

The Gospel of John Studies

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GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOU!

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 1

You are on earth for a purpose: to know, love, and glorify God. You can come to know God personally when you meet and know God's Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior. The Bible reveals all the amazing gifts God gives to those who know and follow Jesus.

Some of these marvelous gifts and benefits are found below. This study is linked to the Gospel of John. Allow God to speak to you through the Bible. Think about what each verse says. Then, answer the question in your own words. Write your answer in the blank by the verse. Now, turn to John, chapter 10, and read verse 10.

1. Why did Jesus, the good Shepherd, come? John 10:10

2. What do you think Jesus means by "life ... abundantly"?

3. What kind of life does Jesus give to all who truly believe in Him?
10:28

4. What does God the Father do when we ask in prayer, using Jesus' name? 16:23

5. What do you think it means to ask "in Jesus' name?"

6. Why does Jesus want to answer our prayers? 16:24

7. How do we become "free" in our lives? 8:31, 32 _____

8. What do you think Jesus means by "the truth" that makes us free?
17:17

9. How would one go about continuing in the words of Jesus? 8:31

10. In John 14:1 Jesus says to not let our _____
_____. He wants those who believe in God to believe in, _____ also.
11. What is in heaven in God's giant home? 14:2

12. What did Jesus go to do when He ascended back to heaven? 14:3

13. What will Jesus do first, after He finishes building homes for his followers in heaven?

14. What does Jesus promise then?

15. What is impossible to buy which Jesus gives us free? 14:26

16. If we love Jesus, what are God's feelings about us? 16:27

Why not quietly bow your head in prayer right now. Thank God that He loves you, in spite of your life and sins.

The Bible tells us about two kinds of death. The first is when our body dies. The second death is spiritual death, dying without receiving Jesus in our lives. This death is a separation from God, in a place of fire called "Hell."

17. But what does Jesus promise those who are alive and who really believe in Him? 11: 26

Notice the important words Martha uses to answer Jesus in John 11: Her sentence has in it what she believed about Jesus and his power over death. "Yes, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."

18. When we understand Jesus' words, what happens inside of us?

19. As Jesus fills those who believe, we receive _____
_____ that empowers us to live for Christ. 1:16.

Grace is the gift of God that we can never merit or earn. It is getting God's spiritual riches, through Jesus, in exchange for our sinful poverty. We are saved from our sins by grace, never by works. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

20. John gives us a picture of Jesus as God's Lamb. What did Jesus do about our sins on the Cross? 1: 29 _____

21. There is a single word in John 1:12 that tells what it means to "believe" in Jesus. To believe in Jesus means to _____
Him into your heart as the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this study you have read of God's loving purpose for your life, and some of the wonderful benefits of knowing Him. Those who truly put their faith in Jesus are given abundant life, eternal life, answers to

prayer, freedom, a home in heaven, joy, peace, and grace. Also, God will forgive and take away their sins.

When you repent of your sins, and receive Jesus, He will come into your heart as Lord forever. To repent is to turn away from your sins to follow Christ. He died for all your sins, and then rose from the grave. In the next lesson you will learn more about one of God's gifts to you - eternal life.

THE POWER OF LIVING FOREVER

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 2

Many people think eternal life is something we experience after we die. Others think eternal life is the product of doing enough good things to overcome all the sins we commit. This is not true. Few people realize what Jesus tells us again and again: that we can know for sure that we have eternal life now.

Let's look at the Gospel of John in the Bible. Turn to chapter 17, verse 3. Read the verse, and answer the question in your own words. Write it in the blank space.

1. What is eternal life? 17:3 _____

2. How do you think we can "know" God and Jesus? 7:17 _____

Eternal life is not just a promise about the future. Eternal life is wrapped up in a Person, Jesus Christ. To have Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior is to have eternal life.

