

New Life Christian Growth Series "Eternal Security" Booklet #17

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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. <u>NOTE: The individual lessons are designed to be completed daily so you can meditate on the material.</u>
- 2. When you are done, return the **Review Section (Pages 37-40) of this booklet** to the address provided below. Keep the rest of this Booklet (Pages 1-36) for your own use. <u>Review Sections returned less than 30 days from the time it was mailed, will not be accepted.</u> 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 (Pass or Fail) and send a letter confirming your status, along with Booklet #18.
- 4. You will also receive a Certificate of Completion for this Booklet.

Please mail the completed Review Section to:

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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.

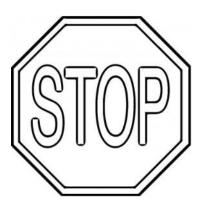
"Verily, Verily, I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24

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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. Keep in mind that these lessons are based on what the Bible says and not on man's opinion.
- D. 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.
- E. Remember, it is not what you, I, or any preacher says, but what the Bible says.
- F. 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).
- G. Who wrote the Bible? (II Peter 1:21)
- H. All Scripture is inspired by God (II Timothy 3:16).
- I. Regardless of what man says, the believer (Christian) <u>has direct access to the throne of God</u> and is responsible directly to God. This access is through Jesus Christ and Him only (I Timothy 2:5).
- J. These studies are to help you have peace of mind (Isaiah 26:3-4).
- K. These studies will help you know if you are going to Heaven or Hell (Romans 10:13).
- L. 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

<u>WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #1

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Eternal life must not be confused with natural life. Natural life is subject to death and is derived by human means. Spiritual life has a beginning but no end. One possessing mere natural life faces Hell, whereas one possessing eternal life will be united and in fellowship with God for all eternity. Thus, separation from God is eternal death; union with God is eternal life. For Christians, there is no such thing as endless despair, because every believer has the promise of a future home above prepared by Jesus Himself. All trouble, heartache, and suffering will one day cease; they will be nonexistent in the Father's house of many mansions. Jesus said He was going to prepare a heavenly home for you. He has been preparing it now for over two thousand years, and I believe that wherever your personal place is located, it has a sign hanging in the front that says "reserved."

Let not	: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house	: if it were not so,
	. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I
	, and receive you unto myself; that where I am,

. And whither I go ye know and the way ye know (John 14:1-4).

Simply arriving at the mansion will be marvelous, but most people want to know what they will be doing after they get there. The Bible has several things say about that.

And there shall be ______: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they ______; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; ______

: and they shall reign for ever and ever (Revelation 22:3-5).

What this means is that when you get to heaven, you are going to work. Yes, there will be rest, too. You will rest from temptation, trials, and heartache, but that doesn't mean you are going to sit down and do nothing. You will serve the living God forever.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and ______? Jesus saith unto him, ______? Iesus saith unto him, ______: no man cometh unto the Father, ______

_____. If ye had ye had known me, ye should have _____

: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him (John 14:5-7).

The nature of your heavenly service for the Lord will be influenced by the faithfulness you demonstrate right now. The way you carry out your responsibilities as a spouse, parent, businessman, or whatever your position is here on earth, may affect the assignments you are given up there. Your tasks will be based on the wisdom and knowledge of God, as well as on your faithfulness here and now.

Today's Bible reading is John chapter 14.

<u>THE GOD WHO COMFORTS US</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #2

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Everyone goes through difficulties and hardships in life; you may sometimes find yourself in despair, wondering if God understands or even notices you. He does understand, and He cares enough to rescue you from your sinful state. Not only that, be also He loves you and cares enough to comfort you when you hurt.

Grace be unto you, and peace,	, and from the
Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the	
which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in	
	, in all utterance, and in knowledge (I Corinthians 1:3-5).

If you look up "comfort" in the dictionary, you will find one meaning of the word, but if you look for the word's meaning in the 14th chapter of John, you will discover quite a difference definition.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you	,
that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world	,
because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him:	, for he dwelleth in you,
and shall be in you. I will not leave you	:: I will come to you (John 14:16-18).

Jesus describes the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit by calling Him "the Comforter," which means "the one who comes to stand by your side; the one who comes to your aid."

Even as the testimony of Christ was	: So that ye come
behind in no gift;	of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also
confirm you	, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful, by whom ye were	

of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord (I Corinthians 1:6-9).

Because believers have the Comforter residing in them, they do not have to search around in others or other things for comfort. You do not have to look to drinking, doing drugs, travelling, or participating in other distractions and pleasures in order to escape your heartaches and trials. You have the source of all comfort dwelling within you.

So when you feel you are almost dying on the inside and are crying out to God saying, "<u>I can't handle any more!</u>" you can expect to sense a little, inaudible whisper that encourages you: "<u>You're going to make it because I am here.</u>"

List what things you will turn over to God and let Him handle:

Today's Bible reading is I Corinthians chapter 1.

<u>AFTER DEATH, WHAT THEN?</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #3

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Scripture teaches that whoever has placed his faith in Christ will live forever with Him. What happens immediately after a believer's death? Does his soul enter heaven right away, go to sleep until the resurrection, or suffer for certain sins before coming into God's presence?

For we know that if our earthly house (physical body) of this tabernacle were dissolved (destroyed), we have

	, an house not made with hands,	
	For in this	, earnestly desiring
to be clothed upon with _		

upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed, we shall not be found naked (II Corinthians 5:1-3).

In the book of I Thessalonians, the Bible referred to the dead as being "asleep." Some people think this means that the soul exists in a state of "suspended animation" until the resurrection. However, Jesus told the thief on the cross that they would be together in paradise that <u>very day</u>. "Paradise" refers to being in God's presence, not to being asleep.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord,	when thou comest into thy kingdom. And
Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee,	
	(Luke 23:42-43).

On the other hand, some people believe in eternal life, but think that before you go to heaven, additional cleansing through punishment is required for some sins. Scripture is clear: Jesus paid the price for <u>ALL</u> sins. His work of atonement was <u>finished</u> on the cross. Those who receive Jesus as Savior move immediately from life on earth to life in heaven.

For Christ also hath once	, the just for the unjust, that he
might	, being put to death in the flesh,

but quickened by the Spirit (I Peter 3:18).

