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## Firm Foundation Bible Study

Lesson 01 – A question only God can answer.

Genesis 1:1

We are going to start a new series looking at how to come into a right relationship with God. In this lesson, we are going to look at a question that only God can answer.

*Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*

According to this verse, who created the heaven and the earth? God created. The Bible does not try to prove the existence of God. From the very first verse, the Bible states that God exists.

Many people have a wrong view of God. Some think there is no God. Some believe there are many gods. Some believe God is nature. Some think man is his own God. Some think God is a force or energy.

How do we know these are wrong views of God? Because the Bible reveals who God is, what He is like, and where He came from.

The Bible is the only source of information where we can learn about God. He gave us the Bible to reveal truths to us that we cannot know any other way.

The verse says, *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”* What does the word create mean? It means to make something.

Notice that God created something out of nothing. In the beginning, everything that God made was made out of nothing.

I can take wood and cement and build a house, but I cannot build a house out of nothing. My wife can take meat and vegetables and make a meal, but she cannot make a meal out of nothing.

Man is able to make things, but he can't make something out of nothing. Only God can make something out of nothing.

The next word that we want to consider is the word God. It means the Almighty One. There is no one mightier than God. He is the Almighty One who makes something out of nothing.

When did God create? God created in the beginning. He started time. God made the heavens and the earth at the beginning of time.

Notice that God was not created at the beginning. It says God did the creating at the beginning. God already existed at the beginning of time.

So, many people ask, "Where did God come from?" The Bible answers that question.

We read in Psalm 90:2, *"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."*

The word everlasting means to last forever. It means to have no time limits. God existed forever in the past.

If you go back in time, God is everlasting, and if you go forward in time, God is everlasting. He has no beginning and will have no end.

Man needs air, food, and water to live, but God does not need any of these things, because He existed before these things were made.

When you ask people how the world began, most people answer "I don't know". The question, "How did the world begin?" is a question that only God can answer.

Why? Because God was the only one who was there at the beginning. Man had not been made yet.

But God told us how the world began. It started by Him creating it at the beginning of time.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 1 on page 65 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 02 – The Focus of God.

### Genesis 1:2

In verse number one, we learned that God created the heaven and the earth. In verse two, we learn which one of the two God focuses on.

*Genesis 1:2 – “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”*

Verse two describes what the earth looked like before He created life on it. It says the earth was “without form” and “void”.

The words “without form” mean that the surface of the earth was undeveloped. The word “void” means empty. The surface of the earth was barren, desolate, and lifeless.

At this time, the earth probably looked like the surface of the moon or other planets like Mars.

Next we read, “... *and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*” The earth was covered in total darkness. There was no light. The earth was also covered in something else.

*“...and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”* At that time, a layer of deep water covered the surface of the earth.

At this stage of God’s creation, the surface of the earth was undeveloped. The earth was barren, desolate, and lifeless. It was surrounded by water in complete darkness.

This is how the earth started but this is not how God left it. We see that God does not like to have something undeveloped without shape or that is dark and empty.

So God continued His act of creating a place for man to live. Next, we read that God *“moved upon the face of the waters.”*

The word move means to hover over. The idea is similar to a hen that will gather her chicks under her wings where she can “hover” over them to nurture them.

In the same way, God is hovering over the earth to nurture and cherish the earth. It shows that the earth is a special place to God because it will soon be the place where man will live.

It also shows that God is getting ready for the next stage of His creation.

God is going to take something that is undeveloped, dark, and lifeless and will now shape and form the earth so that He can bring light and life upon it. What do we learn about God from this verse?

First, God finishes what He starts. He did not leave the earth undeveloped, dark, empty and lifeless. What He starts, He wants to bring to completion. Likewise, God does not want your life to be without purpose, empty, and dark. He wants to bring light, purpose, and meaning to your life.

Second, we see that God is a planner. He is a designer. He could have created everything at once, but as we will see in the next lesson, He carefully planned His creation in stages.

Likewise, God has made a way to bring light and purpose to your life. That is the central message of the Bible.

Third, God is all-powerful. God has the power to take what was undeveloped and form it into what He wants it to be. He has the power to bring life to a lifeless earth.

Likewise, for those whose life is empty, without purpose, He has the power to bring fulfillment and meaning to that life.

Fourth, God's focus is on the earth. He is preparing a place for man to live. Likewise, God is also focused on your life. He does not want your life to be without meaning.

God is planning to bring light and life to the earth, but even more importantly, He wants to bring light and life to you. Do you feel lifeless? Do you feel like you are missing your purpose in life?

Just as God brought the earth from a dark and lifeless place to a place of light and life, so God can bring to you spiritual life and remake you into a person that has light, purpose, and meaning in life.

## Lesson 03 - How Does God Measure Time?

### Genesis 1:3-5

In this lesson, we are going to learn how God measures time. The answer may surprise you because it is just the opposite of the way most people measure time.

In verse one, we read that God created the heaven and the earth. Then in verse two, we saw that God focused His attention on the earth. He was not going to leave His creation undeveloped.

We also learned that darkness covered the earth. In preparing a place for man to live, God's next stage of creation was to create visible light.

*Genesis 1:3-5 – “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”*

It is true that the sun sends light to the earth, but at this stage of God's creation, He has not yet created the sun. So where did the light come from?

Science reveals to us that light is one segment on the energy spectrum.

Radio waves and microwaves are on the lower end of the energy spectrum. Ultra-violet and x-rays are on the higher end of the energy spectrum. In the middle of this energy spectrum is visible light.

God placed that energy in outer space when He made the heaven and the earth. And now, He caused that energy to begin to shine in the form of visible light.

According to verse three, how did the light come about? God spoke it. By speaking it, God caused it to happen. No one can create something by speaking it into existence, but God can.

In God's greatness, He spoke and said, "Let there be light," and out of that energy came light.

God said the light was good. He did not want the earth to stay in darkness. In verse five, God called the light day, and the darkness he called night.

It is at this point, we learn how God measures time. It says in verse five, “And the evening and the morning were the first day”. God measures time in an interesting order.

Most people would say their day starts with the morning and ends with the evening. They go from morning to night; from light to darkness.

But God measures time from the evening to the morning; from darkness to light. Notice the Bible repeats this pattern for each day of creation.

Verse 5 – The evening and the morning were the first day.

Verse 8 – The evening and the morning were the second day.

Verse 13 – The evening and the morning were the third day.

Verse 19 – The evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Verse 23 – The evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Verse 31 – The evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Some people ask, "Why is that important?" It is important because of what it teaches us about God.

God was not satisfied to leave the earth in darkness. The very first thing that He did was to make light to shine on the earth.

Then God began to measure time from the evening to the morning; from the darkness to the light.

Just as God took the world from darkness to light, He desires to take people from darkness to light.

God does not want people to be in darkness, people who do not know Him. But He wants people to be in the light, people who know God and have a relationship with Him.



## Lesson 04 – The Trinity in Genesis 1.

### Genesis 1:26

In this lesson, we will discover an important truth about God. On day 6, God finished preparing the earth for man. He now is ready to create man.

*Genesis 1:26 – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”*

Notice that God says, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." Do you see anything strange about what God said?

He did not say, “Let me make man in my image after my likeness.”, but He used the words “Let us” and “in our image” and “after our likeness”.

The word “us” and “our” is plural, meaning more than one. Who is God speaking about?

He is not talking to man because man was not created yet. Some have said that God is talking to the angels. But we know he was not talking to the angels because in the next verse we read:

*Genesis 1:27 – “So God created man in his own image”*

Was man created in God’s image or in the angel’s image? According to this verse, it was in God’s image. Man was made in the image of God. So, God was not talking to the angels.

So, if He was not talking to the angels and was not talking to man, just who was He talking to?

God was speaking to Himself in the plural. Does this mean there is more than one God? No, the Bible teaches very clearly that there is only one God. So, what does this teach us about God?

The answer is found in the Hebrew word for God. The Old Testament portion of the Bible was written in the Hebrew language. The Hebrew word for God is Elohim.

The “im” on the end of the word makes it plural. So, from the very beginning God was revealing Himself to be a plurality of persons.

If you compare verses one and two in this chapter with other verses in the Bible, you will find that there is only one God, but He is in three persons. For example,

*Genesis 1:1 – “God created the heaven and the earth”. That is God the Father.*

*Genesis 1:2 – “...and the spirit of God...”. That is God the Holy Spirit.*

There are several places in the New Testament that teach that Jesus Christ was the one who created all things. For example, speaking of Jesus Christ

*John 1:3 – “All things were made by him [Jesus Christ]; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

*Acts 4:24 – “And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord [Jesus Christ], thou art God, which has made the heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:”*

*Colossians 1:16 – “For by him [Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth”*

These verses not only say Jesus Christ was the Creator but also that He is God. So, Jesus Christ is God the Son. He was born into this world for a very specific reason that we will study later.

So, when we read the words “and God said” in Genesis 1 in the creation, it was Jesus Christ speaking those words. So, in Genesis 1, we have God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three are active in the creation.

This does not mean that there are 3 gods. There is only one God, but 3 persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is called the Trinity.

Some people have tried to explain the Trinity using water as an example. Water can exist as a liquid, as a solid (ice), and also as a vapor. It does not matter which phase it is in; it is still water.