3. What is the path to finding Jesus? 5:39 _____

4. Who has the words of eternal life for all? 6:67-69 _____

5. If you don't have eternal life what will happen? 3:15 _____

6. How do Jesus' sheep get eternal life? 10:28 _____

7. What happens when we choose our will over the will of God?
12:25 _____
How do we keep eternal life? _____

8. Jesus says, "Without me _____" 15:5

9. Who has the power over all and can give eternal life?

Read John 3:16 twice. Then answer the following questions:

10. Who loves the people in the world? _____

11. What did God do because of His love for you?

12. Who is the "begotten son" of God? _____

13. Who may have everlasting life? _____

14. Those who do not believe in God's only Son Jesus will _____

15. How many people can have everlasting life? _____

16. How long do you think everlasting life is? _____

17. Why does God give us everlasting life? _____

18. How do you keep from perishing? _____

19. In John 5:24, Jesus says something very important. Fill in the blanks. To have Jesus' everlasting life one must first _____ His word, and _____ on Him.

20. Then Jesus promises three important things:

You have _____

You shall not _____

You have _____

Everyone can know when he passes from death to life, just as one knows the date he gets married, or his birthday. Have you as yet passed from death to life? You can know.

21. Jesus describes eternal life as a _____
_____ 4:13,14

22. Then how does one get eternal life? v. 14 _____

23. What does it mean to drink water in John 4:14? Circle best answer:

- a) drink real water
- b) to believe in Jesus
- c) dig a well
- d) be baptized

24. Jesus uses another word picture to describe Himself in John 6:47, 48, and 51. Jesus is:

List 2 qualities that come to mind when you see, touch, and eat BREAD.

25. How would each of these qualities relate to Jesus? _____

26. If we believe on the living Christ what will we have? 6:47

You have learned that eternal life and everlasting life are the same. Obtaining eternal life results from knowing Jesus personally. He is eternal life! You have found that eternal life is forever. No one will perish who has everlasting life. Jesus is your Living Water and your Bread of Life.

In the next study you will learn how to keep from dying from the world's worst disease.

THE TRAGEDY OF SIN

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 3

In each human being is a deadly disease -sin-, which infects those you love, and is transmitted from parent to child. Some people think they are getting away with it. However, God judges your sin. Thankfully, God has provided a remedy for sin.

Let's look again at the Gospel of John and also at some key verses from other places in the Bible. Remember to read the verse carefully, before writing your answer in the blank space.

1. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." What did Jesus do about our sin? John 1:29

2. Who is Jesus? What did Jesus claim by calling God his "Father"? 5:17-18

3. Jesus claim was true! How did religious leaders react again to Jesus calling God His "Father"? 10:31-33

Jesus forgave sins, received worship as God, was sinless, and claimed the same qualities as God. He is both God and man.

4. Who will finally judge all sinful people? 5:22, 26-27

5. What remedy for sin does Jesus suggest to a very religious man? 3:3

Being born physically is not enough. Because of your sins you must also experience a second birth inside.

6. We need to be born again, because without Christ we are servants of _____ 8:34

7. Who is the father of all those who lust and sin? 8:44

We have an earthly father, the Devil, who wants us in hell with him for eternity. We need a heavenly Father of love.

8. Because of not trusting our total selves to Jesus, we stand _____ 3:18.

9. Read John 8:1-11. What did Jesus say to the proud religious leaders? 8:7

Jesus forgave the sinful woman. He saw true repentance in her heart. This is how He relates to everyone who is honest about his sin, and desires a new birth.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

10. According to this verse, how many people have sinned? _____

11. What is sin? Sin is (circle all correct answers)

- a) transgressing God's Law
- b) all unrighteousness
- c) *coming short of the glory of God*
- d) rebellion against God
- e) unbelief; it makes God a liar
- f) living my own way, doing what I want, against God's will.

Sin is rebellion toward God characterized by an attitude of indifference. All the answers in question #11 are Bible definitions of

sin. Religious people go to hell. Good people go to hell. Bad people go to hell. Only forgiven people go to heaven. Getting forgiveness for sin involves turning from sin in repentance, and surrendering to Christ Jesus as Lord.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23)

12. What wage does sin pay each of us? _____

13. Do we need to work for salvation from God? _____

14. Then, how do we get eternal life? _____

"For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of ourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any many should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9). From this verse answer:

15. How are we saved from hell? _____

16. How do we get this eternal life? _____

Grace is a gift, as is faith. You cannot work for grace.

17. What does Jesus promise to all who refuse to follow Him as Lord and Savior? John 8:24

18. Who can free us up from sin's power? 8:36 _____

19. What did Jesus ask those who knew Him best on earth? 8:46

Jesus had never sinned. He was tempted, however, just as you are. Jesus loves you. His love caused him to choose to take your sins on Himself on the cross.

