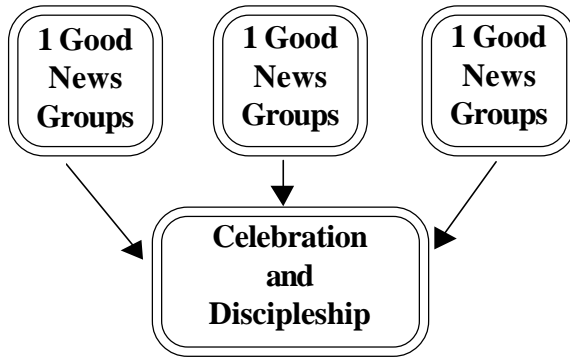


studies with those who have completed the first cycle of Good News studies.

The new converts continue meeting together for celebration and discipleship.



OBSERVATION #1

Always train the new leaders in small groups. This is essential because the new leaders will not yet know how to lead worship. If only one Good News group has been functioning or if there are extreme security limitations which would prevent leaders from several Good News groups from meeting together then make sure that there are at least two people from the group being trained together. The purpose of training two people is to maintain the group dynamic for modeling and training future leaders. Training leaders is your key to growth and multiplication.

OBSERVATION #2

Baptism should be introduced at this time and the new converts could be baptized immediately after the completion of the discipleship studies. From that point, the local leaders will be leading in worship.

OBSERVATION #3

You can form new house churches from those who complete the second round of Good News studies. This increases the development of new leaders from those groups, increases the likelihood that each group will reproduce (multiplying the reproduction rate), and increases the likelihood that they will develop a pattern of passing on what they have learned.

Also encourage the local leaders to continue meeting in homes rather than renting a place of worship in order to prevent a hindrance to reproduction.

OBSERVATION #4

It is a real advantage if the Good News studies can be carried out in small groups which consist of people who already have relationships. In some cultures people do not trust those with whom they do not already have a relationship (i.e. friends and family members). Then these become natural cores for new house churches.

As groups mature they can begin to make themselves known to one another via their leadership. They will then begin to gain the benefits of networking for encouragement, accountability, training, and outreach. However this is often not possible among brand new believers in some nations.

OBSERVATION #5

Also, the growth potential of cell groups and house churches are far greater than for larger groups. Unless there is a compelling cultural or historical reason for new churches in an area to buy or rent buildings and form larger congregations, they should probably be encouraged to pursue a house church model. It is always best to maintain focus on evangelism, discipleship and church multiplication.

OBSERVATION #6

Again use the Good News Bible Studies or Stories immediately if your worldview allows this. Another approach is to create your own chronological Bible storying tract using the chapters by J.O. Terry or Jackson Day in this manual before beginning the Good News Bible Studies or Stories with Buddhists, Hindus, animists, Muslims, Sikhs, Parsees, or with anyone who has had little or no awareness of Christianity or Christian teachings.

THIRD CYCLE

1. Continue to disciple leaders. The purpose of this discipleship group is to train leaders. Designate a time, in private not in mass, to train local leaders. Train them to use Indirect Methods of Bible study and/or Storying. Also instruct them in how to lead the church. The pioneer may use the material in the appendix by Dr. Waylon Moore and Thomas Wade Akins. It is important to note that this discipleship must be done in small groups privately in a separate location.

**Discipleship
Training
For
Leaders**

OBSERVATION

Have the new local leaders lead in worship rather than the pioneer as soon as possible. He can prepare them for this task in the separate leaders' meeting.

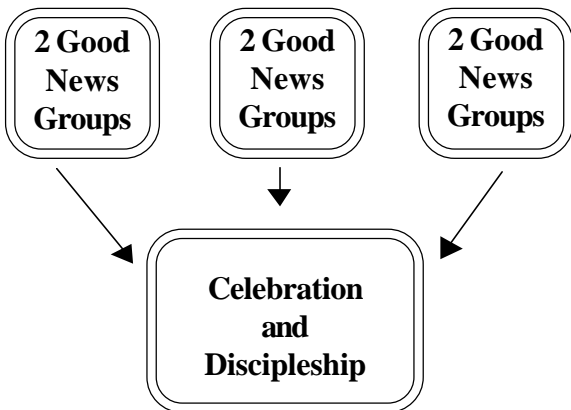
2. Begin more Good News Bible Studies (or Storying) groups in other homes in the area using the local leaders who have been trained

up through the second cycle to lead the studies. The new local leaders (those from the first cycle) will begin training the new converts from the second cycle of studies by taking these new converts with them to do these studies.

The new leaders from the first cycle of studies are leading these groups accompanied by the new converts from the second cycle of studies.



3. Begin integrating the second group of those who have completed the Good News studies into the celebration service. Continue the discipleship process in small groups. If at all possible, unite all the new converts with those who are already meeting in a central place for worship. Train the local people in regard to their responsibility to pay the rent for a place of worship, if they desire, instead of a sponsoring mother church or missionary organization or convention—if there is one.