Scripture also shows that people who die without Jesus go into torment, where they will suffer until they stand before the Great White Throne of judgment. Since belief in Christ is the only way to be listed in the book of life, the lake of fire will be a lost soul's final destination forever. Let us warn those around us!

And death and hell were cast into	This is the second
death. And whosoever was not found written	
was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14-15).	

Eternal separation is a hard truth for many who seek to <u>deny</u> that there is a hell, condemnation, or eternal judgment. Knowing your ultimate destiny will give you the confidence to face difficulties, and understanding the end of those who deny Jesus should motivate you to pray for and witness to them.

Today's Bible reading is Luke chapter 16.

<u>A GOD OF GRACE</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #4

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

You need only to look at Jesus to know that God is a God of grace. Jesus' actions personify grace. You can see Him dealing with all kinds of people—not to condemn them, but to lift them up, encourage them, and turn them toward God. For example, He told the adulterous woman that He didn't condemn her; she was to go and sin no more.

When Jesus had	_, and saw none but the
woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? Sl	he said, No man, Lord.
And Jesus said unto her,	
go and sin no more (John 8.10-11)	

Although Jesus knew what Zacchaeus, the hated tax collector, was doing, He was nevertheless willing to visit the man's house and have dinner with him.

Jesus demonstrated grace even to the hypocritical, legalistic Pharisees; He pointed out their sins, so they would repent.

And when Jesus	, and saw him, and said unto him,
Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today	
And he made haste, and came down, and	

(Luke 19:5-6).

Grace also means forgiveness for the times you sin. Does that mean you can live in any manner you choose and get away with it? No. While God forgives His children, He also disciplines them. Allowing you to get by with something He knows will ultimately destroy your life wouldn't be an act of grace; it would be an act of careless indifference, and that's simply not Who God is. God is a God of grace.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the ______ which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing you are ______,

in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ <u>was confirmed in you</u> : So that ye come behind in no gift; _______ of our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:4-7).

The theme of the Christian life is grace — God's abundant goodness, love, and mercy toward His children. The truth is, before you can ever finish enjoying the goodness and kindness that God has given you, He piles on more goodness and kindness, and then more again. John 1:16 calls it "grace upon grace."

Who shall also	_, that ye may be
blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were	

Jesus Christ our Lord (I Corinthians 1:8-9).

Today's Bible reading is John chapter 1.

REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN ETERNAL SECURITY New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #5

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Grace ("charis" in the Greek) is an interesting word. According to R.C. Trench, Charis implies "a favor freely done, without claim or expectation of return... finding its only motive in the bounty and free-heartedness of the giver." You can learn about God's grace in the Bible; it is through God's power, motive, and gift that you are saved. It is by faith that you accept that He has completed the task of forgiving your sins.

The great truth of your salvation is that it has very little to do with you. <u>It is based entirely upon the love and provision of</u> <u>Christ.</u> There is nothing you can do to earn it. In addition, there is no sin you could possibly commit to lose it.

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made

. For he is

who hath made both one, and hath _______ the middle partition (division) between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain ______, so making peace (Ephesians 2:13-15).

You are eternally secure. Even if your faith wavers, you have not lost your salvation; Christ has hidden you within Himself. When God looks at you, He sees His own grace, and He accepts you because He will not deny Himself.

And that he might	in one body by
the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached	
,	and to them that were nigh. For through him we both
have	

_____, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God (Ephesians 2:16-19).

The gift you've accepted through your faith in Christ is yours forever. He provides and protects your salvation with His grace and will never let you down.

Do you know for sure that you have Eternal Life? Yes: _____ No: _____

Would you like to know how you can be sure? Yes: ____ No: ____

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 2.

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Lesson #6

This week's verse to memorize: I John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

It rises up through your chest like a shudder of electricity. You ponder the devastating "WHAT IFs?" <u>What if</u> I am not pleasing to God? <u>What if</u> there is something still standing between Him and me? <u>What if</u> I am not really saved?

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past

. Hath in these last days spoken unto us

_____, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds (Hebrews 1:1-2).

The Israelites surely felt shivers of uncertainty as their high priest went before God to make atonements for their sins. Small bells were hung on the hem of the priest's garment and indicated whether he had survived being in God's holy presence or not. When the bells stopped ringing, the people knew that the priest had failed to make sacrifices to God for them.

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had ______, sat down

on the ______ of the majesty on high; Being made so much ______, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they (Hebrews 1:3-4).

For Christians, there is never uncertainty of being accepted, for we are served by a very different High Priest. Hebrews 1:3 assures us that Jesus "upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, _________this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me Son? And again, when he bringeth in the ______, he saith, And let all the angels of God (Hebrews 1:5-6).

Have you ever felt the tremble of uncertainty in your heart? There are no more "What ifs" for the person who has believed in Jesus Christ, because He is the perfect priest. "<u>He is able to completely save those who come to God through</u> him, because He lives to intercede for them."

Wherefore he is able also to	that come
unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make	
For such an high priest became us,	
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_____, and made higher than the heavens (Hebrews 7:25-26).

Take heart; your salvation is utterly secure. When you feel the tremble, remind yourself that you can trust Him because He will <u>never</u> fail you.

Today's Bible reading is Hebrews chapter 1.

<u>WHAT DOES "BORN AGAIN" MEAN?</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #7

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In today's lesson, 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 you today, but some people might be confused by it. "How can a man be born when he is old?" they may ask. "He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus,	:
The same	, and said unto him, Rabbi, we
know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these	
, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said un	nto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except
	, he cannot
kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he	is old? Can he enter the second time into his

Nicodemus could not grasp the image that Jesus was describing when explaining the concept of being born again; but

the real question is, "Do you understand the concept any better today than Nicodemus did then?"

Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of _______, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is ______

; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

, and be born? (John 3:1-4).

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be ______ (John 3:5-7).

"Born again" is not simply a common catch phrase. It is an apt description of what it means to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Your life is not just changed when you enter into a relationship with Christ; rather, your old life is effectively ended, and you are completely reborn in the Spirit.

The wind bloweth where it listeth (wishes), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell

_____, and whither _____: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master (teacher) of Israel, ? (John 3:8-10).

Therefore, it makes perfect sense to say that you are "born again." It means that you are no longer who you once were in sin, but rather, you are a new creation that 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? <u>It is important to understand that God does not want to change you; instead, He wants to REMAKE you. There is a difference.</u>

Can you explain if you have been born again and how you know you have been?