Another example is that I am a husband, I am a son, and I am a father, but I am still one person.

It is not a problem if you have a hard time understanding the Trinity. We do not need to understand everything about God to be able to believe Him.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 4 on page 67 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 05 – What Part of Creation Does God Value the Most?

### Genesis 1.

In this lesson, we are going to take a look at the one part of creation that God values the most. God told us in chapter one that He created the earth in six literal 24-hour days. From Genesis chapter 1:

On day 1 (vs 3-5), God created light. In verse 4, God said that it was “good”.

On day 2 (vs 6-8), God created the atmosphere where the birds fly. It divided the waters. There was water above the atmosphere and water below the atmosphere.

On day 3 (vs 9-13), God caused the land to appear. The land He called Earth and the gathering of the waters He called seas. In verse 10, God said that it was “good”.

Also on this day, God made the grass and trees. Then in verse 12, after making the grass and trees, God said that it was “good”.

On day 4 (vs 14-19), we read that God made the stars, the sun and the moon. In verse 18, God said that it was “good”.

On day 5 (vs 20-23), we read that God made the fish that swim in the water and birds that fly in the air. In verse 21, God said that it was “good”.

On the last day, day 6 (vs 24-31), God made the land animals. In verse 25, God said that it was “good”.

When God looked at what He made up to this point, He said that it was good. God was preparing the world for man to live on. Everything was good in God’s sight.

Then in verses 26-30, God creates man. In verse 31, after God made man, He said “it was very good”. It is important to see the difference.

When God created the light, the land, the grass, the trees, the sun, the moon, and stars, the fish, the birds, and the land animals, He said it was good.

But after creating man, God said it was very good. This shows that God values mankind more than nature and the animals He created. Man is much more important to Him.

At the beginning, God created man good. There was no evil or suffering in the world. But today, there are all kinds of bad people, evil and suffering.

What happened? How did evil and suffering come into our world? The Bible has the answer. It is very important for you to understand the answer.

Without understanding this answer, there is no way for you to come into a right relationship with God. Through these Bible lessons, you will learn how evil and suffering came into the world.

You will also learn how God made a way for you to come into a right relationship with Him.

But for now, it is very important to understand that God created man good. There was no evil or suffering in the world.

In all of God's creation, what does He value the most? God values man the most.

God made everything on this earth so that you would have a place to live and where God could have a relationship with you. He wants to be a part of your life.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 5 on page 68 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 06 – What is your purpose in life?

Genesis 1:26-27

Have you ever asked the question “What is my purpose in life?” In this lesson, we are going to discover one of the purposes for which God made you.

To know your purpose in life, we need to go back to the beginning to see why God made man.

Most people have not found their purpose in life. Instead, they follow a different path that leaves them without meaning and wondering why they are here.

The reason they have not found meaning in life is they are not fulfilling the purpose for which God made them. It can be compared to using a screwdriver as a hammer.

Just as using a screwdriver for something it was not designed to do, man tries to live for a different purpose than they were created for.

It leaves them unfulfilled, without meaning and wondering what their purpose in life is.

So, we need to go back to the beginning to find out the reason God made man. Only then can we know what we were designed to do and can fulfill our purpose in life.

*Genesis 1:26-27 – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*

Only man was made in God’s image, nothing else. That makes man very special. It also makes him unique from all other life in nature.

The word "image" means a picture. The word "likeness" means a resemblance. This means that God designed man to be like Him in the way we act and in the way we live.

Do we act the way God would like us to act? Do we live in the way that God would like us to live? If not, then we are not fulfilling one of the purposes that God designed us for.

In verse 26, God says that man was to have dominion over His creation. The word dominion means to rule over or to be in control of.

So, God also designed man to manage God’s creation which means that man was created with the ability to make choices in life.

We can choose to fulfill our purpose of representing God in the way we live or we can choose to follow a different path that leads to not fulfilling our purpose in life.

This other path leads to suffering. People all over the world have chosen the wrong path. People follow lies, stealing, lust, greed, envy, covetousness, anger, adultery, fornication, and idolatry.

All kinds of terrible things are happening in our world. If you look in the area where you live, you will probably find people that are doing things that you know are not right.

If you look at choices you make, you would probably admit that you do not always do the things that God would have you do and that many times you do not act like God would act. I have not always made the right choice or did the right thing in my life.

In our life, every one of us has spoken lies, stolen, lusted, became greedy, envied others, became angry, or committed fornication.

When God made man at the beginning, he said it was very good. But today, we see that people are not good. What happened?

You will learn the answer in this series of Bible studies. You will learn what caused man to stray from the path God designed him for.

It is the reason why most people feel unfulfilled in life and wonder “What is my purpose in life”.

Some have asked the question, "How do I get back to the right path that God designed man for so that I can fulfill my purpose in life? Does God have a way?" Yes! God provided a way so that you can fulfill your purpose and find meaning in life. Please continue to follow these Bible studies so that you can learn how to get on the path God designed you for and fulfill your purpose in life.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 6 on page 69 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 07 – Three truths about God.

Genesis 1:27

In this lesson, we are going to learn three truths about God. In English, we call an action word, a verb. Look with me at Genesis 1:27 and let us find the three verbs.

*Genesis 1:27 – “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*

What is the first verb? “*So God created man in his own image...*” It is the word created.

What is the next verb? “*... in the image of God created he him...*” It is the same word created.

What is the last verb? “*... Male and female created he them.*” It is the same word created.

The verb, created, is used three times in this verse. Let us study each of these three phrases and see what it teaches us about God.

In the first phrase, we read “*So God created man in his own image...*” The word, “so”, means to summarize. God is summing up what has happened thus far.

God wants you to know that man is more important than nature. Where did man come from? When did he begin? Man began when God created him on day six.

There are people who have other explanations for where man came from, but I am not interested in man’s ideas or theories. I want to know what God says in the Bible.

Why? Because God is the only one who can tell us what happened since He was the only one here in the beginning. And God tells us that He created man.

In the second phrase, we read “*... in the image of God created he him...*” When God created man, He made him very different from the rest of His creation.

God made man in His image. We studied what that meant in the last lesson, so, you can review that lesson if you need to. The animals were not created in the image of God. Mankind is not an animal.

God did not make you to do whatever you feel like doing. You were created to act and live the way God would act and live. That is our purpose.

In the third phrase, we read “*... Male and female created he them.*” God created both a man and a woman. Both were made in the image of God.

Some people believe that men are more important than women. In many cultures, you will find that women are treated with less respect than men. That is not the case with God.

God designed men and women to have different roles, but both were made in the image of God.

Both men and women are equal in God's eyes. Men are not more important than women. When God made man and woman, there was equality between the two.

Today, we often see that men do not always treat women right. Sometimes, women do not treat men right. This is the result of a sin problem that came into our world after God created man.

Man's sin problem is not God's fault. He did not bring evil and suffering to this world. It is the result of man's choice to not act and live the way God designed us to.

But God knew that man would disobey and had a plan to fix man's sin problem. It is important to understand what happened so that you can come into a right relationship with God.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 7 on page 70 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 08 – God Communicates with Man.

Genesis 2:16

We learned in Genesis Chapter 1 that God focused on the earth and prepared it for man to live on. He then created man in His own image.

In chapter 2, God gives more detail when He made man. In verse 15, God prepared a garden called Eden for man to live and work. In this lesson, we are going to focus on the first phrase of verse 16.

*Genesis 2:16 – “And the LORD God commanded the man saying...”*

Notice that this verse does not start with “And God...” but the words “And the LORD God...” This verse shows a second name for God.

We already studied the name God. The word God means the Almighty One. He is the mighty God that created all things. But in this verse, we see another name, the name Jehovah (LORD).



Jehovah means I AM. He is the one who is always present. He did not create Himself. He existed before He created the world. He existed before He created time.

In the Bible, the name Jehovah is used to show a covenant or an agreement between God and His people. It is a name that God uses with people who have a relationship with Him.

The two most often used names in the Bible are God and Jehovah. The word God is His general name by which all people use whether you know Him or not.

However, people who know God and have a relationship with Him use the name Jehovah. This shows that God is a personal God who wants to have a relationship with you.

So, God is the Almighty One who created everything out of nothing and prepared the earth for man to live on, but He also is Jehovah who wants to have a relationship with man.

What is the first action word in this verse? It is the word “commanded”. God commanded.

God did not give Adam, the first man, a suggestion. This was a command from God. God is our Creator. All life comes from God. He has the right to command us and tell us what to do.

Although God commanded Adam, he also allowed him to have a choice. Adam could either choose to obey or he could choose to disobey.

It is just us today, we are told by God what is the right way. But God also gives us a choice to obey or to disobey.

Who did God command? He commanded the man, Adam.

At this point, the woman was not yet created. After God made the woman, it is Adam’s responsibility was to explain God’s command to his wife, Eve.

Likewise, when we receive truth, we have the responsibility of passing it to other people who do not know God’s truth. We have an obligation to tell others what God has said.

Adam was given the responsibility to pass that truth to his wife after she was created. We will see in a future lesson that he did tell her about it.

The last word in this phrase is the word “saying”. God is speaking to Adam. Communication is important in any relationship. Here we see God speaking to Adam.

God could have used an angel to speak to Adam. He did not. He could have written the words across the sky for Adam to read. He did not.