FOURTH CYCLE

BEGIN THE NEW CHURCH OR CHURCHES

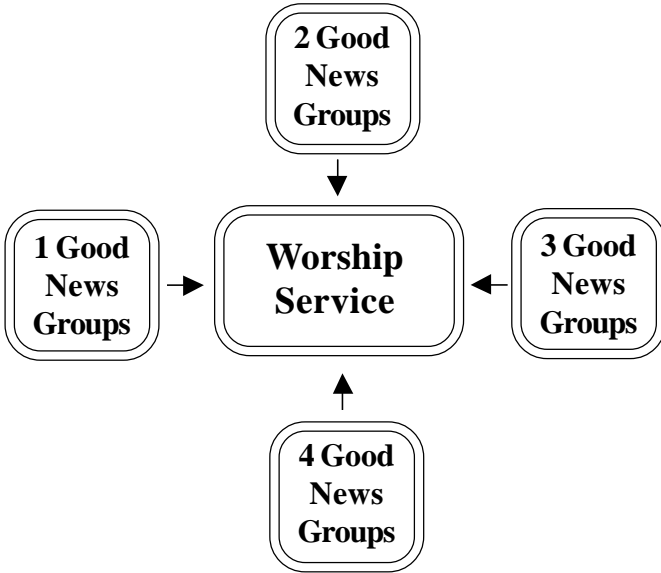
1. Train the local leaders how to lead the church.
2. **Begin more Good News groups in other homes using local leaders who have been led by the pioneer through step four.** The new converts who completed the second cycle and were trained in the third cycle of studies are ready to lead these studies by themselves. The leaders of the second cycle will take those new converts who completed the third cycle of studies with them to do the fourth cycle of studies.

Fourth Cycle of Good News Studies

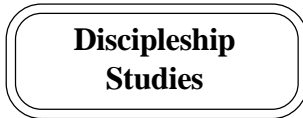


Leaders from the second cycle will lead these studies accompanied by those new converts who completed the third cycle of studies.

3. The local leaders are now leading the Good News Bible Studies, Six Truths, the worship service and the follow-up and discipleship.
4. Begin the church with the trained leaders who are being disciplined. The group will choose to either continue divided in small cell group house churches or acquire a central meeting place. They will be responsible for any cost of rent or buying property.



5. Always maintain a small discipleship group to continuously train new leaders.



LOCAL LEADERS IN ACTION

1. Allow the local leaders to lead the worship services and do all the work. These leaders have been trained previously or are in the process of being trained.
2. The original pioneer will now be able to prepare to leave the field for another area to start a new work.
3. Continue to train the leaders and begin Good News studies in the homes of non Christians.

4. The local leaders who have been trained by the pioneer should lead the Good News Bible Studies.
5. The local leaders that have been trained by the pioneer should lead the Follow-up studies.
6. Train the local leader to lead Discipleship groups using indirect methods.

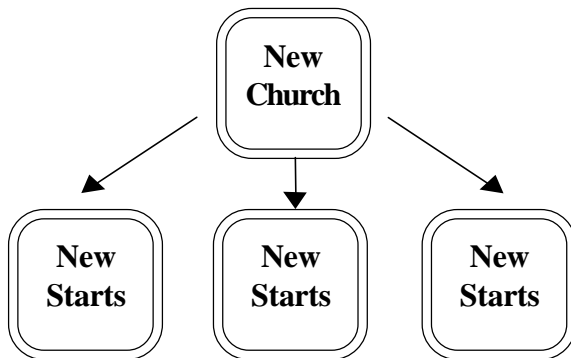


7. The local leaders that have been trained by the pioneers will lead the worship services.

FIFTH CYCLE

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES AND NEW CHURCHES

The church will begin a new church, or churches, using these same methods. Continue to train leaders to repeat the cycles, continuing to multiply new churches.



The new church organizes multiple new works using this same method with mature and well trained lay people.

APPENDIXES

1. THE PIONEER EVANGELIST AND THE USE OF SURVEYS
2. SIX TRUTHS FOR THE NEW CONVERT
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4. GOOD NEWS FROM GOD
5. GOOD NEWS OF JESUS
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**THE PIONEER EVANGELIST AND THE
USE OF SURVEYS**

Brazilian World Missions Board

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THE PIONEER EVANGELIST AND THE USE OF SURVEYS

The Brazilian Home Mission Board missionary's manual has outlined the subject of a surveying as the following:

1. The purpose of surveying
2. How to prepare for surveying
3. How to take a survey
4. How to evaluate a survey

1. Purpose of a Survey

The survey is a method to collect, through door to door visitation, the maximum amount of information about a people living at a certain place, during a certain period of time.

The **first purpose** is to discover where prospects live who are interested in the gospel.

The **second purpose** is to locate **support points** for future works. This means locate **better places** to start new works such as: home Bible studies, vacation Bible schools, etc. You may even be able to take advantage of other opportunities, such as locating Christians who have left the church and become re-interested, or Christians who have recently relocated and do not have a home church. These places and people can be called support points because they can help in the beginning of the new ministry.

The **third purpose** of a survey is to meet people in their own environment. Through such a setting it is possible to better understand the needs of the people, the community, and the cultural environment and context in order to better plan a program that is catered to the needs of the people.

The **fourth purpose** is to become acquainted with the area and to make friends with the people. This will help later on in the execution of your ministry.

The **fifth purpose** is to discover religious groups that exist in the area.