Today's Bible reading is John chapter 3.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SECURITY New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #8

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Can you fathom the depth of God's love for you? Many times, you may have a skewed view of who God is and how He treats His children, particularly when it comes to your salvation. Some people mistakenly believe that salvation is something that God "loans" and that it can be revoked at any time, but that's not what God's Word says. When the Lord saves you, it is forever; it is not just for a season or two.

Blessed be the God and _		
	, which according to	his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively
hope by the		from
the dead. To an inheritan	ce incorruptible, and undefiled, and that _	
	, reserved in	(I Peter 1:3-4)

Consider Peter's words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has caused us to be born again to living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable."

Who are kept by the power of God

ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the _____ , being more precious than of

_____, through it be tried with fire, might be found unto ______

at the appearing of Jesus Christ (I Peter 1:5-7).

The inheritance set aside for you in heaven is not going anywhere. Once you accept Christ into your heart, the outcome of your life is no longer in doubt. The Bible goes on to say that you are "protected by the power of God." What can compare to that?

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, , ye rejoice with and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith,

(I Peter 1:8-9).

When you realize that your eternal destiny is secure, it should be much easier to enjoy life. Christ has paid the price of your sins. Your name is written in the Book of Life! As you understand this fact, no longer should you feel PRESSURE to do what is right; rather, you should feel DESIRE to do what is right and honor God because of the security that He has granted you.

Today's Bible reading is I Peter chapter 1.

<u>A GOD YOU CAN COUNT ON</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #9

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In our troubled world, injustice, crime, and dishonesty fill the news. The one constant seems to be <u>change</u>. By contrast, you have a God Whose actions are perfect, Whose character is flawless, and Who keeps every promise He makes. He is the same "yesterday and today and forever." You can have complete confidence in God because He is:

<u>Omniscient</u>. The Father knows what is happening for every person at every moment; His knowledge is complete. No circumstance is hidden from Him, and there is no motive or thought process that He does not discern.

For he (God) looketh to the		, and seeth
under the	(Job 28:24).	

<u>Omnipotent</u>. God has total power over <u>all</u> things; <u>nothing</u> is outside His control. He uses His might to bring about His perfect will, and no authority in heaven or on earth can thwart His purposes.

But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is	; but with God,
	(Matthew 19:26).
Because the foolishness of God is	; and the weakness
of God is	(I Corinthians 1.25)

<u>Omnipresent</u>. There is no person or place in all creation that is outside of the Lord's presence. All space and time is within His sight; He never overlooks anything or anyone.

Am I a God	, saith the Lord, and not a God	?
Can any		that I
shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I	heaven and	earth? saith the Lord (Jeremiah 23:23-24).

<u>Truthful</u>. God cannot lie. He always speaks the truth, and His words are flawless, so you can trust His responses to your prayers and the reliability of His Word. God's character is not affected by time, places, people, or circumstances. He makes no mistakes in what he says or does.

God is not a man, that	; neither the son of man, that he
should repent: hath he said, and	
or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19).	
For I am the Lord,	; therefore ye sons of Jacob are
not consumed (Malachi 3:6).	

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 139.

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Lesson #10

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Just think of it: eternal life means precious communion with God forever! Upon salvation, you receive the life of Jesus through His Spirit, and your "eternal life" begins. During your earthly days, you can have intimacy with God, which will continue forever in heaven. Being made in God's image, you are an eternal being as He is; this is the good news.

For I am not

: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from : as it is written, The just shall (Romans 1:16-17).

Now, for the bad news: while you have an eternal nature, you are also a sinner from birth. At birth, you are physically alive, but spiritually dead. Not only are you born bent away from God, but you are also dead to the things of God. Everyone starts existence in a condition of sinfulness, which separates us from the Lord.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all

, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because

that which may be known of God is for God hath shewed it unto them (Romans 1:18-19).

Your unrighteousness places you under God's judgment and wrath for eternity. The enemy would deceive you into thinking that physical death is the end of life, but Scripture tells you the truth: eternity will be spent either with God in heaven or permanently separated from Him in hell.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the v	vorld,
being understood by the things that are made, even his _	
; so that they are	
Because that when they knew God	

. Neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their

(Romans 1:20-21).

What you do with the saving work of Jesus Christ is the DECIDING factor for your ultimate destination. If you reject His sacrifice, then there is no forgiveness of sins and no relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. The destiny you were born with — unending punishment apart from God — remains unchanged; but if, by faith, you accept Christ's payment for your sins and receive Him as Lord, then you will receive an everlasting home with your heavenly Father. God waits for your decision to choose Him.

Do you know for sure you are saved? Yes No

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 1.

THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #11

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Eternal life is a gift from God. It is given to you without regard to the good works you have done or the sins you have committed. Scripture tells you that apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, you are helpless to save yourself. To receive this gift of life requires agreeing with the testimony of Scripture: God the Father sent His Son for the purpose of dying on the cross to pay for your sins. Jesus took upon Himself the debt you owed for your transgressions, and He paid it in full.

But now being made	, and become servants to God, ye
have	, and the end
everlasting life. For the wages of sin	; but the gift of God is
	our Lord (Romans 6:22-23).

What are the characteristics of this salvation gift?

<u>Freely Given</u>. The guilt of your sins has been removed with no cost to you, and you are accepted into God's family. There is no act too vile that it isn't covered by the cross of Christ; rejecting Jesus to the very end of life is the only exception.

Who is he that	, but he that believeth that
Jesus is the Son of G	od? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and
blood. And it is the _	
because the spirit	(I John 5:5-6).

<u>Fully Sufficient</u>. The death of Christ paid for every sin — past, present, and future. Nothing is required of you except believing in Jesus. To think otherwise is to proclaim His work on the cross as insufficient.

For there are

the Father, the Word, (Bible) and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are		
	_, the spirit, and the water, and the blood:	
and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God		
for this is the witness of God which he hath testified	(I John 5:7-9).	

<u>Forever Yours</u>. After you receive salvation, you don't have to work to keep it. It is a gift, and it is yours forever. Through God's promises in Scripture and the witness of the Holy Spirit, <u>you can know for sure that you have eternal life.</u>

He that	_ on the Son of God hath the witness	:
he that believeth not God hath made	im a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this	is the
record, that God hath given to us	, and this life is in his Sou	n. He
that hath the son,	; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. T	hese
things have I written unto you that be	lieve on the name of the Son of God; that ye may th	at ye
have eternal life, and that ye may	on the name of the Son of God (I John 5:10-	·13).