"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after that the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

20. What two appointments will we all keep?

- a. _____
- b. _____

Those who choose Jesus' gift of eternal life will win over these two terrible happenings. In the next lesson you will discover how Jesus took your sins and their consequences on Himself.

ACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 4

It is impossible to sin without punishment. You can't escape the eyes of God. "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings" (Proverbs 5:21). Read each verse. Write the answer in your words.

1. What has the heavenly Father done about judging us? 5:22

2. Why is the Son of God, Jesus, our judge? 5:23

3. What two things has God the Father given His Son Jesus?
5:26,27

4. What kind of judgment does Jesus provide? 8:16

5. When judgment came, what happened to Satan, "the prince of this world"? 12:31

6. What triggered this loss of Satan's power and position on earth?
12:32

7. When was Jesus "lifted up"? 12:33

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

8. How many people will give an account to God on judgment day?

9. Whose actions will we be accountable for on judgment day?

God has a record keeper, like an invisible video camera traveling with you 24 hours a day. He knows your motives, thoughts, words, and actions. There is a judgment day.

"You have heard. 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27

10. When does adultery begin in a person? (Circle one answer)

a) When one looks and desires?

b) When someone commits the act of sin?

Read these words from Jesus: *"For out of the heart come a) evil thoughts, b) murder, c) adultery, d) sexual immorality, e) theft, f) false testimony, g) slander. These are what make a man unclean."* Matthew 15:19,20.

11. Put each deadly sin in your own words:

A _____ B _____

C _____ D _____

E _____ F _____

G _____

12. Where do these sins come from? _____

13. Which of these sins is the most tempting to you? _____

These terrible sins can destroy a marriage, our children, or our work. But they are not the worst sin. There is an unforgivable sin that sends us to hell.

14. What is this great, unforgivable sin? John 8:24

Jesus Christ was complete God, and complete Man. Let's look closely at what He did for us on the cross. Read the following verses from Hebrews, 10:10-18. 10. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins, 12. but this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God. 14. For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. 17. And your sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin".

15. See back to verse 10: How many times does Jesus have to die to pay for our sins? _____

"Sanctified" means "to be made holy, set apart." What Jesus did was so powerful that it cannot be duplicated. No sacrifice today can add to what He already completed. All our sins were put on Christ, and He died in our place. The word "Lord" is used over 40 times in the Gospel of John. Jesus bought with His love the right to be our Lord, our "boss."

16. What cannot take away our sins today? v. 11

17. What did the Man, Christ Jesus, do on the cross? v. 12

18. How long does this sacrifice last? v. 17 _____

19. When someone sits down, it may be because he is tired, or because he has finished his work. Why did Jesus sit down by God's side? _____

20. How many times must Jesus die to make us complete and holy before God? v. 14

21. Because of the blood Jesus shed for our sins, how many of our sins will God remember? v.17

Jesus died for all, but only those who receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord benefit from His death on the cross.

22. Since God accepted Jesus' sacrifice as the complete remission (forgiveness) of our sins, does Jesus need to be sacrificed again and again today in a mass? Why?

GOD'S SOLUTION TO OUR SINS

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 5

Something happened when Jesus died on the cross that has never happened before or since. Let us discover the heart of the cross as we look into that event in John's gospel, Chapters 19-20.

The Death of Jesus - Read John, chapter 19:15-37

1. The ruler Pilate gave Jesus to the soldiers to be _____.
19:16
2. What do you think the soldiers thought? _____

3. What might Jesus have been feeling? _____

4. What was Jesus carrying? _____

5. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? vv. 18 and 23

6. How was Jesus "dressed" hanging on the cross? 19:23

7. What did Jesus see and say while hanging on the cross? 19:26,27

Then said Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

8. According to this verse, how did Jesus respond to those who wrongfully murdered him? _____

9. Read verse 30: What were Jesus' last words on the cross?

What did He mean? _____

"He (God) made him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

11. What two things does the verse say about Jesus?

a. _____
b. _____

The Apostle Peter wrote. *"For Christ also died for sins, once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that he might bring us to God."* (I Peter 3:18).