2. How to Prepare for a Survey

For a survey to have good results, it is necessary for the teams to be well prepared and take all safety precautions. In the next section we will outline the conditions for a good survey.

A. Spiritual preparation

- a. Pray for those who live in the neighborhood
- b. Pray for the team
- c. Pray for the pioneer

B. Preparation of the material

A folder that contains tracks, gospels of John, survey forms, Bible studies and a pencil.

- a. Check to see that your folder has all the necessary material.
- b. Make sure the team knows the exact location or block for which it is responsible.
- c. Check to see that you know the names of the streets and the layout of the area for which you are responsible.

C. Preparation of the location

- a. Know well the area of the survey on a map.
- b. Discover the best way to reach the location of the survey, also using a map.
- c. After arriving on location ask around and check street names to make sure you are at the right spot.

D. Summary

For a survey it is necessary to:

- a. Prepare spiritually through prayer and reading the Bible.
- b. Prepare the material making sure you have everything you need.
- c. Prepare the location by knowing well the area where you are planning the survey.

3. How to Take a Survey

- A. The first step is to fill out the form:
 - a. Write legibly
 - b. Use one form for each family
 - c. Fill out all the blanks of the form on both sides

- B. Your attitude during the interview:

There are six essential points for each person who is interviewing:

- a. Positive
- b. Friendly
- c. Prudent
- d. Firm
- e. Gentle
- f. Objective

- C. What to do during the interview:

- a. Explain the reason for the survey and what you are going to do with the collected information. For example:
- b. “We are going to start a Bible study in this neighborhood.”
- c. “We would like to know better those living in this neighborhood in order to better serve you.”
- d. Take the opportunity to give a quick testimony if the person shows any interest in the gospel.
- e. Avoid arguments even if you need to defend yourself.
- f. Speak with the right person. If a young teenage boy or child answers the door say, “I would like to speak with your father.” If it is a young girl, say, “I would like to speak with your mother.” If neither parent is home, then speak with the child. He can be an open door to the family.
- g. Do not over insist with too many questions; however, do not give up too easily.
- h. Go in pairs. One person writes down the information while the other one talks.

4. How to Evaluate the Survey

- A. Make sure you know exactly which streets and blocks have been surveyed.
- B. Mark off the completed forms on the maps.
- C. Make two lists: one of prospects and one of support points.
- D. Plan a time to visit the discovered prospects and prepare the necessary material for these visits.
- E. Evaluate the results each day.

SIX TRUTHS FOR THE NEW CONVERT

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SIX TRUTHS FOR THE NEW CONVERT

INTRODUCTION

The Bible says in Colossians 2:6 “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.” In this lesson you will learn how to live in fellowship with Christ.

When you were born physically you were born only once. When you receive Christ you are born spiritually, and again you are born only once. This is what is called in John 3, “the new birth.” Physically you can’t be reborn every Sunday and this is also true with your spiritual birth.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE

Truth 1

What is eternal life? John 17: 3 says, “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” In other words, eternal life is Jesus in your heart (spirit). This means that when Jesus enters your life, He will give you a new life and you will live eternally with Him in heaven.

I John 5:12 says, “He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

What happens when you sin after you receive Christ? You do not lose your salvation! Let me explain. I have three children, and sometimes they disobey me. Do you think that I make them leave forever? Of course not! They are my children and I love them. What I do is correct them, teach them, and discipline them. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:7-8, “Endure hardship as discipline. God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father. If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.”

The Bible says in John 1:12, “To those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” Therefore, a son of God will be corrected when he sins. If not, you aren’t really a son of God. But a true son cannot lose his salvation because he has eternal life.

If you sin after you receive Christ, God will discipline you to train you to walk in the right ways. He will not take away your salvation. Your salvation is eternal, and eternal is forever!

BE BAPTIZED!

Truth 2

Jesus says in Matthew 28:19, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to do everything I have commanded you.”

Maybe you were baptized when you were a baby. But Jesus says that only those who are His followers have the right to be baptized. You were not a follower of Christ when you were a baby. You did not know anything about Jesus. You only became a follower of Christ when you accepted Him in your life through faith and repentance.

Why shouldn't you be baptized as a baby? Because baptism is a symbol (a means of identification) that you are a follower of Christ.

In the Bible, all of the followers were baptized by immersion after they received Christ. What is immersion? When you are baptized someone will put your whole body under water momentarily. Why? Because this is a symbol of the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus. You cannot do this when you are a baby, but you should do this after you receive Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 says, “Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death, we were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

The water does not save us. Only Jesus Christ saves. Your baptism is the first symbol that you really are a follower of Christ. If you do not know where to be baptized, ask your pioneer, or write a letter to the author of this study explaining where you have been saved and he will try to find someone to baptize you.

READ YOUR BIBLE

Truth 3

Psalms 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path.” The Bible is the word of God. The first part is called the Old Testament. The second part is the New Testament. The word testament means “a covenant.”

How should you read your Bible? The Bible is a love letter from God to you. Read your Bible using this method:

1. Begin reading a book- for example: the book of John.
2. Read the first verse.
3. Ask God to show you a spiritual truth in this verse. For example, John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.”

What are the spiritual truths found in this verse?