God spoke with Adam because he had a relationship with Him.

Today, God speaks to us through the Bible. He desires a relationship with you and wants to communicate with you just as He did with Adam.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 8 on page 70 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 09 – Where does evil come from?

Genesis 2:16-17

The Bible is God’s communication to man. He is revealing truth to us that we cannot know any other way. That is why it is very important to study the Bible.

In Genesis 2:15, God has placed Adam in the Garden of Eden. Then God says:

*Genesis 2:16-17 – “<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: <sup>17</sup>But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*

In verse 16, God tells Adam that he may “freely eat” of every tree in the garden. God provided everything for man to live. He tells Adam that he could eat whenever he wanted.

However, in verse 17, the very first word God says is “But”. God says Adam could eat from every tree, but one tree. It was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The meaning of the word knowledge is more than just to know something. It also means to know something by experience.

We will not take the time to study it now, but shortly after commanding Adam, God made the woman. Her name was Eve.

God told Adam not to eat from the tree called “the knowledge of good and evil”. Up to this point, Adam and Eve only experienced good.

They had not experienced evil, because there was no evil in the world God created. According to God’s design, man would only experience evil if he disobeyed God and ate the fruit.

Today, there are all kinds of evil in the world. What happened? We will study this in our next lesson, but in summary, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit.

When they disobeyed, they soon experienced evil as a result of their bad choice. It is also the reason why evil is in the world today.

God warned Adam, “for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”. Did Adam and Eve immediately die when they ate the fruit? Yes and No.

No, they did not immediately die physically. They lived for many years after. But, yes, there was a death that immediately took place when they ate the fruit.

This death that God is speaking about is something much worse than physical death. What does death mean? Death means separation. There are three aspects to this death.

1. This was a death of relationship with God. It was a separation from God. If they were to disobey God, they would be separated from God.
2. This separation from God would lead to physical death. Adam and Eve’s life came from God. So, being separated from the source of life would lead to physical death in the future.
3. If a man dies in this condition being separated from God, he will be separated from God for all eternity in Hell.

The good news is that although man is born into this world separated from God, God provided a way for man to reconnect with God and have a personal relationship with Him.

That is what the message of the Bible is all about.

Some people wonder why God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden. Would it not have been better if He never put it there? The answer is that God gives man a choice.

He made man with the ability to make choices. Man could choose to obey God and experience the good or they could choose to disobey and bring evil into their life. It was their choice.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 9 on page 71 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 10 – Two Warnings Eve Ignored.

Genesis 3:1

In this lesson, we will see two warning signs that Eve ignored. And because she ignored these two warning signs, sin and suffering came into her life.

*Genesis 3:1 – “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”*

What animal is in this verse? It is a serpent. We will learn in verse 15 that the serpent was under the power of the devil. The devil inhabited the serpent’s body to speak to Eve.

When Eve first met the serpent, she did not know that she was dealing with the devil. She thought she was talking to a regular snake.

This verse tells us that the serpent was more subtle than any other creature God made. What does subtle mean? It means cunning and crafty.

The devil chose to use the serpent and bring it under his control for his purposes. This serpent was clever but in a bad way.

Eve did not know this serpent was under the power of the devil when it spoke to her. But that should have caused her to stop and say, "Something is wrong. This serpent is speaking to me."

If a snake started talking to you, what would you do? I would probably run away. We understand that snakes are not supposed to talk to people. In this case, the snake is talking with Eve.

The snake was doing something out of place, out of character. He was doing something that he was not designed to do.

It should be a warning sign to us when we see an animal or a person do something they were not designed to do.

Everything God made was good including the serpent. But the devil used this serpent to do something in a bad way that he was not designed to do.

It should have warned Eve that something was not right and she should have run away.

Likewise, we should take warning when we hear people talk against God. You do not want to be associated with anyone like that and should get away.

Next we read in this verse, "*And he said unto the woman*". Notice that the devil talks to Eve, not to Adam. There is a reason why the devil talks to Eve instead of Adam.

In our last study, we read that God spoke directly to Adam about the trees of the garden.

The woman was not there when God commanded Adam. She was not made yet. She got her instructions from her husband, Adam.

Since she did not hear God give the command, the devil came to try to cause her to doubt God's Word. He said, "*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*"

He tells Eve, did God really say that? Then after putting doubt in her mind, he misquotes what God said.

Did God say, "Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden"? No. God did not say that. God said that they could eat the fruit of every tree, but one tree.

By twisting the Word of God, he caused Eve to doubt what God said. Maybe she wondered if Adam really told her the truth or maybe she thought that he misunderstood what God said?

It caused her to question what God said, which is what the devil wanted. This happens in our day too. The devil loves to twist God's Word to make you think it means something else.

The first warning sign Eve ignored was being with someone that was doing something they were not designed to do. The second warning sign Eve ignored was when she began to doubt God's word.

The devil likes to deceive people so they do not believe God or His Word, the Bible.

You will find that this is the case in your life too. When you stop believing God and start believing that your way is better, then you will find yourself having all kinds of problems in life.

The devil also uses religious people to twist the words of God to give a different message than God intended. That is why we need to study the Bible.

Any man that does not speak according to the Word of God is not speaking truth. I do not want you to know what I believe, but I want you to know what God has said in His Word.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 10 on page 72 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 11 – Little Words Bring BIG Problems.  
Genesis 3:2-3

The devil used the serpent to speak to Eve in Genesis 3:1. She did not know that she was speaking with the devil. He twisted the Bible and made her doubt what God really said.

Then we read Eve's reply in vs 2-3. There are little words in her reply that caused big problems.

*Genesis 3:2-3 – “<sup>2</sup>And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup>But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”*

In verse 2, she said “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden”. But she left out two words. God told Adam in Genesis 2:16 that “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat”.

She left out the word “every”. God said they were allowed to eat the fruit of every tree but one, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

She also left out the word “freely”. God gave Adam and Eve the fruit trees of the garden so they could eat. They were free to eat whenever they wanted and how much they wanted.

But Eve was not mindful of God giving them the freedom to freely eat of every tree, but one. The lesson is this, we need to be thankful people.

We need to learn to thank God for the blessings He has given us. If you set your eyes on what is wrong and what is missing in your life, you will become unthankful.

An unthankful person is a person who cannot see clearly all that God has done for them. This is where the devil started with Eve.

He tricked her into thinking that God was withholding something good from her and it caused big problems in her life going forward. It will cause big problems in your life too.

I recommend that you take some time and write down the blessings that God has given you. Then, thank God for things you have instead of complaining about what you do not have.

Not only did Eve leave out some of God's words, but she also added to God's words. In verse 3, she is speaking about the tree that God warned Adam of.

She says, “*God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die*”. Notice the words, “*neither shall ye touch it*”. Did God say that to Adam? No.

In Genesis 2:17, God told Adam, “*thou shalt not eat of it*”. God said, do not eat it, but Eve added the words “neither shall ye touch it”.

That is a big problem. She added to what God said. God did not say “do not to touch the tree”. He only said not to eat of the tree.

Maybe she felt that what God said was not strong enough and thought she could add to what God said to make it a stronger case. This is a big problem.

It has happened many times before. People see what God said. They are not happy with God’s message. Then they think they need to add words to tell others this is what God really said.

Not only did Eve take away from God’s word and added to God’s word, but she also changed God’s word.

In verse 3, she tells the devil “*lest ye die*”. The word *lest* means maybe. So, she is saying that if you eat it, maybe you will die and but maybe not.

Is that what God said? Genesis 2:17, He told Adam, “*thou shalt surely die*”. *Surely* means it absolutely will happen. Eve changed God’s Word from “you will die” to “you might die”.

She minimized the judgments of God to be something smaller than what they were. She made it sound like maybe there would be no consequences for disobeying God.

When we minimize the judgments of God in our life, we begin to think that maybe God won’t punish this sin and we can get away with it.

We see what Eve did when she quoted God. She took away from God’s word, she added to God’s word and she changed God’s word.

This is why it is important for you to know what God said. You should not believe what man says about God’s Word.

I do not want you to believe what I say. I want you to see what God says and believe Him.



## Lesson 12 – The Devil’s Toolbox.

### Genesis 3:4

The devil has a toolbox with many different tools that he uses to try to turn people away from God. In this lesson, we will see him use the tools of doubt and denial.

In verse 1, the devil told Eve, "*Yea, hath God said.*" The devil started with the tool of doubt to put distrust into Eve’s mind. He was telling Eve, “Did God really say that?”

The same thing happens today when people say, "Is the Bible really God’s Word? How do you know the Bible came from God?"

These are good questions if asked from an honest heart. However, usually people say those things when they are against God.

The devil started with doubt that you cannot trust what God said.

Then the devil purposely misquotes what God said. He said in verse 1, "*Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden.*"

He was causing Eve to doubt the accuracy of God’s word saying, “How do you know what Adam told you is really true?”

God told Adam in Genesis 2:17 that he can eat of every tree of the garden, but one tree. The devil changes God’s word to, "Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden”.

The issue here is accuracy. God told Adam he can eat from all trees but one. The devil misquotes God on purpose and says, “Is it true that God said you cannot eat from every tree?”

The accuracy issue is the same problem that we have today when people say, "After all these years, how do you know that the Bible is still accurate?"