12. Christ died for our _____

13. How many times did Jesus have to die? _____

14. What did His death provide for us? _____

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 3:24).

15. What did Jesus take on Himself hanging on the cross?

16. And we get healing and forgiveness through _____

Turn to John chapter 15:9,13.

17. Why did Jesus choose to lay down his life for us?

The Burial of Jesus - Read John 19:38-42

1. Who were the friends of Jesus who cared for his body? vv. 38,39

2. List three things they did with the body of Jesus?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

The Resurrection of Jesus - Read John 20:1-31

1. What did Mary Magdalene do?

2. What did Peter do?

3. To whom did Jesus show Himself? vv. 11-29

4. What did Thomas do?

v. 24-25 _____

v. 26-29 _____

5. What have you done with Jesus?

6. Why was the Gospel of John written? v. 31

Paul the Apostle summarized it, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (I Corinthians 15:3,4, NAS).

Jesus was God when His heavenly Father sent Him to earth to live as a man. God's Son experienced all that it meant to be a human being, yet He did not sin. Jesus died on the cross, as a substitute for your sins because of His great love for you. He was separated from God by your sins. He became a perfect sacrifice that cannot be copied or duplicated today.

Jesus was buried in a tomb. God accepted Christ's death as full payment for your sins, by raising Him from the dead. Jesus Christ is alive, and by His Holy Spirit He will come into the hearts of all who repent of their sins and surrender their lives, by receiving Him as Savior and Lord. He stays with the believer forever.

THE MOST AWESOME GIFT!

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 6

It is never enough to know something. You must act on that knowledge. It is wonderful to be offered a gift. But you cannot enjoy the gift unless you receive it from the giver, and use it. God offers the awesome gift of eternal life, but you must receive the gift by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ. Read the following verses, and answer the questions in your own words.

We use the word "believe" every day. "I believe in my family," or, "I believe in this political candidate." That is not what the word "believe" means in the Bible. God really desires that we believe Him! But what does it mean to believe?

1. What is the only "work" God accepts for salvation? 6:28,29

Here are a number of verses that demonstrate what it truly means to believe in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any one hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20)

2. Where is Jesus standing? _____

3. What does 'the door' mean in this picture verse?

4. Why is Jesus "knocking" at the door?

5. What two things must happen before Jesus will come into the

heart? a) _____

b) _____

6. What does Jesus promise to do to any open heart?

Eating together can be a time of deep bonding and friendship. The Bible contains your spiritual "food." Jesus wants to have a time of knowing and enjoying being together each day. You need to eat together with God as you study God's Word. Then you talk with Him in prayer.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9).

7. What action words illustrate in this verse what it means to believe in Christ?

_____ with your _____, and _____
in your _____

8. Explain the difference between believing in your head, and believing in your heart.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"(Romans 10:13).

9. What action word here means to believe in Christ and be saved?

10. If you have not already believed in Christ, what is your state before God? 3:18 _____

11. Why don't all people receive God's Son as Savior and Lord? 3:19, 20

Let's look at the lives of four people who believed in Jesus. Read John chapter 4.

12. Who did Jesus claim to be? vv. 25,26

13. When the immoral woman believed in Jesus, what did her faith lead her to do?

14. The story of the nobleman demonstrates the power of believing in Christ. 4:49-53. How do we know the nobleman believed in Jesus about his son?

The test of true faith is obedience to the Lord Jesus.

15. What did Jesus tell the woman He rescued from death, which had committed adultery? 8: 11

16. To believe in Jesus, the Light, is to _____ and not walk in darkness. 8:12

17. What does Jesus promise to those who follow Him? 8:12

18. After Jesus had anointed the eyes of the man born blind how do we know the man believed? 9:7,8 _____

19. After the religious rulers kicked out the man Jesus had just healed, Jesus found him. When Jesus revealed Himself, what action showed the belief of the man once blind?

9:35-39 _____

To "repent" means a "change of attitude that results in a change of direction ... a change of life." To repent is turn from sin's deadly grip on our lives, and seek Christ for forgiveness and victory over all sin. To "repent" is to change our attitude about Jesus Christ. He is no longer a little baby in the Christmas manger, but Lord of all.