- a. The world was created by the word
 - b. The word was God (verse 14 later tells us that the word is Jesus)
4. Read each verse or paragraph using this method and let God speak to you about who He is, about the sins in your life, orders for you to obey, etc.

PRAYER

Truth 4

God says in Luke 18:1 that we should pray always and not give up. How can you pray? It is important that you have time alone with God. Begin your time using this method:

1. Reading of the Bible- use the method of step 3 for 5 minutes
2. Praise- say, “Lord Father, I love you because . . .”
3. Thanksgiving- “I thank you Lord because . . .”
4. Intercession- “Lord I pray for my son Jeff, because he needs . . . (continue to pray for people who have not received Christ in their lives). Make a list of people. Put some of these names on a list for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc., (and pray for them on these days)
5. Supplication- tell God your needs
6. Confession- remain silent for a time, and ask the Lord to bring to your mind any sin or bad thing in your life. First John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from our unrighteousness.” This was written for people who have already received Christ. When you are dirty, you must take a bath. Confession for the Christian is a spiritual bath.

BECOME A MEMBER OF AN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Truth 5

Ephesians 1:23 says, “For the church is the body of Christ.” Jesus Christ is the head of the church. Ephesians 1:22 says, “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be the head of everything for the church.”

The word Peter means “rock.” Jesus Christ is referred to as a “rock.” In Matthew 16:18 God does not say that Peter is the head of the church, but that Jesus is the chief cornerstone. First Corinthians 3:11 says, “for no one can lay any other foundation other than the one already laid which is Jesus Christ.”

A church is a body of baptized believers who meet together for the purpose of:

1. Worship—the practice two ordinances—the Lord’s Supper and baptism
2. Evangelism
3. Discipleship
4. Human Needs ministries
5. Fellowship

Why do you need to belong to a church?

1. To praise the Lord with other brothers in Christ
2. To learn the word of God
3. To have fellowship with other believers in Christ (the church is your spiritual family)
4. To serve others
5. To share with people who have not received Jesus

6. Romans 10:13 - Ask the person if he would like to give his life to Jesus. If he says, "Yes," ask him to pray and ask God into his life right now, "because all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13)."

WITNESS

Truth 6

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus says, “Go and make disciples.” This means that each follower of Jesus should share with a lost person what happened in his life. This testimony should begin with the people of your own family. You should explain your life before you received Christ as your savior, how you realized your need for Jesus, how and when you received Christ, and what your life is like now with Christ. After doing this, ask the individual if he, or she, would also like to receive Christ and have assurance of eternal life.

If the person says, “Yes,” show the following verses and explain each one as instructed below:

1. I John 5:13-You can have assurance of eternal life. Eternal life is Jesus in your heart (John 17:3). Eternal life results in peace now (John 10:10 and 10:17) and certainty of heaven after you die (John 14:1-3).
2. Romans 3:23-The greatest problem of man is sin. We are all sinners. Because of sin we have a great barrier that separates us from God.
3. Romans 6:23- “The wages of sin is death.” This means that the end result of our sin is death. Death is separation from God. This means that our life now will be without peace, joy and the certainty of eternal life. It will be a tense life, empty, scarred by fear and a guilty conscience. It will also be a life separated from heaven and the presence of God for all eternity.
4. Romans 5:8- Christ died for our sins. Christ paid the price (wages) for my sins and also for your sins by dying in our place.
5. Romans 8:9&10 and 10: 9&10- To receive Christ, you must accept Him as your Lord and Savior. This means that you should be willing to allow Christ to control your life. It also means that to receive Christ means to trust Him. To trust means to quit trusting other things and to put all your faith in Jesus Christ.

A NEW LIFE

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WHO ARE YOU?

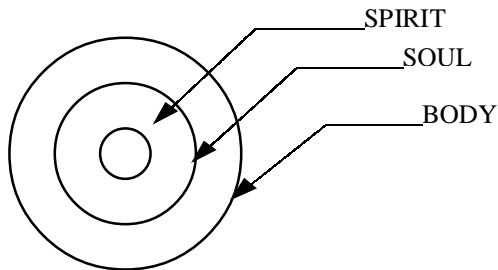
A New Life - Lesson 1

INTRODUCTION:

Who are you? Why do you exist? What is the purpose of your life? Why were you born? What is the root of many of your problems? What is going to happen to you when you die?

In I Thessalonians 5:23 the Bible says, “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Man is divided into three parts: body, soul, and spirit. Observe the following diagram:



- 1. What is the body?** Your body is the house for your soul and your spirit. The Bible teaches us in Genesis 2:7 that, “The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground . . .” Your body is important. In I Corinthians 6:13 the Bible teaches that we should use our bodies to glorify God. The Bible says that, at the end of the world, God will resurrect your body and you will have an immortal body. I Corinthians 15:20 says, “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Therefore, the Biblical teaching is not reincarnation, but resurrection. Every day your body is slowly becoming older and one day your heart will stop. Certainly your body will die and return to dust until Jesus Christ returns and resurrects it so you can appear before the throne of God on Judgment day.