Your feelings do not determine whether you are saved or not; the only thing that matters is what God says (Acts 16:31).

Today's Bible reading is I John chapter 5.

<u>THE RIGHT TO ENTER PARADISE</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #12

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Death is inevitable. The thief on the cross knew when his death would occur after obtaining his sentence, but generally, we cannot predict our own. Following his death, the crucified criminal went to live in paradise with Jesus. Some of us will also live eternally in God's presence, but others will experience everlasting torment, forever separated from Him in everlasting fire.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb

_____. And the city had no need of a sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the Glory of God did ______, and the Lamb is light thereof (Revelation 21:22-23).

If you trust in Jesus as your Savior, your penalty for sin is paid, you are adopted into God's family, and heaven is your eternal home. If you reject Jesus or trust in anything or anyone else for salvation (including yourself), you remain alienated from the Lord and under condemnation for your sin, destined to experience eternal judgment. God won't accept any of man's excuses, as there is no acceptable defense for unbelief.

Neither is there	: for there is none
other name under heaven given among men, whereby we _	(Acts 4:12).

Become part of God's family this very day by acknowledging your sinfulness, repenting, and trusting in Jesus alone. Your attitude should be similar to this: "God, I have sinned against you. I've followed my own way and have refused to give you the right to rule in life. I recognize I am separated from you and cannot rescue myself. I do believe that Jesus Christ is your Son. I accept the truth of the Scriptures that Jesus' death on the cross paid my sin-debt in full, and I ask you to forgive me of my sins. By faith, I receive you, Lord Jesus, as my personal Savior from this moment on. I turn from sin and repent and will serve you from now on."

As it is written,	, no, not one: There is none
that understandeth, there is none that	
They are all gone out of the way, they are together become	unprofitable; there is
	no, not one (Romans 3:10-12).
For	and fall short of the glory of God; Being
justified freely by his grace	
	(Romans 3:23-24).
If we confess our sins, he is	
, and to cleans	e us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned,
	(I John 1:9-10).

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 3.

<u>CAN ETERNAL LIFE BE EARNED?</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #13

This week's verse to memorize: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Sometimes people decide on a course of action first and then ask for input later. At that point, if they receive a response containing information they don't want to hear, they often react negatively. Believers can act the same way toward God. For instance, one day, a wealthy man came to Jesus and asked, "What shall I do to inherit eternal Life?"

And when he (Jesus) was gone forth into the way, there came one running,

_____, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me good? There is none good but ______ (Mark 10:17-18).

Having spent his days keeping the commandments, he wanted to know what else needed to be done to secure his position in heaven. The man erroneously believed that eternal life could be earned.

Thou knowest ______, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these things I have observed ______ (Mark 10:19-20).

Satan, the great deceiver, promotes the false idea that man can make himself acceptable in God's eyes of his own power. You may have even fallen victim to Satan's lies and have approached God on the basis of your conduct or performance. Just like the rich man, you may have thought, "God will accept me because I am doing the right things." Or perhaps you have assumed, "The good deeds I do outweigh the wrong things in my life."

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him,

: go thy way, sell whatever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have

: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was ______

at that saying, and ______ grieved: for he had great possessions (Mark 10:21-22).

In thinking this way, you have established your own standard of acceptability and ignored God's. He says you have a flesh nature bent away from Him, and <u>nothing</u> you do will pay for your sin-debt. Only faith in Jesus, who died in your place, makes you acceptable to God. Through Him, you are forgiven of your sins and receive life everlasting. Apart from Christ, you face eternal punishment.

The young man in the Bible chose to walk away from Jesus. How do you respond when the truth of Scripture conflicts with what you believe?

Today's Bible reading is Mark chapter 10.

ETERNAL SECURITY MATTERS New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #14

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Your assurance of salvation and eternal life springs from Christ's atonement on the cross. Many people who claim Jesus as their Savior know that they are saved but are uncertain about eternal <u>security</u>; the Lord guarantees that your deliverance from sins is <u>permanent</u>. Some believers worry that their salvation can be lost through wrong actions, but <u>eternal</u> is God's promise. He wants His children to be confident about spending their future in heaven with Him.

He that believeth on the Son of God

: he that believeth not God

; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given , and this life is in his Son (I John 5:10-11).

When a person places trust in the Savior, he receives not only forgiveness of sin, but also the life of Christ abiding within him: Jesus' eternal nature becomes his. If you base your security on anything other than Christ's finished work on the cross — such as good works — then you will be prone to doubts about eternity and the wrong assumption that God's favor must be earned. In truth, eternal security is an extension of the Lord's <u>grace</u> and cannot be earned.

He that <u>hath the Son hath life</u>; 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;

and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (I John 5:12-13).

When you were an unbeliever, the promise of heaven impacted your understanding of divine pardon. In repenting of your sins, you changed your thinking about wrong behavior and acknowledged helplessness, and your intimate relationship with Him began at that moment. For believers, repentance makes right fellowship with the Lord; forgiveness is already yours.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything

______, he _______ us: And if we know that he hear us,

whatsoever we ask, we know that

of him (I John 5:14-15).

After receiving Jesus Christ into your life, you may still have doubts or may even rebel and sin against Him; but your salvation is not lost. The Bible is clear on this point: "<u>I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish.</u>"

And I give unto them eternal life; _____

_(John 10:28).

Today's Bible reading is John chapter 10.

THE ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #15

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

As a slave to sin, you were in dire need of rescue. The Lord Jesus did for you what you could <u>never</u> do for yourself: He paid your ransom through His shed blood.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered (served) unto, but to minister (serve), and

(Matthew 20:28).

The moment that you accept salvation's liberation, God counts the finished work of Jesus the Messiah on your behalf and adopts you as His Child. If you ever have doubts about whether you belong to the Father or not, you can apply these "tests" to remind yourself of the security you have as a member of God's family:

1. <u>The Word Test.</u> What does Scripture say? "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you <u>will be</u> saved." If you accept the Bible as truth, then you will confess Jesus as the only One Who can save you; more than that, you will trust the fact that God has made you a <u>permanent</u> part of His family.