Wouldn't you like to pray and invite Jesus into your life as Lord and Savior? Here is a prayer many have prayed: "Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dying for me on the cross. Thank you for taking my sins on yourself as my substitute. The best I know how, I turn from my sins, and I give all of myself to you, Lord Jesus. Come into my life as boss. I will follow you wherever you lead."

After praying this prayer with all your heart, you may write your name here:

Or, if you are already certain Jesus has taken all your sins and that you will go straight to heaven, check here: o

GOD'S GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Gospel of John Bible Studies - Lesson 7

When you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, He actually comes to live in your body through the Holy Spirit. "Christ -in you, the hope of glory," "...Christ liveth in me,"(Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20). If you've received Jesus, thank him in prayer for His life in you. Jesus is the eternal Gift who never stops giving.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

1. According to this verse, where does God put us, when we receive Jesus?

2. What are we now called? _____

3. What does God say about our past life? _____

4. How does God now see us in Christ? _____

The Apostle Paul uses the expression "in Christ" 163 times in the New Testament. At the moment of giving your life to Christ, He came into you, and you were put into Him. This is called "union with Christ."

JESUS "I AM" SPECIAL NAME MEETS OUR NEEDS

When Jesus lives in you, He gives you all the attributes that He is Himself. His character meets your specific needs. In John's Gospel, Jesus introduces Himself by the Old Testament name for God, "I am that I am." Let's learn 6 "I am" names of Jesus.

5. Whom did God send to meet the daily needs in our life? 6:32-35 & 51

6. What does the "Bread of God" provide freely for the entire world? 6,33

7. If you come to Jesus, you will never _____. 6:35

8. If you believe on Him, you'll never _____. 6:35

9. What 2 action words show how to receive the strength and provision of Jesus? 6:35
_____ and _____

10. Jesus said, "I am _____" 8:12

11. List three reasons you need light each day:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

You need both light for your eyes and light in your mind to discern good from evil. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130). Jesus wants you to learn His will by studying the Bible daily.

12. Think of 3 things a shepherd would use a door for with his sheep. John 10:8-10.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Imagine how difficult a shepherd's job would be without a gate to his pen.

13. How do you need to experience Jesus as a "door" in your life this week?

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). God is called by David, 'my Shepherd.' We are His sheep. Jesus claims to be God by using the same name, Shepherd.

14. Read John 10:11-17. Think of and list 3 things a good shepherd would do for a lamb:

- a) _____

- b) _____

- c) _____

15. How can Jesus, the Good Shepherd, meet a need in your life this week?

Find 3 names of Jesus from John 14:6:

16. Jesus is _____ each day you follow Him.

17. Jesus is _____. You measure your job, your decisions, and your relationships by His will and Word.

18. Jesus is _____ He lives in you through His Spirit. He empowers you to live right and gives eternal life.

Though our bodies eventually die, we never die as a person. Jesus will resurrect our bodies when He returns (John 14:2-3).

19. What does Jesus call Himself? 15:5 _____

20. To be productive what is essential for us, the branches, to do? 15:5

21. What can we do alone, without Jesus? _____

Repeat aloud: "Jesus, thank you for being my Bread, Light, Door, Shepherd, Way, Truth, Light, and my Vine." This week memorize your favorite Scriptural name of Jesus.

OUR NEW HELPER

Jesus lives in believers through the Holy Spirit. "...God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts" (Galatians 4:6). His Spirit gives us everything we need to follow God's will. He also gives us power to solve our problems and conquer the Devil.

22. What invitation does Jesus give to spiritually thirsty people? 7:37

23. What happens inside us when we believe and drink?

24. To what does this "rivers of water" refer? 7:39 _____

25. How do we get the Holy Spirit into our lives? 7:38

26. What 2 things does the Holy Spirit, God's Comforter, do in us? 14:26

1. _____
2. _____

27. There are 2 names for the Holy Spirit in John 15:26. Which of these names represents an attribute of God's Spirit that you need today? _____

28. Who bears witness about Jesus to those who don't know Him?
15:26,27

29. When the Holy Spirit comes into each believer, what 4 things will He do? 16:13,14

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

30. The Holy Spirit shows us who the Lord Jesus is and what He can do in us. Jesus also promised that He would reveal Himself to us. What is the condition for revealing Himself? 14:21, 24 _____