2. **What is the soul?** The New Testament was written originally in the Greek language and the word “soul” is psyche. Our word in English is “psyche.” This is the root of the word “psychology.” Your soul is divided into three parts:
- A) **Mind:** You have the capacity to think.
 - B) **Emotions:** You are capable of feeling love, anger, hate, bitterness, compassion, etc.
 - C) **Will:** You have the capacity to choose and make decisions. In making decisions you use your will.

3. **What is the spirit?** The Bible says in John 4:24 that, “God is Spirit.” In Genesis 1:27 it says, “So God created man in His own image. In the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
- What does the phrase mean, “God created man in His own image?” This means that when you were born, God gave you a spirit. An animal does not have a spirit because it was not created in the image of God.

Your spirit is that part of you that can communicate with the living God. God gave you the capacity to have fellowship with Him.

The Bible teaches us that we are born with a physically empty spirit and that only God can fill it. Do you know why? Because God is Holy! When Jesus met Nicodemus, He said, “No one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.” If a man has not experienced a new birth in His spirit, he has tension in his life and in his home, guilt in his mind, fear to live and to die, and a big emptiness in his spirit.

Perhaps you feel a big emptiness in your interior, in your spirit, or in other words in your heart.

In our next lesson you will learn more about how to have peace, happiness, a complete spirit (filled with God), and how you can have abundant life on Earth and eternal life in Heaven. God created you. You are a person of value. God loves you because you are created in His image and your purpose is to glorify the Lord with your life.

QUESTIONS

Please answer the questions. The questions below should be answered with “T” for true and “F” for false. Circle the correct answer.

1. (T) (F) - Man is composed of three parts.
2. (T) (F) - The body of man will live forever.
3. (T) (F) - The soul is the mind, emotions, and will.
4. (T) (F) - An animal has a spirit.
5. (T) (F) - Everyone needs to be born again.

GOD'S PURPOSE

A New Life - Lesson 2

INTRODUCTION

God loves you. You were created in His image and you are an important person- worthy and with value. What is your opinion about yourself? Are you a person who loves himself? If you are not, then it will be very difficult for you to love other people. It all begins when you realize that God really is love, and he really loves you. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world (you) that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- 1. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.** What is God's purpose for you? Why were you born? The Bible says in I John 5:13, "I write these things (the Bible) to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you may have eternal life." In other words, God's desire is to give you eternal life with assurance. He said, "That you may know that you have eternal life." If you died tonight, do you know that you would go to heaven with Jesus for all eternity? According to the Bible, you may have absolute assurance of this. Read I John 5:13 again.
- 2. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?** Jesus, in John 17:3, defines eternal life as this, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." In English we have a very important preposition: the preposition of. We can know something or someone, or we can know of something or someone. For example, you can know something of the president of the United States, or you can know him personally. The word "know", without the preposition, means that you have an intimate relationship with someone such as you know your wife, husband, or children. Maybe you know many things of Jesus Christ, but do you know him personally in your heart?

3. TWO RESULTS OF ETERNAL LIFE:

1. When you really know Jesus as your Lord and Savior your interior overflows with love, forgiveness and real life. Jesus says in John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." This is eternal life now.
2. When you have eternal life, the Bible says that you will live in heaven with Jesus forever after you die. Jesus says in John 14:1-2, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you . . ."

CONCLUSION:

God loves you and wants to give you a new life, a transformed life, a life of peace, real love, total forgiveness, and eternal life. In the next lesson, you will learn more about how to know Christ and how to have assurance of eternal life.

QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below choosing (T) for true and (F) for false, and circle the correct answer.

1. (T) (F) - The Bible teaches in I John 5:13 that it is impossible to have assurance of eternal life.
2. (T) (F) - Eternal life is to know Jesus Christ personally in your heart.
3. (T) (F) - One of the results of eternal life is a new life with peace in your interior through Jesus Christ, and these results can be received now.
4. (T) (F) - Another result of eternal life is having assurance that you will go to heaven after you die.

OUR NEED - Part I

A New Life - Lesson 3

INTRODUCTION

In the last lesson, you learned that the Lord God loves you and He wants to give you a new life, a transformed life, and AN eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord. The first step to knowing Christ and receiving Him in your heart is to understand the truth of this lesson.

1. **WHY DO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE NOT HAVE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE?** Why do the majority of people have an empty spirit? The primary problem is sin. We do not like this word, but it is a real word and it is used many times in the Bible. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 that, “all have sinned and are separated from God.”

2. **WHAT IS SIN?** The authors of the Bible chose different terms to best express the particular aspect of sin that they wanted to emphasize. In the Old Testament, there are Hebrew words such as those which mean: to commit iniquity, trespass, distort, do wrong, be perverted, do evil, cause suffering, cause misery, be unjust, displease God and refuse to obey.

In the New Testament, there is one Greek word that means to fall short of the goal, a bad action, a perverted act, a scandalous motive, and to sin against God. Other words in the New Testament for sin mean: unfaithfulness, disbelief, lack of control, transgression and violation of the law of God. In other words, we can see that sin is disobeying God.

3. **TWO WAYS MAN IS A SINNER:**

A. The Bible teaches that we are sinners by nature. Psalms 51:5 says, “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”

Have you noticed that you do not need to teach children to sin or to do wrong? I have three children and I have never taught them to sin or to do wrong. They have taken classes

in science, math and English, but they have never taken lessons in how to do wrong. Why? The Bible teaches us that we are sinners by nature.