Then in verses 2 and 3, the woman says to the serpent, "*We can eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden.*" But she did not quote God accurately either.

She left out the words “freely” eat and “every” tree. Then she added to God’s word the words in verse 3, "Neither shall ye touch it." God never said that.

Then she changed God's word and said, "Lest or unless you die." God said that you will surely die. But she changed it from surely you will die to maybe you will die.

Eve added to God's words, she took some words away, and she changed some words. Can you see that Eve doubted God's word? She was not sure what God really said.

After using the tool of doubt, the devil uses the second tool of denial.

*Genesis 3:4 – "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:"*

Was the devil lying or telling the truth?

What did God tell Adam would happen if he ate the fruit in Genesis 2:17? God said, "*thou shalt surely die*".

God told Adam that he will surely die. The judgment for sin was sure. It definitely was going to take place. But the devil told Eve that she will not die. He directly opposed what God has said.

The devil contradicted God. He said that God was wrong and God lied.

Then after the devil uses the first tool of doubt, the next tool he used was denial. The devil openly denied what God said. He was saying that God is wrong and is a liar.

The devil went from doubt to denial. He uses these same tools today. Many times he works in a person's life to get them to doubt the Word of God and then deny what God said.

We must be careful because the devil will try to use these tools in our life. Let us pay attention to every word of what God says. Remember that God always tells the truth. The devil is a liar.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 12 on page 74 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 13 – The Steps to Sin.

### Genesis 3:6

In this lesson, we will see the steps that Eve took that led her to disobey God.

In chapter 2, God told Adam that they could eat from all of the trees in the garden, except one, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the day they ate of it, they will surely die.

In our last study, we saw that the devil caused Eve to doubt the word of God. Maybe she began to think, did God really say not to eat of that tree? Did God really tell the truth? Can I trust God?

Yes! God always tells the truth and you can trust God. But Eve was not sure.

In verse 6, we see the steps that led her to sin and disobey God. These are the same steps that lead us to sin and disobey God too.

*Genesis 3:6 – “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”*

There are four action words in this verse that we are going to look at. The first action word is that she “saw”. There are three things that she saw in this verse.

First, she saw that the tree was “good for food”. She saw the thing that God had forbidden as something good; there was a good purpose for it. She thought she had a good reason to disobey.

Second, she saw that it was “pleasant to the eyes”. Looking at the tree made her feel happy. It made her feel good.

Maybe she was thinking, “How could something that makes me happy be wrong?” Here, she starts to wonder if God is keeping something good from her. This is the mistake that many people make.

They look at sin and think that it makes them feel good. They think that something that feels good could not be wrong. Maybe they think God is trying to keep something good from them.

Third, she saw the tree was “desired to make one wise”. She is thinking, “Why did not God create me with more wisdom? What is God hiding from me?”

The first step towards sin begins with man looking at what God has forbidden and then finds a good reason to do it anyways.

The second action word is the word “took”. She took of the fruit. This is the next step toward sin. She goes from looking at the tree to taking of the fruit.

God allowed Adam and Eve to eat of every tree except this one tree. God kept this tree for Himself. He said it was His.

Eve decided to take that fruit which belonged to God. She stole it from God. She saw it, and then she took it.

Even though Eve looked at the fruit and touched the fruit, she had not yet disobeyed God. Up to this point, she could have decided to drop the fruit, turn from the lies of the devil and run away.

Sadly, she did not. The third action word is the word “eat”. She saw, she took and then she ate. She did what God said not to do. She disobeyed God.

This is the way sin progresses in our life. We see things that God has forbidden and we begin to think why we should have them.

We then take them to ourselves. We wish to have them and then we make them ours.

The fourth action word is she “gave”. She was not happy being in sin alone. She wanted to include her husband and have him disobey God as well.

Usually, sin does not stop with one person doing wrong. The one who sins wants to include other people in their sin as well.

This verse shows us the steps to sin. It starts when she thought why she should have something that God said no to. Then she took it. Then she ate it and gave it to her husband.

If you look at the sin in your life, usually you will see a similar pattern.

In our next lesson, we will see the effects of that sin. All the evil and suffering in this world is the result of their sin and disobedience to God.

Our culture, our society, our world today is suffering because of sin. But the good news is that God made a way for every person to come into a right relationship with Him.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 13 on page 75 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 14 - Ignoring the Obvious.

Genesis 3:7

God put Adam and Eve in the garden. He had told them they could eat the fruit from every tree that was there, except one tree. They were not allowed to eat of that tree.

In our previous lesson, we saw that the devil caused Eve to doubt God's word. She began to consider that maybe God was keeping something good from her. She saw the fruit was good.

She took it and ate it. Then she gave it to Adam and he ate of the fruit also. By disobeying God, they sinned the moment they ate the fruit. In this lesson, we are going to see the results of that sin.

*Genesis 3:7 – “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”*

What happened? The eyes of the both were opened. God is not talking about the physical sight. They were not blind. When God created man and woman, He made them with eyes that could see.

So, what was “opened”? Their eyes were opened to a new level of understanding. They began to see the world around them differently.

God warned them that if they ate the fruit, there will be knowledge of good and of evil. They already were experiencing good but now they will also experience evil.

Sin will be something that they will desire. Likewise, we all have the same problem. There are some things that God said “do not do this”, but we see it as something that we desire.

Both Adam and Eve thought they could get something good by disobeying God. But instead of something good, they would now experience evil and as a result experience suffering.

When they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened. They saw things differently than before. One thing they saw differently was that they were naked.

The verse goes on to say, they knew that they were naked. God made Adam and Eve without clothing. They were in a state of innocence and not ashamed.

But now, they lost that state of innocence. Their eyes were opened to a new understanding. They now saw nakedness as something to be ashamed of.

What did they do next? They made themselves clothing by sewing fig leaves together to cover up their nakedness. They were ignoring the obvious problem.

They sinned against God and now they came up with their own plan on how to fix their problem and cover their nakedness.

When they disobeyed God, they knew that something was wrong. But instead of confessing their sin to God and seeking God’s help, they tried to find a way to cover up their sin.

The same thing happens in our life. We try to find ways to cover our sin and make people think we are a good person. Usually we do not admit the truth about our own sin, but God sees it all.

In our next lesson, we will see that God comes to the garden to talk with Adam and Eve. He has a plan to fix their problem. Likewise, God also has a plan to fix the problem of sin in your life.

Many times we see the evil and suffering around us and we want it to be fixed. But there is some sin that is appealing and calls to us. We secretly desire it.

We know that things are not right in our life but we ignore it just like Adam and Eve and try to cover it and hide it.

Man tries to fix the sin problem his own way. Some people try religion and think it will make them right with God. But religion cannot make you right with God.

Some people try living a good life and think that if they are a good person, God will overlook their sin. But being a good person cannot make you right with God.

Adam and Eve are going to find out that covering their nakedness will not make them right with God. Likewise, God will not accept your efforts to cover your sin.

God has provided a way to fix the problem of sin. It is the only way God will accept. That is the central message of the Bible.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 14 on page 75 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 15 - Why is God hard to find?

Genesis 3:8

In this lesson, we will be answering the question, “Why is God so hard to find?”

Adam and Eve just ate the fruit that God told them not to eat. They sinned against God. Their eyes were opened and now they were seeing the effects of their sin.

*Genesis 3:8 – “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”*

What did Adam and Eve hear? They heard the voice of the LORD God. Notice the word Jehovah (LORD) is used here. It speaks about God who has a relationship with His people.

Before Adam and Eve disobeyed God, when God came to the garden, he would call out to them and they would come and talk with Him.

But now after they disobeyed God, when they heard God coming, they hid from Him. Instead of coming to God and telling him about what they did wrong, they hid themselves.

Who did they hide from? They are hiding from the LORD God who wants to have a relationship with them. Likewise, God wants to have a relationship with you too.

Some people ask, “Why is it God hard to find God?” In verse 8, where was God? Was He hiding? No, He was in a place where He could be seen.

What does this teach us about God? God wants people to find Him. God was calling out making His location known. God does not make it hard for people to find Him.

He was not the one who was hiding. Adam and Eve were hiding in the trees. They are the ones who did not want to see God.

So, why is God so hard to find sometimes? It is because man is the one hiding from God. Man tries to avoid God. It is hard to find God when you are hiding in the trees.

The best thing for you to do is to come out of hiding. Be open and honest with God about your sin. That means no more secrets with God.

Tell God the truth about your sin. Tell God the truth about your wrong desires and your wrong choices. Tell God the truth about yourself.

God wants to have a relationship with you. Ask God to show you the way to have a relationship with Him. God is not hiding from man, but man is the one hiding from God because of our sin.

The reason why people think God is so hard to find is because they are in the wrong place. They are hiding from Him. They are not in the place where God is.

In the garden, God was out in the open. Adam and Eve knew right where God was. If you want to find God, you will need to come out in the open and meet Him where He is.

God wants a relationship with you. But if you will not be open and honest about your sin or if you try to hide yourself from Him, you will not find God.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 15 on page 76 \*\*\*\*\*



## Lesson 16 – Why does God asks questions?

### Genesis 3:9

In our last lesson, we learned that Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit. Then they heard God calling unto them and they hid themselves in the trees hoping God would not find them.