And he brought them out, and said, Sirs,

_____? And they said, ______

, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:30-31).

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that

: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (I John 3:1).

2. <u>The Witness Test.</u> The Holy Spirit's testimony affirms that you are God's child and no longer a slave to fear. A deep, abiding conviction in your spirit confirms the security of your position in Christ.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have _______, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth , that we are children of God (Romans 8:15-16).

3. <u>The Walk Test.</u> What does your inner and outer life reveal? When you belong to Christ, you will be increasingly dissatisfied with your old, sinful ways. First, you will experience an inward change, which results in a hunger to know God and please Him. Then, you will experience an outward transformation that is visible through your words and actions.

For whatsoever is born of God	: and
this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith	h. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that
	? (I John 5:4-5)

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY BRINGS US ASSURANCE New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #16

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Do you believe that the Lord has absolute control over all of the universe including all the people in it? The best way to know what is truth is to see what God has inspired men to say about Him in the Bible. God declares that He is sovereign over <u>all</u> nature and <u>all</u> nations.

All _____

_____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for

instruction in righteousness: That the _____

_____, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II Timothy 3:16-17).

God is in control of nature. The Bible says, "Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps." God causes the rain to fall, the grass to grow, and vegetation to bring forth food. There isn't a single aspect of nature over which the Lord lacks control.

For I know that the			, and that		
				Whatsoever the LORD	
pleased,		in	, and in	,	
and in the	, and			(Psalm 135:5-6)	

God is in control of the nations. The Bible says, "He makes the nations great and then destroys them; He enlarges the nations and then leads them away." God's rule is certain and sure. He keeps watch over the nations, knows what is happening at all times, and maintains His authority over both good and evil governments.

When you believe God is sovereign and you experience this truth in your life, you will be filled to the top and will be overflowing with peace and joy. You will rest SECURE in the knowledge that no matter what is happening in the world, God reigns. His will shall be accomplished.

Does your life show trust in God's sovereignty? Yes ____ No ____

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 13.

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF OUR SALVATION (PART I) New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #17

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

God's sovereignty extends over all things. Because He is omnipotent (all powerful), <u>no</u> plan of His can be stopped. He is also omniscient (all knowing), so <u>nothing</u> is hidden from His sight. What's more, He is omnipresent, which means that <u>all things</u> exist in His presence. Everything in both the natural and spiritual realms — including your salvation — is under His complete control.

For with	impossible (Luke 1:37).
For we which have believed	, as he said, As I sworn
in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the wo	
	(Hebrews 4:3).
The Lord	; he beholdeth all sons of men.
From the place of his habitation he looketh upon	
He	
	; he considereth all their works (Psalm 33:13-15).
For by him were	, that are in heaven, and that are in
earth, visible and invisible, whether they be	
	: all things were created by him, and for him:
	, and by him all things consist (Colossians 1:16-17).
	e has issued a universal call inviting all to freely come to Him.
desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord	, uu
I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways	
For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven	
	, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that
	;
for God hath shewed it unto them (Romans 1:18-19).	
God has declared that it is not His will that anyone perish.	
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten	Son, That

, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Today's Bible reading is Colossians chapter 1.

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF OUR SALVATION (PART II) New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #18

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

God does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked. He desires that all come to a knowledge of the truth that there is only <u>one</u> God and <u>one</u> way by which the lost might be saved; sin separates us from Him, and <u>only</u> faith in Jesus reconciles us back to Him.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that

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	out that
	(II Peter 3:9).
Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God,	
in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked	
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die,	O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11)
He will have	, and to come to the
knowledge of the truth. For there is	, and on mediator between God and men, the man

Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom, to be testified in du	e time (I Timothy 2:4-6).

The Bible teaches that you can take no credit for your salvation. The desire to know Him comes through the Spirit's work of convicting hearts of sinfulness and providing the faith to believe in Jesus as Savior. Salvation is all a gift of God; you must simply just accept it and trust in Jesus alone.

There is none that	, there is none that	
	They are all gone out of the way, they are together become u	nprofitable; there is none that
		(Romans 3:11-12).
For by		
and that not of	: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest	
		(Ephesians 2:8-9).
But to him that worketh not, but		_ that justifieth the ungodly,
his faith is		(Romans 4:5).

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grasp the immensity of the Divine grace, love, and mercy of God.

Please explain the sovereignty of God in your own words:

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 1.

<u>CERTAINTY ABOUT YOUR SALVATION</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #19

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Many Christians fail to serve the Lord joyfully because of uncertainty about where they stand with God. Many times, they simply do not understand the overarching nature of their relationship with God, and as a result, do not want to commit themselves fully to His service.

For there are three that	, the Father,
the Word (Bible), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that	
, the spirit, and the water, and the bl	lood: and these three agree in one.
If we receive the witness of men,	

: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son (I John 5:7-9).

You probably see hesitancy played out in day-to-day life all the time. For instance, perhaps you are acquainted with a man and a woman who are known as the "on-again, off-again" couple — the pair who seem to dance around the idea of a relationship but somehow never quite seem able to fully commit. It's difficult to make a life-changing commitment when you're not sure how the other person feels about you, or how you feel about the other person, isn't it?

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth

; because he believeth not the record that

God gave of his S	Son. And this is the record, that God hath	
	, and this life is	He that hath the Son
hath	, he that hath not the Son of God hath not life (I Joh	nn 5:10-12).

The same thing holds true in your life of faith as well. No one wants a spouse — or a Savior — who could leave at any time, for any reason. No, we want certainty. When that is missing, the whole context of the relationship is out of balance.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may	
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_____, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, ______ (I John 5:13-14).

The Bible was written to bring certainty to uncertain believers. God wants you to <u>know</u> that there is no "off-again" time for anyone who engages in a relationship with the Father. Because God is your constant companion, you can trust that He will be faithful for <u>eternity</u>.

Are you sure of your salvation? If not, list the reason that you are not:

Today's Bible reading is I John chapter 5.

THREE CERTAINTIES THAT DESCRIBE GOD'S WILL FOR ALL PEOPLE New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #20

This week's verse to memorize: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

In order to understand the concept of being "saved and sure," you must discover <u>three certainties</u> that describe God's will for all people:

1. <u>It is the Lord's will that all be saved</u>. God calls <u>all</u> men and women to Himself, but there must be a response to His invitation. As you answer His call to salvation, the Father makes you part of His everlasting family. If you fail to respond, however, then you will eternally remain outside of His redemption plan for mankind.