- B. The Bible teaches us that we are sinners by choice. This means that we make a free choice to do wrong. God gave us the 10 commandments in Exodus 20.

God says, “You shall have no other gods besides ME.
You shall not have idols or images in your house.
You shall not commit adultery or sexual immorality.
You shall not lie, etc.

In the next lesson you will learn about the consequences of sin and our only hope.

QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below choosing (T) for true and (F) for false. Circle the correct answer.

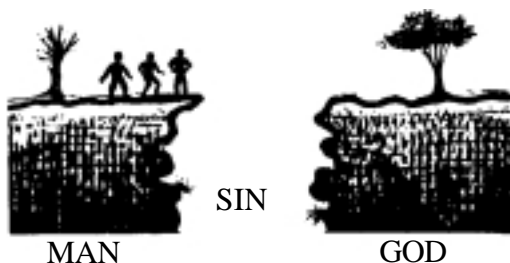
1. (T) (F) - The majority of people have assurance of eternal life.
2. (T) (F) - The greatest problem of man is a lack of money.
3. (T) (F) - The greatest problem of man is sin.
4. (T) (F) - Sin separates God and man.
5. (T) (F) - You have absolute assurance of eternal life.

OUR NEED - Part II

A New Life - Lesson 4

INTRODUCTION

In the last lesson, you learned that the Lord God loves you and that He is holy. The word holy means “separated.” This means that God does not have sin; however, man is a sinner. There exists a barrier between God and man: this barrier is sin.



The Bible says in Romans 6:23, “The wages of sin is death.” When you work for a month, you receive wages. What are the characteristics of the wages of sin?

- 1. Death is separation from God now on Earth.** Perhaps you have a deep emptiness in your heart. Instead of peace, perhaps you have tension. In place of love, maybe you have loneliness. In place of hope, you have fear - fear of life and fear of death. Maybe you appear happy on the outside, but on the inside you are empty and have no purpose for your life. Maybe, no one knows this but you.
- 2. Death is separation from God, for all eternity, in hell.** The Bible does not teach, and Jesus never taught, about the existence of purgatory. Some churches and people teach that purgatory is a place where the souls of the faithful are purified after death. They teach that it is a place where one goes to get ready to go to heaven. Jesus says in Luke 16:26, “That there is a great gap between heaven and hell.” Jesus clearly teaches in Luke 16:19-31 that death means hell.

The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27, “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.” In other words, you will die only once (there is no such thing as reincarnation) and afterwards will be the judgment of God.

CONCLUSION:

Sin is a serious problem, and its consequences are death. Death is separation from God now while you are still alive and after you die.

In the next lesson you will learn the only solution for your sins.

QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below choosing (T) for true and (F) for false. Circle the correct answer.

1. (T) (F) - God is holy.
2. (T) (F) - Man is holy.
3. (T) (F) - The wages of sin are death.
4. (T) (F) - The Bible teaches that purgatory exists.
5. (T) (F) - Death is separation from God now as well as in hell for all eternity.

GOD'S PROVISION

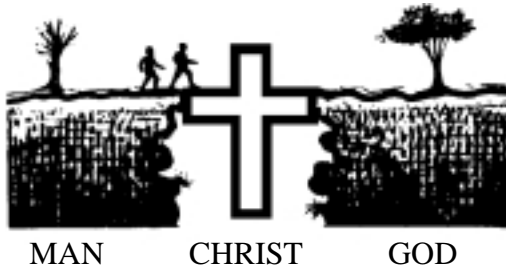
A New Life - Lesson 5

INTRODUCTION

In the last lesson, you learned that God loves you, that He is holy and that man is a sinner. You also learned that there are two consequences for sin. The Bible says in Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death." Death is separation from God in two ways. First, it is separation from God now, in this world. Second, it is eternal separation in hell, after we die. In this lesson, you will learn the only solution to man's sin problem.

- 1. THE PRICE OF SIN.** The price of every sin that you have committed or will commit is, according to Romans 6:23, death. This means that the only way to eliminate the barrier of sin in your life is for someone else to die for your sin. The Bible says in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."
- 2. JESUS CHRIST PAID THE PRICE FOR YOUR SINS.** Jesus Christ paid the price for your sins with His blood when He died on the cross. I John 1:7 says that, "the blood of Jesus, His son, purifies us from all sin." Many people are trying to reach God through:
 - a. Good works
 - b. Religion
 - c. Baptism
 - d. The Eucharist (Communion)
 - e. Prayers to religious figures
 - f. Mass
 - g. Angels
 - h. Saints
 - i. Re-incarnation
 - j. Spirits invocations

However, these efforts do not have any power to eliminate sin. The Bible clearly explains that there is only one Lord, Savior and Mediator between man and God. His name is Jesus. I Timothy 2:5-6 says, “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all men.”



After Jesus Christ died for our sins, He resurrected from death. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only Lord, Savior, and Mediator between you and God?

In the next lesson you will learn how you may receive Christ in your spirit (heart) and have eternal life.

QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below choosing (T) for true and (F) for false. Circle the correct answer.