*Genesis 3:9 – “And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”*

The first word we want to look at is the word "and". You may think it is a simple word, but every word in the Bible is important. The word “and” connects what comes before to what comes behind.

In the verse before, Adam and Eve heard God’s voice and they hid themselves in the trees. They thought God would not find them. But God did not turn around and leave.

Then the Bible says, *"And the LORD God called unto Adam"*. God did not stop looking because Adam was hiding. Likewise, God will not stop looking for you because you are hiding from Him.

The Bible says, *"God called unto Adam"*. God was calling out loud enough so that Adam could hear Him. He wanted Adam to know that He was looking for him.

God could have forced himself into Adam’s life, but He did not. Likewise, God could force himself into your life, but He will not. He wants us to come to Him willingly.

When God called out to Adam, He said to Adam, "Where are you?" God knew exactly which tree Adam was hiding behind. He called out to Adam because He wanted him to respond.

Likewise, He also knows where you are. He knows all about your life, your struggles, your suffering, and your sin. He is also calling out to you because He wants a relationship with you.

God asked Adam, "Where are you?" because God wanted Adam to realize that he had a sin problem and admit that he was not right with God.

Adam's problem is not with God. God did not do anything wrong to Adam. Adam's problem was with his own sin.

Likewise, the problem in our life is not with God. God never wronged us. Our problem is with our own sin.

So, God asked this question to Adam so that he could see that he had a sin problem. Likewise, God wants us to see that we have a sin problem.

Another reason God asked Adam this question was because God wanted Adam to come to Him.

When you call to someone "where are you", you want to meet together with that person. God wanted Adam to come and meet Him.

But Adam had a problem. He did not want to meet with God. That was why he was hiding. God wanted Adam to admit that he needed to come to God.

Likewise, God wants us to admit that we need to come to God.

Another reason God asked Adam this question was so that Adam would ask God for help.

God knew how to fix his sin problem. God knows how to fix your sin problem too. But people do not go to God to ask for help with their sin problem.

God wants us to come to Him and ask Him for help with our sin. He has already provided a way to cover your sin and come into a right relationship with Him.

He is waiting for you to admit you have a sin problem, come to Him, and ask Him for help. God has the answers to your sin problem.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 16 on page 77 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 17 – Who Do You Blame?

### Genesis 3:10-13

After Adam and Eve sinned, they realized they were naked. They sewed fig leaves to cover their nakedness. Then they heard God coming to them and they hid themselves in the trees.

God called out to Adam and he finally came out to meet God. He replied to God,

*Genesis 3:10 – “And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”*

Adam was afraid and ashamed because he knew that he had sinned against God. Then God asked Adam if he ate the fruit that God had forbidden.

*Genesis 3:11 – “And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”*

Notice Adam’s reply,

*Genesis 3:12 – “And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”*

Adam answered God’s question saying that he did eat, but Adam did not accept the responsibility for his sin. He blamed Eve for giving him the fruit.

Adam could have told his wife, "No, I will not eat it". But he took of the fruit and he ate knowing that he was disobeying God.

No one forced Adam to disobey God. He willingly disobeyed God. Adam is not taking responsibility for his action. He is blaming Eve.

When we do something wrong, it is easy to blame someone else for influencing us to do it. But the truth is, when we sin, it is because we choose to sin.

It is my fault when I sin, not someone else’s fault. We are responsible for the choices that we make. Adam was wrong to blame his wife.

Adam not only blames his wife, but he also blames God. Adam told God, “*the woman you gave me*”. He blames God for giving him the woman.

I hope that you do not make the mistake of blaming God for your sin. Many people have blamed God for allowing things to happen in their life that influenced them to sin.

Then God turns His attention to Eve and asks,

*Genesis 3:13 – “And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”*

Eve also confessed that she ate the fruit, but she blamed the serpent. She said, “The serpent deceived me”.

Just like Adam, Eve did not take responsibility for her actions but blamed it on someone else.

God did not want Adam and Eve to blame their sin on their circumstances or other people. Likewise, God does not want you to blame your sin on your circumstances or other people.

Sin is caused by our own choices and not by our circumstances or the people around us. Just as God wanted Adam to accept the responsibility for his sin, so God wants us to take responsibility for our sin.

This is a difficult lesson to learn. The truth is we are responsible for our own actions. Once we accept that, then we are ready to hear God's plan to fix our sin problem.

Who are you blaming for your sin? If you are going to blame your sin on other people or on your circumstances, then there is no solution to fix your sin problem.

God has made a way to fix your sin problem and bring you into a right relationship with Him.

But it requires you to accept responsibility for your sin and stop blaming it on other people or your circumstances.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 17 on page 78 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 18 – Consequences of Sin for the Serpent.

### Genesis 3:14

Sin has consequences. Remember the devil inhabited the serpent's body, took control of him, and used him to tempt Eve to disobey God.

In this lesson, we are going to see what happens to the serpent because of his involvement. After Adam and Eve sinned, God came to meet with them in the garden.

Then God pronounces the consequences of sin for the devil, for the woman, and for the man, but first, He starts with the serpent.

*Genesis 3:14 – “And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:”*

Notice that God is talking to the serpent. *“And the Lord God said unto the serpent.”* God is not speaking to the devil. He will speak to the devil next, but He starts with the serpent.

God says, *“Because thou has done this.”* What was it that he did? The serpent allowed the devil to use it to tempt Eve to sin. God then curses the serpent saying, *“Thou art cursed ...”*

The serpent was a creation of God. As a creation of God, it was not to give itself over to the devil. The serpent allowed the devil to control him.

As a result, God said that it was now cursed more than any animal God made. Then God says, *“Upon thy belly shalt thou go”*.

Evidently, the serpent had legs and walked on the earth. It is hard to believe, but even science has proven that snakes used to have legs.

God cursed the serpent and some kind of genetic mutations took place to the point where snakes were birthed with no legs.

Then God says, *“And dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life”*. The serpent now crawls on the ground. What do we learn from this?

First, we learn that we are responsible for the choices that we make in life. The serpent made the choice to allow Satan to use its body.

If God will judge a serpent for that choice, how much more will God judge us for the times we choose to sin.

Second, there are consequences that we must face for our sin. Just as there were consequences to the serpent's actions, so there are consequences for when we choose to go against God.

God wants you to know that there consequences to your sin so that you will follow His plan to fix your sin problem and bring you into a right relationship with Him.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 18 on page 79 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 19 – The Consequences of Sin for Satan.

Genesis 3:15

God gave us the Bible to reveal truth to us that we could not know any other way. God wants you to know these truths because He wants a relationship with you.

In Genesis 3, God is revealing to us how sin came into the world and the consequences for choosing to disobey God. In verse 15, God turns His attention from the serpent to the devil.

*Genesis 3:15 – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*

We know that God is speaking to the devil because of the word “thee” when God said, “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman*”. The word “thee” refers to a person.

The word “enmity” means anger or hatred. There will be hatred between the devil and the woman.

Next God says, “*and between thy seed and her seed*”. There will be hatred between the seed of the devil and the seed of the woman. The word “seed” means children or posterity.

The “seed” of the devil are people who choose to disobey God and follow their own way. The “seed” of the woman are those who choose follow God and obey Him.

So God says there will be animosity between those who choose to disobey God and those who choose to obey God. You can see this animosity in our society today.

Those who choose to disobey God and follow their own way often show contempt to those who obey God and follow Him.

Those who choose to obey God and follow Him are often treated unfairly. Many times they are persecuted, killed, or jailed by those who disobey God and follow their own way.

But it is important to note that those who choose to obey God and follow Him do not hate those who disobey God and follow their own way.

But they hate the damage and suffering that sin brings to society through poverty, divorce, illness, accidents, drugs, alcohol, war, death, etc.

God said that there will be enmity between the devil and the woman. The reason the devil hates the woman is because of what God said next, *“it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”*.

What does this mean that the seed of the woman will bruise the devil’s head and the devil will bruise his heel?

There will be one particular descendent of the woman who will destroy the devil. The devil will strike and bruise this descendant, but this descendant would strike the fatal blow to the devil.

What does this mean? God knew that man would sin. But He had a plan to fix the sin problem and make a way for man to come into a right relationship with Him.

God’s plan focused on this particular descendant of the woman. He would become known as the Savior because He would save people from penalty of their sin.

It would be this coming Savior that would destroy the devil. Who is this Savior? It is the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the first promise of the coming Savior in the Bible.

Remember from Lesson 4 that God is a Trinity. Jesus Christ is God the Son. Please review that lesson if you need to.

God planned to be born into this world in order to make a way for man's sin to be paid for and come into a right relationship with Him.

Jesus Christ is the seed of the woman because, as God, He does not have a physical father. Just as the Bible teaches in other places, Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, without a human father.

God told the devil that he will bruise the Savior's heel. A wound to the heel does not speak of permanent death. Jesus died, but three days later, He rose from the dead.

Then God told the devil that the coming Savior will bruise his head. A head wound speaks of permanent death. The Savior will bring permanent destruction to the devil.

Jesus Christ paid the penalty of sin when He died on the cross. He defeated Satan and fixed man's sin problem. God can now give eternal life to all those who believe on Him with all their heart.