That if thou shalt	
That if thou shalt, thou shalt be save	d. For with the heart man
unto righteousness; and with the mouth	is made unto salvation. For the scripture
saith, whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For t	here is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the
same Lord over all is rich unto all that	. For whosoever shall
call upon the name of the Lord	(Romans 10:9-13).
2. It is God's will that all be saved by grace, through faith. The	he Bible declares that salvation is 100% the Lord's work; it
is His plan, His work, and His gift. You have no responsibility	y whatsoever, other than simply receiving the free gift.
For by	;
For by and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of	, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
<i>die without Jesus. He has already established the plan by wh</i> <i>confident in your salvation.</i> For God so	, that whosoever believeth in him should
: but that the world	
In whom	
salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were	, alter that ye heard the word of train, the gosper of our
	, which is the earnest
of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased posses	
But God, who is rich in mercy,	
, even when we we	
). And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in
heavenly places in Christ Jesus. That in the ages to come he m	ight shew the exceeding riches of
in hi	
	s kindness toward us through Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 2.

SINNING AFTER SALVATION New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #21

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good of	e to memorize: Joshua 1:9 courage; be not afraid, neither be ee whithersoever thou goest.	thou dismayed: for the Lord
How many times have you sinned since you trusted in Jo reality is that every single person sins for the entirety of	•	
My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye si	, Jesus Christ the righteou	s: And he is the propitiation
(sacrifice)		ly, but also for the
All transgressions, before and after salvation, stem from you take matters into your own hands, outside of His wi many things—a new relationship with God, a new spirit traces of your old life. You still have the same body and	ill, you are headed down a sad, sin t, and a new outlook on life; howev mind, which can lead you into son	ful road. Faith in Christ brings ver, it does not eradicate all ne of the same difficulties.
And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep		
He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandred truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him vertices the second s		
: hereby	y know we that we are	(I John 2:3-5).
Why do you still sin after salvation? It is because the saw which leads you into trouble. War has been declared in brought about by Christ. If you do not make a commitme I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable un	your life as your sin nature strugg pent to re-train your mind, you can noto God, which is your reasonable se	eles against your new, holy life expect a lifetime of trouble. , that ye
renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that go	od, and acceptable, and perfect, wi	ll of God (Romans 12:1-2).
The Bible offers the remedy for this ongoing conflict: " <u>renewing of your mind.</u> " This is to say that you must interealign your thoughts. Where are your thoughts taking you today?	tentionally fill your mind with the t	things of God, allowing Him to
Are you grounding your thinking in Scripture, and how a		

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 12.

<u>JESUS' SACRIFICE — PAYMENT IN FULL</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #22

<u>This week's verse to memorize: Joshua 1:9</u> Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.		
A church deacon recently confessed a horrible sin in an online he had done, he commented, "I know there's a price to pay for		
Have mercy upon me, O God, according		
according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my tr		
	, and cleanse me from my sin. For <u>I acknowledge my</u>	
transgressions: and my sin is	(Psalm 51:1-3).	
Not only was the deacon's heart broken over what he had done his friends and family. Yet, overshadowing his remorse was fea sovereign Lord of the universe was now "out to get him."	r. He had become afraid of God, believing that the	
What would you say to this believer? Does his statement reflect	an appropriate view of God's response to sin?	
But now being made		
have your fruit unto holiness, and the end		
sin is death; but the	is eternal life through Jesus	
Christ our Lord (Romans 6:22-23).		
The Bible clearly states that "the wages of sin is death," but this second half of the verse — that the <u>free</u> gift of God is eternal ligyou a gift, you can trust that He will never take it away. Instead nothing to deserve it, so you can do nothing to lose it, although	fe in Christ Jesus our Lord. If our heavenly Father gives l, it becomes yours to keep; that's what a gift is! You did	
For such an high priest	, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from	
sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not dai own sins, and then for the people's:	ly, as those high priests to offer up sacrifice, first for his	
	(Hebrews 7:26-27).	
Moreover, a greater theological principle is at work here. If the form of punishment, then Jesus' sacrifice was insufficient. Ho sufficient and a once-for-all payment of mankind's sin-debt.	e believer's sin after salvation could require death or any	
Hide thy face	, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a	
, O God; and	a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:9-10).	
Either Jesus' blood covers all your sins, or it doesn't; there's n the Bible's testimony clearly assert that it does.		

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 51.

<u>THE NEED FOR SALVATION</u> New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #23

This week's verse to memorize: Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Christ-followers know the importance of being saved, but many people in the world see no need for rescue. Let's think about some key truths regarding man's need for salvation. Those who don't have a personal relationship with God are:

1. <u>Spiritually dead.</u> Many people don't realize that there are three kinds of death — physical, eternal, and spiritual. Eternal death comes at the end of the age when all those who have refused Jesus are cast away from God permanently. Spiritual death occurred first in the garden of Eden. Disobedience severed Adam and Eve's intimate connection to God and caused them to be spiritually detached from Him. As a result, we are now all born as "dead" people in need of new life.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, ______, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the ______ and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

Wherefore, as _____

and death by sin; and so death passed upon _____ men, for that _____ have sinned (Romans 5:12).

2. <u>Living a life of sin.</u> Your nature is to rebel against God; this is called sin. Over and over we choose what pleases us, and not Him. Our efforts to free ourselves from the power of sin are in vain. Enslaved to sin, we need someone to rescue us.

Jesus answered them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, whosoever

_(John 8:34).

3. <u>Under divine wrath</u>. Because of your disobedience, you are under God's judgment, awaiting punishment. All efforts to earn His approval and escape your sentence would be insufficient. Sinful man has nothing acceptable to offer a holy God. Your only hope of escape is for someone else to take your penalty.

And you hath he quickened who were

_____; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this ______

according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience (Ephesians 2:1-2).

God's good news is that the Lord has provided a way for <u>all</u> to pass from spiritual death to eternal life, from bondage of sin into freedom, and from condemnation to intimacy with Him.

Jesus saith unto him, _____

: no man cometh unto the Father, but

(John 14:6).