1. (T) (F) - The price of sin is death.
2. (T) (F) - The death of Christ through His blood is the only way to eliminate the sin of man.
3. (T) (F) - The act of baptism can eliminate sin.
4. (T) (F) - The Eucharist can eliminate sin.
5. (T) (F) - Jesus Christ is our only Lord, Savior and Mediator, and only He can forgive our sins.

OUR RESPONSE

A New Life - Lesson 6

INTRODUCTION

In the last lesson, you learned that Jesus Christ shed His blood to pay the price for your sins. You learned that no other thing, person, or effort has the ability to eliminate sins: only Jesus Christ. He paid the price for your sins. You do not need to pay anything. This is how Jesus offers you a new and eternal life.

Perhaps you know everything about Jesus Christ in your mind, but the Bible says you must receive Him in your spirit (heart). He must leave your mind, and enter your heart. At the same time that He does this, He forgives your past, present, and future sins. John 1:12 says, “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

What you should do to receive Christ:

1. **REPENTANCE.** Mark 1:15 says, “Repent and believe the good news . . .” The word “repentance” means “change your mind.” In other words, you should be willing to change your mind about sin and allow Christ to enter your heart to change and transform your life. You yourself have no power to change your own life. Are you ready to let Christ come into your life and change it? In other words, you must recognize that only Christ is able to change your life. Are you ready to change the direction of your life for Jesus? Are you ready to abandon your sins, give your life to Christ, and allow Him to control you? Are you ready to let Christ be the Master and change your life?
2. **FAITH.** Mark 1:15 says, “Believe the good news.” Almost everyone says, “I have faith in Jesus.” But, there is a real faith and a false faith. The Bible says in James 2:19 that “the demons believe in Jesus.” We know, however, that the demons are not saved.

3. **WHAT IS REAL FAITH?** Real faith is the faith that saves. The word “faith” means “to trust”. The faith that saves is one that does not believe in anything else except Jesus for salvation. The words “faith” or “to believe” mean to surrender your life to Christ so that you may be one with Him.
4. **RECEIVE CHRIST.** Are you ready to confess Christ as your only Lord, Master, and Boss? Are you ready to allow him to transform and control your life? This is repentance! Are you ready to stop trusting in other things, such as a good life, good works, Mary, angels, witches, idols, images, or baptism, and place all your faith Jesus Christ alone? This is real faith!

ONLY JESUS CHRIST SAVES!

CONCLUSION

Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, and three days later He resurrected. He is alive today, and wants to come into your life. Do you agree that Jesus Christ is your only Lord, Savior, and Mediator? Are you ready to give your life to Christ, and allow him to transform you and give you eternal life?

The Bible says in Romans 10:13 that, “All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” You may receive Christ in your life right now by faith. You can ask Christ to come into your life through a prayer.

If this is your desire, say this prayer right now with all sincerity from your heart to Jesus. Tell him:

“Lord, I am a sinner. I am controlling my life. I deserve death and hell. I believe that you Lord are my only Lord and Savior. I am ready to forsake my sins, and allow You to control my life. I am ready to quit trusting in other things for my salvation. Jesus, come into my heart right now, change my life, give me a new life, and give me ETERNAL LIFE. Amen.”

QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below, choose (Y) for “YES” and (N) for “NO.” Circle the correct answer:

1. (T) (F) - Do you believe Jesus heard your prayer?
2. (T) (F) - If you believe this, then according to the Bible, is Jesus Christ in your heart right now?
3. (T) (F) - If you were to die tonight, do you know where you would spend eternity?

If by faith, you prayed this prayer and accepted Jesus into your life, please fill out the questions below:

1. Describe your life before you really accepted Jesus!

2. Where did you really quit trusting other things, and give your life completely to Jesus? (For example, in a public plaza, at an open-air crusade, watching a film about Jesus, reading a track, through a correspondence Bible study, etc.) Be specific.

3. How is your life now? (For example, has the emptiness left? Are you sure Christ is in your life? Do you have peace in your heart now?)

SIX TRUTHS FOR THE NEW CONVERT

A New Life - Lesson 7

INTRODUCTION

The Bible says in Colossians 2:6, “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.” In this lesson, you will learn how to live in fellowship with Christ.

When you were born physically you were born only once. When you receive Christ you are born spiritually, and again you are born only once. This is what John 3 call, “the new birth.” Physically you cannot be reborn every Sunday and this is also true with your spiritual birth.

TRUTH 1- ASSURANCE OF SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE

What is eternal life? John 17: 3 says, “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” In other words, eternal life is Jesus in your heart (spirit). This means that when Jesus enters your life, He will give you a new life and you will live eternally with Him in heaven.

First John 5:12 says, “He who has the Son has life. He who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

What happens when you sin after you receive Christ? You do not lose your salvation! Let me explain. I have three children, and sometimes they disobey me. Do you think that I make them leave forever? Of course not! They are my children and I love them. What I do is correct them, teach them, and discipline them. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:7-8, “Endure hardship as discipline. God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father. If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.”

The Bible says in John 1:12, “To those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” Therefore, a son of God will be corrected when he sins. If not, you aren’t really a son

of God. But a true son cannot lose his salvation because he has eternal life.