The good news for us is that when Adam and Eve sinned, God went looking for them. Likewise, God does not leave us alone in our sin. God comes looking for us too.

But more than that, God also provided a way of paying for that sin and defeating that sin in our life.

He sent the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to defeat the devil and give us victory. That is the reason Jesus came.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 19 on page 80 \*\*\*\*\*



## Lesson 20 – Consequences of Sin to the Woman.

### Genesis 3:16

In verse 14, we saw God's judgment on the serpent. In verse 15, we saw God's judgment on the devil. In this lesson, we will see God's judgment on the woman.

*Genesis 3:16 – “Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”*

God is speaking to Eve, but this judgment is upon all women. If you remember, Eve was the one who had listened to the devil. She disobeyed God and then enticed her husband to disobey God.

To the woman, he said, *"I will greatly multiply thy sorrow."* What does sorrow mean? It can mean sadness, grief, and pain.

God says that there will be pain in giving birth to children. Although there is often great joy at the coming of a child, there is also a sadness that comes to the woman.

With some mothers, a woman goes through a sorrowful period of time after giving birth. Medical doctors call it post-partum depression.

If a child dies before the mother, the sadness that she feels in her child's death is greater than a man can understand.

There will be sadness in raising that child, because she will find that child will not be everything that she wants him to be. She will find that her children will be sinners who fail at times.

This failure brings sadness to the mother that is greater than even the father can understand.

Then God says, *"Thy desire shall be to thy husband."* Desire means to want or long for. The woman will desire a husband that will treat her right and be the right kind of man.

But sadness will come into her life when she finds that he fails to meet her expectations.

Then God says that the husband will rule over the woman. Sometimes his control of the family can be a problem that will draw you apart, and on occasion, even end the marriage itself.

Many times the woman is looking for a man who will be able to fulfill all of her desires, but he will not be able to.

God put this judgment in the lives of women who experience sorrow in a deeper way than men in order for them to look to God instead of her husband and children for fulfillment in life.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 20 on page 81 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 21 – The Consequences of Sin for the Man.

### Genesis 3:17

Sometimes people ask, “Why is life so hard?” We will learn the answer in this lesson as we continue to look at the consequences of sin.

In verse 14, we saw God’s judgment on the serpent. In verse 15, we saw God’s judgment on the devil. In verse 16, we saw God’s judgment on the woman. Now it is the man’s turn.

*Genesis 3:17-18 – “<sup>17</sup>And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; <sup>18</sup>Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field”*

God is speaking to Adam and He says to him, “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife”. What does it mean to hearken?

To hearken means more than just hearing. It means to obey or consent to do what you hear. Is God telling Adam not to listen to his wife? No! God is not saying you should never listen to your wife.

What God is saying is that you need to pay attention to what is said and then decide if it agrees with God or not. God commanded Adam not to eat of that tree. But what did Eve do?

She gave Adam the fruit. Did Eve's actions agree with God? No. He should have rejected the fruit and walked away.

Adam chose to follow his wife instead of God. That was the problem Adam had. In our world today, there are many people who give us advice. They will tell us things they think we should do.

But a wise man does not just follow and obey what people say. He listens to what they are told, compares it to what God has to say, and then chooses to obey God.

Adam knew that when he listened to his wife and ate the fruit that he was choosing to disobey God. This is where man's sin problem began. This is where the suffering in life started.

Why is life so difficult? The answer is in this verse. Because Adam consented to his wife instead of God, God says, "*Cursed is the ground for thy sake.*"

It is important to see that God did not curse the man, but He cursed the ground. Then He says, "*in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life*".

The word sorrow means hardship, trouble, and sadness. It means that life will become difficult.

It will be hard work to grow food to feed the family. There will be trouble cultivating the ground with thorns and thistles (vs 18). There will be sadness when crops fail due to drought or pestilence.

This curse does not just affect farmers. It affects all men. Life became more difficult when Adam chose to disobey God. But God had a reason to make work harder and life more difficult.

God told Adam in this verse that he cursed the ground "*for thy sake*". God intended our life to experience sorrow and suffering. He did it for the benefit of man.

Most people want God to take the sorrow and suffering away. He will take it away when we are in Heaven but in this life God has told us this sorrow and suffering is a good thing for us.

Why? The reason is that it causes us to look to God for help.

Just as the judgment upon the woman was to get her to look to God instead of finding fulfillment in other people, so God placed this judgment upon man so he would look to God for help.

The difficulties in life should cause us to look to God for help. Often the sorrows and suffering in our life is the result of our sin.

We made the choice to disobey God and now we are experiencing the consequences of those sins.

God wants you to come to Him for help. He has made a way to fix the sin problem in your life so that you can come into a right relationship with Him.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 21 on page 81 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 22 – Sweat, Death and Deliverance.

Genesis 3:19

In this lesson, we are going to look at how Adam's sin still affects us today.

*Genesis 3:19 – “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”*

God is still talking to Adam and Eve about the consequences of their sin. In verse 19, God tells them, *“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread”*.

What does God mean that they will sweat? It means that in life there will be hardship, suffering, and sorrow.

Every time you go outside to dig a hole in the ground, you begin to sweat. You go cut down a tree, you sweat. You plow a field or reap a harvest, you sweat. You go out hunting for food, you sweat.

Every time you sweat, it is a reminder that your sin brings hardship, difficulty, suffering, and struggle to your life. Do you struggle to take care of your family? Most people do. I do.

One reason God allows the suffering and struggle in our life is to help us realize we have a sin problem. Adam passed a sin nature to the human race. We all have a sin problem.

Then God says, *“till thou return unto the ground”*. What does ‘return unto the ground’ mean?

God reveals how He made Adam in Genesis 2:7, *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*

God made Adam’s body out of the dust of the ground, but God gave Adam his soul when He breathed life into his nostrils.

God told Adam that he will return unto the ground. The key word here is “return”. If you return to something, it means you came from that something.

Did Adam’s soul come from the ground? No. God gave Adam his soul when He breathed life into his nostrils. So, what then came from the ground? It was Adam’s body.

God is talking about what happens to the body at death. God says, *“for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return”*. At death, our bodies will go back to the ground.

Death is all around us. Funerals are taking place every day all over the world. People that you love and care about die.

Death is a reminder that we all came into this world with a sin problem already affecting our life. The consequences of sin affect the whole human race.

It does not matter what the color your skin is, what country you come from, or how much money you have. You cannot escape death and you cannot escape the struggle, sweat and suffering of life.

God designed this judgment for man's benefit so that we will be reminded that we need God. The first step to deliverance is to recognize that we have a sin problem and need God.

Some people get angry against God when someone they love dies. But it was not God's fault they died. There was no death before after Adam and Eve sinned. Death is a consequence of sin.

Some people ask, "How do you prepare for what happens after death?"

First, you must come to God and admit that you have a sin problem. You choose to disobey God. The consequence of your sin brings hardship, suffering, and sorrow to your life.

Second, you must ask God for His solution to your sin problem. God has made a way to fix the sin problem in your life so that you can come into a right relationship with Him.

I did that over 20 years ago. I went to God and admitted that I had a sin problem. He showed me the solution and that was the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

One day, I will die. But I know that God saved me from the penalty of sin. I know that when I die, I will go to be with God in Heaven.

That is what I want for you. I want you to come to know God. I want you to know the forgiveness of sin and have a genuine relationship with God. That is the purpose of these Bible studies.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 22 on page 82 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 23 – Where do the different races come from?

### Genesis 3:20

There are many different colors of skin in the world. Some are white; some black; some brown; some red. In this lesson, we will learn where the different races of people came from.

*Genesis 3:20 – “And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.”*

Adam named his wife Eve. What does Eve mean? The name Eve means living. He gave her the name “living” because she is the mother of all living people.

First, we see this is a statement of fact. We use the term human race, singular, not human races, plural. It does not matter the color of your skin; we all come from the human race.

Every person goes back to our common mother, Eve, and our common father, Adam. There is no other source of the human race. All living people came from Eve.

Evolution teaches that man came from animals. But God says that all people came from Eve. Who do you choose to believe? As for me, I choose to believe God.

There is one human race all men come from. We are all common descendants of Adam and Eve. That means we are all related to one another. That is a Bible fact.

Second, we see that Adam made this statement by faith. God just finished telling Adam and Eve the consequences of their sin.

God said that He was going to send a Savior into the world to fix man’s sin problem and make a way for man to have a relationship with God. God was talking about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adam did not name his wife, Death. He named his wife Eve meaning “Living”, because he believed what God said about the coming Savior.

Adam believed that the Savior would bring life and therefore knew that his wife would then be the mother of all the living people. So, he named her Eve.

Adam desired every one of his descendants to come to know the life that only God can give. That life can only be found in the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

This statement of faith for Adam was a statement of believing God. Likewise, we must also believe God's word if we are to come into a right relationship with Him.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 23 on page 83 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 24 – Are you Covered?

Genesis 3:21

When Adam and Eve were created, they were made without clothing. However, after they sinned, they realized they were naked and sewed fig leaves to cover themselves.

*Genesis 3:21 – “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”*

Did God accept their covering of fig leaves? No! God did not approve of their attempts to make themselves right with Him.

Likewise, God refuses to accept our way of making ourselves right with Him. Man tries religion, but God does not accept religion.