Jesus Christ <u>alone</u> is the way, and He meets <u>every</u> need.

Do you know for sure you have eternal life? Upon what do you base your assurance?

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #24

Have not I commanded thee? Be s	This week's verse to memorize: Joshua strong and of good courage; be not afraid thy God is with thee whithersoever thou	l, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord
	ion of where we are going to spend eternity it, we are all destined to live forever; it is a	
then shall he sit upon the throne of h	is glory: And before him shall be gathered _	
	one fro sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the	m another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep left (Matthew 25:31-33).
you cannot do; it is simply beyond y living somewhere. You can't end yo "reservation" for one of two eternal	ay, "I just wish I could die and end it all.". your power. You have no control over the fa ur life, but you can know where you are go I locations — heaven or hell. s jasper: and the city was	act that when you die, you will keep on ping to spend it; you can make a
		with all manner of precious stones. The first
		; the third, a
	; the fourth, an	(Revelation 21:18-19).
describes it as a place decorated with abode called hell, as well; this is the He that overcometh shall God, and he shall	e location of those assigned to eternal separ	ble talks very clearly about another eternal ration from God in a lake of fire. ; and I will be his ful, and unbelieving, and the abominable,
and murderers, and whoremongers, a	and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, sha	all have
brimstone: which is the		which burneth with fire and (Revelation 21:7-8).
that it is? It is the presence of the Lo unbroken service, fellowship, and b will be in heaven.	what we shall see, but <u>Who</u> we shall see. Do ord God Almighty. If you are a child of Go liss with the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy ad your life forewar ² . No	d, you will live forever and ever in
	nd your life forever? No Yes	
Where do you plan to spend eternity	?	

Today's Bible reading is Revelation chapter 21.

WILL THERE BE ETERNAL PUNISHMENT? New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #25

This week's verse to memorize: Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Many people are against the idea of eternal punishment for the ungodly. However, their objections have no biblical basis; their objections are based on emotions and personal feelings. Some argue this way: "Since God is omniscient, He certainly would have foreseen that human beings would make some wrong choices and that their sins would result in never-ending separation from Him, so to prevent everlasting punishment, God should not have created the world at all." But do any of you wish you had never been born?

And I saw	, and he that sat on
it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away	; and there was found
And I saw	v the dead, small and great,
	; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which
is the	: and the dead were judged out of those
things which were written in the books, according to the	neir (Revelation 20:11-12).

Others protest, "God was right to create man, but not with the capacity to make decisions that could result in unending punishment. He should have made humankind without the ability to sin." Yet, who would prefer to be a robot?

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

	And death and hell were cast into the lake of
fire	And whosoever was not found
written in the book of life was	the lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-15).

How could God be more fair? What more could He do to save you than He has already done? He sent His only Son to die as a sacrifice for your sins. In addition, He has given you a Bible to read and people to tell you about God, along with Bible courses, tracts, and preachers. You've heard the Gospel again and again. My dear friend, listen carefully: if you stand in the Great White Throne room of judgment after telling God all your life to <u>leave you alone</u>, you will finally have your wish; His final words to you will be, "<u>Depart from me</u>."

For I was an hungered, and ye	: I was thirsty and
ye	I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye
clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited	me not. Then shall they answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an
hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick	x, or in prison, and did not
? Then shall h	ne answer them saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to
one of	, ye did it to me. And these shall
go away into everlasting punishment: but the right	teous into life (Matthew 25:42-46).

Today's Bible reading is Revelation chapter 20.

BELIEVE IN ETERNAL SECURITY New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #26

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong	is week's verse to memorize: Josh g and of good courage; be not afra God is with thee whithersoever th	aid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord
	ns losing your salvation. Once you	ting your life drift away from God and His belong to Christ, there are only admonitions everal reasons:
1. <u>Divine Election</u> . The Lord views your w end, He knows that those who are His ch	• • •	use He can see both the beginning and the with Him.
According as he hath		before the foundation of the before him in love (Ephesians 1:4).
world, that we should be	and without	before him in love (Ephesians 1:4).
on the throne and began His work of inte ever will be needed.	rcession. Because His redemptive	k was finished. Then, in heaven, He sat down plan was complete, no other sacrifice was or
the express image of his person, and uphol	ding all things by the word of his p	, and, ower, when he had by himself
		nd of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3).
Wherefore he is able also to	to the	e uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing (Hebrews 7:25).
By the which will we are sanctified throug		
		(Hebrews 10:10).
3. <u>Salvation by Grace Alone</u> . Neither your choice to accept God's grace through Chu regard to your worth or value and in spite	ist Jesus does. Grace is the goodn	
For by		; and that not
of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of	works, lest any man should	(Ephesians 2:8-9).
Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have presence only, but now much more in my a with fear and trembling. For it is	absence, work out your	, not as in my
both to will and to do of his good pleasure	(Philippians 2:12-13).	
4. You do nothing to earn salvation. And	likewise, you do nothing to keep it.	
Not by works of righteousness which we l	have done, but according to, by the washing of r	regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
Which he shed on us	th	rough Jesus Christ our Saviour (Titus 3:5-6).
The gift of eternal s	security is freely given to you fore	ver — it is a done deal.
	Today's Bible reading is Titus c	hapter 3.

WHY ARE WE ETERNALLY SECURE? New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Saturday, Lesson #27

This week's verse to memorize: Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. You have learned that your salvation is eternally secure because of 1. Divine Election, 2. Christ's work of salvation is complete, and 3. Salvation is accomplished not by your effort, but by grace. The Bible gives several other reasons as well: 4. <u>The Nature of Salvation</u>. Redemption is a <u>gift</u> from God — He forgives, delivers, and brings you home to heaven. _____, that he gave his only begotten son, that who-For God so soever believeth in him, shall not , but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) _____, and will preserve And the Lord shall deliver me from me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory and ever. (II Timothy 4:18) 5. The Promises of God. The Father promises that the life He gives you is eternal, and that no one can take you from Him. He also vows that He has begun a good work in you, and He will complete it to the very end. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish . (John 10:28) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6) 6. Union with Christ. When God adopts you as His child, you are born of Him and placed in union with Christ. Jesus Himself has declared that He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will even seat you in the heavens with Him. But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but _____ . (John 1:12-13) Let your conversation (conduct) be without covetousness; and be with such things as ye have, I will never ______, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5) And hath , and made us sit together . (Ephesians 2:6) 7. The Holy Spirit's Eternal Work. The Spirit of God sealed you at salvation, and His work lasts forever. The Spirit's presence permanently marks each believer as one of God's children. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of If you have asked Jesus to save you, are you convinced yet of the permanency of your position? Yes No Please explain your answer:

Today's Bible Reading Is Ephesians, Chapter 1.