If you sin after you receive Christ, God will discipline you in order to train you to walk in the right ways. He will not take away your salvation. Your salvation is eternal and eternal means forever.

TRUTH 2- BE BAPTIZED!

Jesus says in Matthew 28:19, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to do everything I have commanded you.”

Maybe you were baptized when you were a baby. Jesus says that only those who are his followers have the right to be baptized. You were not a follower of Christ when you were a baby. You did not know anything about Jesus. You only became a follower of Christ when you accepted Him in your life through faith and repentance.

Why shouldn't you be baptized as a baby? Because baptism is a symbol (a means of identification) that you are a follower of Christ.

In the Bible all of the followers were baptized by immersion after they received Christ. What is immersion? When someone baptizes you they will put your whole body under water momentarily. Why? Because this is a symbol of the death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus. You cannot do this when you are a baby, but you should do this after you receive Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 says, “Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death, we were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

The water does not save us. Only Jesus Christ saves. Your baptism is the first symbol that you really are a follower of Christ. If you do not know where to be baptized, ask your pioneer, or write a letter to the author of this study explaining where you have been saved and he will indicate a church to you.

TRUTH 3- READ YOUR BIBLE

Psalms 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path.” The Bible is the Word of God. The first part is called the Old Testament. The second part is the New Testament. The word “testament” means “a covenant.”

How should you read your Bible? The Bible is a love letter from God to you. Read your Bible using this method:

1. Begin reading a book, for example, the book of John
2. Read the first verse
3. Ask God to show you a spiritual truth in this verse. For example, John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.”

What are the spiritual truths found in this verse?

- a. The world was created by the word.
 - b. The word was, and is, God (verse 14 later tells us that the word is Jesus).
4. Read each verse or paragraph using this method and let God speak to you about who He is, about the sins in your life, orders for you to obey, etc.

TRUTH 4- PRAYER

God says in Luke 18:1 that we should pray always and not give up. How can you pray? It is important that you have time alone with God. Begin your time using this method:

1. Reading of the Bible- Use the method of step 3 for 5 minutes.
2. Praise- say, “Lord Father, I love you because . . .”
3. Thanksgiving- “I thank you Lord because . . .”
4. Intercession- “Lord I pray for my son Jeff, because he needs . . . (continue to pray for people who have not received Christ in their lives). Make a list of people. Put some of these names on a list for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc., and pray for them on these days.

5. Supplication- Tell God your needs.
6. Confession- Remain silent for a time, and ask the Lord to bring to your mind any sin, bad thing in your life. First John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from our unrighteousness.” This was written for people who have already received Christ. When you are dirty, you must take a bath. Confession for the Christian is a spiritual bath.

TRUTH 5 - BECOME A MEMBER OF AN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Ephesians 1:23 says, “For the church is the body of Christ.” Jesus Christ is the head of the church. Ephesians 1:22 says, “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be the head of everything for the church.”

The word Peter means “rock.” Jesus Christ is referred to as a “rock.” In Matthew 16:18 God does not say that Peter is the head of the church, but that Jesus is the chief cornerstone. I Corinthians 3:11 says, “For no one can lay any other foundation other than the one already laid which is Jesus Christ.”

A church is a group of baptized believers who meet together for the purpose of:

1. Worship—they will also practice two ordinances-the Lord’s Supper and baptism
2. Evangelism
3. Discipleship
4. Human Needs ministries
5. Fellowship

Why do you need to belong to a church?

1. To praise the Lord with other brothers in Christ
2. To learn the word of God
3. To have fellowship with other believers in Christ (The church is your spiritual family.)
4. To serve others
5. To share with people who have not received Jesus

TRUTH 6- WITNESS

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus says, “Go and make disciples.” This means that each follower of Jesus should share with a lost person what happened in his life. This testimony should begin with the people in your own family. You should explain your life before you received Christ as your savior, how you realized your need for Jesus, how and when you received Christ, and what your life is like now with Christ. After doing this, ask them if they also would like to receive Christ and have assurance of eternal life.

If they say, “Yes,” show them the following verses and explain each one as instructed below:

1. I John 5:13-You can have assurance of eternal life. Eternal life is Jesus in your heart (John 17:3). Eternal life results in peace now (John 10:10 and 10:17) and certainty of heaven after you die (John 14:1-3).
2. Romans 3:23-Man’s greatest problem is sin. We are all sinners. Because of sin we have a great barrier that separates us from God.
3. Romans 6:23- “The wages of sin is death.” This means that the end result of our sin is death. Death is separation from God. This means that our life now will be without peace, joy, and the certainty of eternal life. It will be a tense life, empty, and scarred by fear and a guilty conscience. It will also be a life separated from heaven and the presence of God for all eternity.
4. Romans 5:8- Christ died for our sins. Christ paid the price (wages) for my sins and also for your sins by dying in our place.
5. Romans 8:9&10 and 10: 9&10- To receive Christ you must accept Him as your Lord and Savior. This means that you should be willing to allow Christ to control your life. It also means that to receive Christ, means to trust Him. To trust means to quit trusting other things and to put all your faith in Jesus Christ.
6. Romans 10:13 - Ask the person if he would like to give his life to Jesus. If he says, “Yes,” ask him to pray and ask God into his life right now, “because all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13).”

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