and clothes, what should you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Faith without what is dead? \_\_\_\_\_

You can show your faith by your what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you believe that there is one God, you do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Who else also believes in God? \_\_\_\_\_

Faith without works is what? \_\_\_\_\_

Abraham was justified for his works, "how"? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did Abraham believe? \_\_\_\_\_

Abraham was called the friend of whom? \_\_\_\_\_

You are justified by what two things? \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 52.**

**HELP GET YOUR LIFE ON COURSE (PART II)**

**New Life Christian Growth Series**

**Booklet #3**

**Lesson #25**

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**The answers to the following questions are found in James chapter 3. Take time to read the whole chapter.**

If you offend no man, you are a what? \_\_\_\_\_

The perfect man also can control the what? \_\_\_\_\_

We control horses by the use of what? \_\_\_\_\_

Ships are turned by a very small what? \_\_\_\_\_

Our tongues are a little member of our body. It does what? \_\_\_\_\_

Our tongue is a what? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the tongue do to the whole body? \_\_\_\_\_

Every beast, bird, and sea thing has been tamed by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

What can man not tame? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the tongue filled with? \_\_\_\_\_

Out of the mouth proceedeth what? \_\_\_\_\_

Does a fountain give forth at the same place what? \_\_\_\_\_

A fountain can not yield what? \_\_\_\_\_

A wise man will shew out a good what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have bitter envying and strife in your heart, you should do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Where envying and strife is there is what? \_\_\_\_\_

Wisdom that is from above (God) is first what? \_\_\_\_\_

God's wisdom is full of what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 53.**



**HELP GET YOUR LIFE ON COURSE (PART III)**

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**Booklet #3**

**Lesson #26**

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**The answers to the following questions are found in James chapter 4. Take time to read the whole chapter.**

Wars and fighting among you come by your what? \_\_\_\_\_

You lust, and have not because you do what? \_\_\_\_\_

When you ask, you receive not because you ask how? \_\_\_\_\_

You cannot be friends with the what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a friend with the world, you are of what? \_\_\_\_\_

The spirit in us lusteth to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

God giveth more grace unto the what? \_\_\_\_\_

If you humble yourself before the Lord, He shall do what? \_\_\_\_\_

We should not do what to one another? \_\_\_\_\_

You should not judge your what? \_\_\_\_\_

There is one lawgiver, who is able to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Why should you not make plans for tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_

You do not know what shall be on what? \_\_\_\_\_

Your life is like a what? \_\_\_\_\_

When you plan anything, you ought to say what? \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you know to do good and do it not, it is a what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 54.**

**HELP GET YOUR LIFE ON COURSE (PART IV)**

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**Booklet #3**

**Lesson #27**

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**The answers to the following questions are found in James 5:1-13.**

**Take time to read the whole chapter.**

The rich man's riches are what? \_\_\_\_\_

The rich have heaped treasure together for what? \_\_\_\_\_

The hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields and did not get paid, cried, and it entered into the ears of whom?  
\_\_\_\_\_

You that lived in pleasure on earth have fattened your hearts as what? \_\_\_\_\_

Christians are to be patient for the coming of whom? \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord waiteth for the precious (souls) for their what? \_\_\_\_\_

Be you patient, and establish your heart for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Grumble not one against whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Do not grumble Christian, lest you be what? \_\_\_\_\_

Take the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for a what? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Behold, we count people happy which do what? \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord is very compassionate and of tender what? \_\_\_\_\_

Above all things swear not by what? \_\_\_\_\_

You are to let your yea be what? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any among you afflicted? Let him do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any merry? Let him do what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 55.**

## **HELP GET YOUR LIFE ON COURSE (PART V)**

### **New Life Christian Growth Series**

#### **Booklet #3**

#### **Lesson #28**

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**The answers to the following questions are found in James 5:14-20.**

**Take time to read the whole chapter.**

If any are sick among you, let him call whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Let the elders pray over the sick and do what? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of prayer will save the sick? \_\_\_\_\_

And who raises him up? \_\_\_\_\_

The effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth what? \_\_\_\_\_

Elias was like us; he prayed, and it did not do what? \_\_\_\_\_

He that converteth the sinner from his ways shall do what? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **WHAT DOES “BORN AGAIN” MEAN?**

*Jesus instructs Nicodemus that no one can enter into the kingdom of God unless he is first “born again.” This concept may be familiar to us today, but Nicodemus was confused. “How can a man be born when he is old?” he asked. “He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” (John 3:4). Nicodemus could not grasp the image that Jesus was describing. But the real question is, “Do we understand the concept any better today than Nicodemus did then?”*

*“Born again” is not simply a common catch phrase. It is an apt description of what it means to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Our lives are not changed when we enter into a relationship with Christ; rather, our old lives are effectively ended and we are completely reborn in the Spirit.*

*Therefore, it makes perfect sense to say that we are “born again.” It means that we are no longer who we once were in sin, but rather, we are a new creation which exists to glorify God (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

*Does your life in Christ reflect the glory of God, or are you still clinging to your old ways of living? It is important to understand that God does not want to change you, but instead, He wants to remake you. There is a difference. As you pray today, ask God for the courage to live a life that proclaims that your old self has died. What He desires to make you is better by far.*

**Today’s Bible reading is John chapter 3.**



New Life Christian Growth Series—Christianity 101

\*\*\*\*\*Booklet #3 Review (Pages 37-38)\*\*\*\*\*

**Instructions:** After you complete pages 7-35 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 your certificate of completion and the first booklet in the Gospel of John Series.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

My Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the male head of your family (or you if you are the head of the family) lead your family in daily Bible reading and prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

How should a husband love and treat his wife, according to the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

How should a wife love and be toward her husband, according to the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

How should parents be toward their children, according to the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

How should children be toward their parents, according to the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

If a father loves as Jesus loves, will he tell his children often that he loves them? \_\_\_\_\_

Will a husband care about his wife and help her when she needs help, being gentle and patient and loving, if he is being like Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

Should Godly, Biblical family relationships be based upon laws and legalism, or upon love and Christ-likeness? \_\_\_\_\_

If we are struggling with or dealing with abuse or anger or lust or any other sin, can we turn to God and find victory through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you died now, would you spend eternity in heaven or hell? Why do you think that? (Remember—the Bible tells us that we can know for sure—see I John 5:13).** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you living a life of freedom, walking with God and abiding in Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, or are you living a life bound in frustration and disappointment struggling to follow laws and rules and never finding peace?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you have any questions or comments that we might be able to answer for you from the Bible about these things or is there any way that we may pray for you ?** \_\_\_\_\_

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If it is your desire to have a Bible lesson sent to your family members and/or friends so that they, too, can study the Bible, please fill out the following, and we will send them the first lesson in this course.

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