DO YOU WANT IT? New Life Christian Growth Series - Eternal Security Booklet #17

Lesson #28

This week's verse to memorize: John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Life after death — most people love the life part, but the death part can be scary. We can't get past the idea of death (ours or anyone else's) or even think about life after it. But you are eternally made in God's image, and what happens to you after physical death is real and lasts forever. For some, that is good news, but for many, it won't be: "He that hath the Son, hath life; he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life."

He that believeth on the son and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36).

The Bible makes it absolutely clear that eternal life is available to every person on earth.

For whosoever shall upon the name of the Lord, shall be _____ (Romans 10:13).

Eternal life is a costly gift, yet it's free. It cost Jesus His life, so that He might give it to you at no expense. It is of immeasurable quantity, but it is invisible. The quantity is endless, but it is seen only through faith. Sickness, disease, and death are bound to the world; however, everyone in Christ has already overcome the worst this world has to offer — even death.

For whosoever is born of God	: and this
victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that	

of God? (I John 5:4-5)

Eternal life is found only in Christ. Without God, you are spiritually dead and face an eternity of separation from Him. Eternal life is experienced only through an intimate relationship with Christ; it begins at salvation and continues forever. Intellectual knowledge about Jesus Christ alone is not sufficient.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus came into the word to

; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that

first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should	nereafter believe on him
	(I Timothy 1:15-16).

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 (I John 5:13).

As a believer, you should be shouting the salvation message from the rooftops! People around you are yearning for a word of life, but too many Christians have remained silent. Why do you think this is true?

Who do you know that needs to hear about salvation today? Will you tell them?

Today's Bible reading is I John chapter 5.

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 37-40 ONLY**, back to: Mountain State Ministries, P.O. Box 217, Springfield, WV 26763. When we receive it, we will review your answers and grade it (Pass or Fail).

Today's Date: ____/____/_____

My Full Name:_____

My Address: _____

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Section #1: Multiple Choice

Each question below is followed by three choices, only one of the answers is correct. Read each question carefully; then, select the correct answer and circle it. Each of these questions are taken from Scripture and the lessons in this book.

1. Jesus said:

(A) I am the way

(B) None can come to me unless he/she is good

(C) Do not forget me when I'm gone

- 2. Jesus prayed to the Father asking him:
 - (A) To take Him to Heaven
 - (B) To give humans another Comforter
 - (C) To forgive Him
- 3. Whoever has faith in Christ will:
 - (A) Not have any troubles on earth
 - (B) Have lots of Money
 - (C) Live forever with Him
- 4. On the cross, Jesus:
 - (A) Paid the price for all sins
 - (B) Paid the price only for my sins
 - (C) Paid the price for the sins of the Saved
- 5. Jesus told Zacchaeus to do what?
 - (A) Give up his job
 - (B) Allow Him to abide at his house
 - (C) Pay back those he had taken money from
- 6. For by grace are ye:
 - (A) Saved
 - (B) A good person
 - (C) Free from problems

- 7. You are made nigh to God by what?
- (A) The blood of Christ(B) The Bible
 - (C) Prayer
- 8. Jesus said I will be to him:
 - (A) A Father
 - (B) A Light
 - (C) A stepping stone
- 9. Jesus told Nicodemus:
 - (A) To be a teacher
 - (B) To be born again
 - (C) To tell the world about Him
- 10. We are kept by:
 - (A) The power of God
 - (B) Reading the Bible
 - (C) Praying three times a day
- 11. Jesus Christ is:
 - (A) The same today only
 - (B) The same only in Bible times
 - (C) The same yesterday, today, and forever
- 12. For I am not ashamed:
 - (A) Of reading my Bible
 - (B) Of attending my church
 - (C) Of spreading the gospel of Christ

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Section #2: True or False

Each question below is followed by a blank. Read each question carefully. If the statement is true, write the word, "true" in the blank. If the statement is false, write the word "false" in the blank. Each of these questions are taken from Scripture and the lessons in this book.

1. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.
2. Everyone is the son/daughter of God.
3. There are three that bear record in heaven.
4. This is the record that God hath given to us eternal life.
5. As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not, one.
6. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.
7. He that hath the Son hath death.
8. If we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us.
9. Man can pluck you out of God's hand.
10. The Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God.
11. We have received the spirit of bondage of fear.
12. Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world.
13. All scripture is given by inspiration of God.
14. The Lord is great and is above all gods.
15. With God, nothing is impossible.
16. The Lord is slack concerning his promises.
17. By works are ye saved.

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 2.

After we die, what are the only two options for our eternal destination?

To which one will you go? Are you certain? How do you know?_____

To think that you will be in heaven only to find out too late that you were wrong is one of the most terrible mistakes that you can make. Write out what you might say to someone who is in that situation and explain from the Bible what the only way to heaven really is.

How long does eternal life last?

You are a child of your parents. You are part of their family. Even if you leave home and even change your name, do you ever stop being the son or daughter of your parents? In the same way, if one has been born again—born into the family of God—adopted as a child of God, can he or she ever stop being God's child and part of God's family?

Read Galatians 3:21-4:7. There are many who think that they are part of God's family who have never known God. Jesus taught this clearly. Being a Christian does not mean saying a prayer and then living however we want. If we are born again as Jesus taught, we have a new nature, a new heart, and our thoughts, desires, hatred of sin and love of holiness will all resemble that of our Father. We will not always be perfect, of course, but we will be changed—not trying to please a taskmaster by way of rules and threats, but wanting freely to please Him who gave His Son for us—out of love. How is it with you? Are you trying to please God? If so, is it out of love, or out of fear?

Are you secure in Christ Jesus, or are you not sure, wondering if your church, religion, good works, etc. are sufficient?

Do you have any comments or questions about what you have studied in this lesson or anything else? Is there any way that we can pray for you?

If it is your desire to have this Bible lesson series sent to a family member and/or friend, please fill out the following:

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