Man tries being a good person, but God does not accept man's good works. There is only one covering that God will accept and it is pictured for us in verse 21.

There are two action words in verse 21. The first action word is the word “make”. Who is doing the action? God is. What did God make? He made coats of skins.

Did God let Adam and Eve make the clothing themselves? No. Did they help out God in making the clothing? No. God made the clothing all by Himself.

It pictures that man cannot work for or earn God's covering for sin.

Many people try religion or being a good person. But these are actually obstacles to receiving the forgiveness of sins and coming into a right relationship with God.



God alone made clothing for Adam and Eve so their sin could be covered. Likewise, God alone made a way for man's sin to be covered and come into a right relationship with Him.

What is the second action word in this verse? It is the word clothed. Did Adam and Eve clothe themselves with these coats of skins? No. God clothed them. It is a picture of God's grace.

God covered their sin because there was nothing Adam and Eve could do to clothe themselves. They deserved to die because of their sin, but God covered their sin by God's grace alone.

They did not deserve it, but God loved them and showed grace to them by clothing them.

Likewise, we deserve to die because of our sin, but God in His grace, made a way to cover our sin so that we could receive the forgiveness of sin and enter into a right relationship with Him.

Where did the coats of skins come from? Skins come from animals. The only way you get the skin off of an animal is for the animal to die. The animal skins that God put on Adam and Eve are a picture of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God first mentioned the coming Savior in verse 15 and now God gives them a picture of what Jesus Christ will do. He would become the substitute, the one who dies in our place.

Just as the animals died in Adam and Eve's place, so Jesus Christ died in our place.

In clothing Adam and Eve with skins, the animal's blood was shed. Likewise, Jesus Christ shed His blood for our sin.

There is only one thing that will cover your sin. It is not following religion. It is not being a good person. It is not by anything you can do to earn it.

Jesus Christ is the only covering for sin that God accepts. Are your sins covered by Jesus Christ?

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 24 on page 84 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 25 – Who is Jesus Christ?

1 Timothy 3:16

Who is Jesus Christ? Was He just a man or is He God?

*1 Timothy 3:16 – “... God was manifest in the flesh ...”*

Speaking of Jesus Christ, he says that “*God was manifest in the flesh*”. Here we learn that Jesus Christ is both God and man.

In order for God to fix man’s sin problem, it was needful for Jesus Christ to be both God and man.

In this verse, the writer is speaking of Jesus Christ and calls him God. Jesus Christ is God the Son. In lesson 4, we learned that God is a Trinity. If you need to, go back and review that lesson.

There are many more Bible verses that prove Jesus Christ is God. If you would like to know more about this truth, please send me a message and I will send you more information.

Second, this verse says that God was manifest in the flesh meaning that Jesus was also human. Jesus had a normal human birth and grew in manhood in the same way as any other man.

Jesus Christ possessed a sinless human nature and a holy divine nature. Jesus Christ is not 50% man and 50% God. He is 100% man and at the same time 100% God!

Why did Jesus Christ have to be 100% man? Jesus Christ had to become a man in order to pay the penalty of sin for mankind. It was man that sinned, thus only a man could pay the penalty of sin.

Why did Jesus Christ have to be 100% God? God’s plan to fix man’s sin problem involved a substitute – the innocent dying for the guilty.

Only someone who was without sin (innocent) could die for sinners (guilty). Only a holy substitute could pay the death penalty for sin.

Man is disqualified to be the substitute, because all men are sinners. I cannot die for your sin because I am a sinner. Likewise, you cannot die for my sin, because you are a sinner.

The only one who could pay the penalty of sin is someone who is without sin. The only one without sin is God Himself. As God, Jesus Christ could pay the penalty of sin on the cross.

In lesson 19, we studied God's first promise of a coming Savior. In that lesson, we learned why Jesus Christ must be born of a virgin. If you need to, go back and review that lesson.

God's plan to fix man's sin problem was for Him to be born into this world and pay the penalty of sin on the cross for us.

Jesus Christ is our substitute. He died in our place so that we could receive the forgiveness of sin. He did that for us! He did it so He could make a way to come into a right relationship with God.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 25 on page 85 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 26 – What Happened on the Cross?

2 Corinthians 5:21

God's plan to fix man's sin problem was for a sinless substitute to die in the place of sinners. The only one qualified to be the sinless substitute was God Himself, the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus did many things while He was on the earth. He performed miracles that proved He was God. He healed sick people. He cast demons out of people. He raised the dead and many other things.

Jesus Christ did not come to be a teacher, though He taught. He did not come to set a good example, though He did. The greatest work of Jesus Christ focused on his death on the cross.

The Jewish leaders were very jealous of Jesus' popularity with the common people. Eventually, they had Him arrested. They made up false charges against Him so they could put Him to death.

But God was still in control. Actually, this was all a part of God's master plan to fix man's sin problem by providing the sinless substitute, the innocent dying for the guilty.

Based on the false charges, Jesus Christ was sentenced to be executed. He was led to the place of execution and nailed to the cross.

So what happened on the cross that was so important and necessary so that God is now able to give eternal life to those who believe?

*2 Corinthians 5:21 – "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

First, Jesus "*knew no sin*". Jesus is righteous. He is holy. He never spoke a sin. He never thought a sin. He never committed a sin. He is the only one who has ever lived this way because He is God.

Second, God "*made him to be sin*". God took the sin of man and laid it upon Jesus Christ while He was on the cross. Jesus literally paid the penalty of sin by dying on cross.

Third, God did this "*for us*". It was for our benefit. God would only accept a sinless substitute. Since every man is a sinner, man is disqualified from being the substitute.

Without God providing the sinless substitute, there would be no way to fix man's sin problem. God did this for us so that He could bring us into a right relationship with Him.

Fourth, God took man's sin and put it on Jesus Christ so that man might "*be made the righteousness of God*".

For those who come into a right relationship with God, God takes the righteousness of Jesus Christ and places it upon them.

Now, when God looks at a believer, He does not see a sinner but He sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

This is the great transaction! God took our sin and put it on Jesus Christ so that He could take the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it upon us.

That is what happened on the cross. That is how God fixed man's sin problem.

Jesus Christ died, was buried and three days later rose from the dead. He is now able to give eternal life to all that believe on Him with all their heart.

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is called the gospel. The word gospel means good news. God fixed man's sin problem through the gospel. That is good news indeed!

Through the gospel, you can now come into a right relationship with God.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 26 on page 86 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 27 – Are you a sinner?

Romans 3:23

In lessons 1–24 we learned how man's sin problem came to be. In lesson 25–26, we learned how God fixed man's sin problem.

In the remaining lessons, we will learn how this applies to you personally and how you can have your sins forgiven and enter into a right relationship with God.

A sinner is one who commits sin. But what does the word “sin” mean? We need to understand the meaning of the word sin before we can answer the question, “Are you a sinner?”

How does God define sin?

*1 John 3:4 – “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”*

God defines sin as transgressing God's Law. You sin when you disobey God and break His Law.

Example 1. In Exodus 20:4-5, God says, *“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image... thou shalt not bow down thyself to them”*.

Have you ever bowed to an idol or wai at a spirit house? Every time it happened, you disobeyed God. You transgressed God's Law. You committed sin.

Example 2. In Exodus 20:12, God says to *“Honour thy father and mother”*.

You honor your parents when you obey them. You dishonor them when you do not obey them or when you sass back to them. Have you always obeyed your parents in everything they told you?

Maybe they told you to clean your room, take out the garbage, or wash the dishes and you did not do it. That is disobedience. That is dishonoring your parents.

If we are honest, we have all disobeyed our parents at some point. Every time it happened, you disobeyed God. You transgressed God's Law. You committed sin.

Example 3. In Exodus 20:13, God says "*Thou shalt not kill*".

You probably never killed another person. But Jesus said that if you have ever been angry with another person, you have murdered them in your heart (Matthew 5:22).

Every time you have been angry with someone else, you disobeyed God. You transgressed God's Law. You committed sin.

Example 4. In Exodus 20:14, God says "*Thou shalt not commit adultery*".

Jesus said that if ever you have looked on someone else with sexual desire, then you have committed adultery in the heart (Matthew 5:28).

Every time you have ever looked on someone else with sexual desire, you disobeyed God. You transgressed God's Law. You committed sin.

Example 5. In Exodus 20:16, God says "*Thou shalt not bear false witness*".

Have you ever told a lie? Of course you have. Every person has told a lie. It does not matter if your culture says it is o.k., God says do not lie.

Every time you have lied, you disobeyed God. You transgressed God's Law. You committed sin.

If God were to judge you just based on these few commandments, would you be guilty or innocent?

Many people get offended when you tell them they are a sinner. Most people think they are a good person. They think a sinner is someone who is a really bad person like a murderer or a thief.

But God's Word said that a sinner is someone who has transgressed God's Law.

*James 2:10 – “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all”*

This means that if you have ever sinned, even one time, then you are guilty of breaking God’s Law.

It may help to think of a chain. How many links need to break in a chain for the whole chain to break? If just one link breaks, then the whole chain is broken. It is the same with God’s Law.

It means that if you have ever bowed to an idol, wai’d a spirit house, disobeyed your parents, been angry with someone else, looked on another person with sexual desire, or told a lie, even one time, then you are guilty of breaking God’s Law.

Are you a sinner? What does God say?

*Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*

According to this verse, who has sinned? Every person has sinned. Every person includes me. Every person includes you. There is no one who is righteous in God’s eyes.

According to this verse, who has every person has come short of? God

Suppose that you live until 70 years old. Seventy years equals 25,550 days. For you to go to heaven based on your righteousness would mean that you never sinned, even one time, for over 25,000 days.

That is impossible! Every person has fallen short of God’s perfection.

But God made a way to fix man’s sin problem. It starts with admitting that you are a sinner to God. Confess that you have a sin problem.

Then ask God for His solution to bring you into a right relationship with Him.

Message me if you would like to know more about how to come into a right relationship with God.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 27 on page 87 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 28 – Have you made your choice?

Romans 6:23

God gives man a choice. He can either choose death in Hell or eternal life in Heaven. The question is, ‘Have you made your choice?’

*Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

The first word we want to look at is the word ‘wage’. What does a wage mean? A wage is a paycheck. It is something you receive or earn. Suppose at your job you earn 15,000 Baht per month. You work one month and then you receive 15,000 Baht for the work you did.

When we choose to sin, we are choosing to increase our wages. But our wage is not money. According to this verse, what is our wage? Our wage is death. The wages of sin is death.

This death does not refer to physical death. Every person will face physical death. This death means a spiritual death. It is a separation from God for all eternity in Hell because of our sin.

But there is good news. According to this verse, what does God offer? He offers a gift. What is a gift? It is a present. Do you have to pay money to receive a gift? No, a gift is free.

Suppose I gave you a gift, but then told you that you needed to clean my house first. Is it really a gift? No, because you had to work for it. A gift is free to the one receiving it.

What is this gift of God? It is eternal life. You receive the gift of eternal life when you come into a right relationship with God. Then after physical death, you will go to be with God in Heaven.

So, God offers you a choice between earning wages of sin that will lead you to Hell or the free gift that leads to eternal life in Heaven.

Many people have asked the question, “Can you know for sure you are going to Heaven before you die?” Most people answer that you cannot know for sure.



Is that true? Do you need to wait until you die to find out if you are going to Heaven? No, not according to the Bible. This verse teaches that God offers you the gift of eternal life.

If I gave you a gift, is it possible for you to know that you received this gift? Of course, because you reached out and received the gift from me. It is in your possession. You received it.

Likewise you can know that you received God's gift of eternal life. It will be too late if you wait until after you die.

You can know absolutely 100% for sure that you will go to Heaven when you die, because you will know that you have received God's gift of eternal life.

There is a difference between choosing the wages of sin which will lead you to Hell and choosing to receive the gift of God which will lead you to Heaven.

The choice is yours. Which one will you choose?

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 28 on page 88 \*\*\*\*\*

## Lesson 29 – God's Substitute

### Genesis 22:8

In our last study, we learned that the wages of sin is death. This death is an eternal separation from God in Hell. Since every person is a sinner, every person is sentenced to death in Hell.

But, we also learned that the gift of God is eternal life. So, how can man have eternal life in Heaven if he is sentenced to eternal death in Hell?

The answer is, God made a way to fix man's sin problem so that He could bring man into a right relationship with Him. God's solution is pictured for us in Genesis 22.

This is a true story of how God made a way to give life to one who was sentenced to die.

Abraham was 75 years old and did not have a child. Then God promised Abraham that one day he would have a son and that he would have descendants for many generations.

When Abraham was 100 years old, he had a son named Isaac. Isaac was the child of promise. It was a promise of life. Then many years later, God tested Abraham's faith.

He told Abraham to sacrifice his son. God said that Isaac is going to die. Isaac had the death sentence upon his life. This is a real problem.

God said there is a sentence of death upon Isaac, but God also promised that Isaac would have descendants for many generations. At this time, Isaac did not have any children.

So, we have the sentence of death and the promise of life. We are like Isaac.

Just as Isaac had the death sentence on him, so we have a death sentence in Hell because of our sin. Likewise, just as God promised Isaac life, so God promised us eternal life in Heaven.

So, how did God make a way for Isaac to live even though he was to die? This is an interesting story. Isaac did not know what God told his father to do.

As Abraham and Isaac walked to the place of sacrifice, Isaac said that they have everything needed for the sacrifice except the lamb. Abraham told his son...

*Genesis 22:8 - "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."*

Abraham trusted that God would keep His promise of life. He obeyed God and went to the place of sacrifice. Just as he was about to kill Isaac, God called out to stop him.

Abraham turned and saw a ram in the bushes. He understood that God provided a substitute. God provided the ram to die in Isaac's place so that Isaac could live.

If Isaac died, then God's promise could not be fulfilled in Isaac's life. So, God provided a lamb to die in the place of Isaac so that Isaac could live and God's promise could be fulfilled.

Some people misunderstand what happened and get upset at God that an innocent animal had to die. They say, "The ram did nothing wrong. Why did the ram have to die?"

This ram is a picture of God's way to fix man's sin problem. God was teaching a key truth that in order to bring life to one sentenced to die, the innocent must die for the guilty.

The ram is a picture of Jesus Christ. Just as the ram did no wrong, so Jesus Christ had no sin. Just as Isaac was sentenced to die, so man is a sinner and sentenced to death in Hell.

Just as the ram died in Isaac's place so he could live, so Jesus Christ died in our place so that we could have eternal life in Heaven. This is the gospel message.

We have all sinned. The wages of sin is death. As a result of our sin, we are sentenced to death in Hell. But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Jesus became the Lamb of God who died on the cross in order to pay the penalty of our sin so that we can have eternal life.

Jesus Christ died, was buried, and three days later rose again from the dead. He is now able to give eternal life to all that come unto Him.

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Lesson 30 – What is Repentance?

Mark 1:15 and 1 Thess. 1:9

The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins, He was buried and the third day He rose from the dead.

However, just because of what Jesus did for us does not mean that everyone will automatically go to Heaven.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. As with any gift, it does not become ours until we receive it. So, there is a response that God expects of us. What is that response?

*Mark 1:15 – “And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”*

Man's response to the gospel is first repentance, and then faith. In this lesson, we are going to study repentance. In the next lesson, we will study faith.

It is important to understand how the Bible defines repentance, because Jesus said if you did not repent then you will go to hell.

*Luke 13:3 – "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."*

If there is no repentance there is no salvation. You cannot go to Heaven without true repentance and that is why it is so important to understand the meaning of this word.

What does repentance mean? The Bible defines the meaning of repentance in Matthew 21:28-29.

*Matthew 21:28-29 – "28But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went."*

In verse 29, the son said no, but then the Bible says he repented. What was the result? The son went. He changed his mind that resulted in a change of action.

So, repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of action or direction. Regarding salvation, repentance is turning from our sin and turning to God.

Most people believe they are a good person and do not deserve to go to Hell. Repentance starts with admitting that you are a hell-deserving sinner.

When you see the seriousness of your sin then it causes you to feel deeply sorry because you know you sinned against God. The Bible calls this godly sorrow.

*2 Corinthians 7:10 – "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation ..."*

The feeling of being deeply sorry is not repentance, but it leads to true repentance and a desire to turn away from sin. We find an example of this in 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

*1 Thessalonians 1:9 – "...and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God"*

An idol is more than just an object that you worship. Anything that is more important than God is an idol in your heart.

For some people, education is more important than God. For some, money is more important than God. For some, a position, a job, or maybe a boyfriend or a girlfriend is more important than God.

Some people have the idol of drunkenness or drugs in their life. For some people, their false religion is more important than God.

True repentance is seen in turning away from these sins and turning to God. You change your mind and say in your heart, “I don’t want this sin to be a part of my life anymore”.

It results in a change of direction and action. Now you want to follow God and obey Him.

If you profess to be a Christian but have been struggling to live the Christian life, examine your heart, maybe you did not repent. If you did not repent, then you are not a true Christian.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 30 on page 90 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 31 – What is Faith?

Mark 1:15 and Acts 16:31

The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins, He was buried and the third day He rose from the dead.

However, just because of what Jesus did for us does not mean that everyone will automatically go to Heaven.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. As with any gift, it does not become ours until we receive it. So, there is a response that God expects of us. What is that response?

*Mark 1:15 – “And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”*

In our last lesson, we studied the response of repentance. In this lesson, we are going to study the response of faith.

*Acts 16:31 – “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

According to this verse, what must a man do to be saved? He must “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ”. In order to be saved, you need to respond to the gospel by faith in Jesus Christ.

Since we are saved by faith, it is very important we understand what faith means. Faith does not mean knowing facts in your head. This is called head-knowledge. It is an intellectual faith.

You may believe there is a God and believe Jesus died on the cross and rose again, but these are facts that you believe in your head. This is not true faith that will save you from Hell.

You can know about God and still not know God

Faith according to the Bible is trusting in what Jesus did for you in your heart. This is called heart-knowledge. That is real faith that will save you from Hell.

There is a difference between believing in your head (head-knowledge) and believing in your heart (faith). One will take you to Heaven and the other will take you to Hell.

We can explain the difference this way: A man examines a chair and believes (in his head) that it will support his weight. That is only a head-knowledge, an intellectual faith. It is not true faith.

True faith believes in your heart. This man’s belief becomes faith the moment he trusts the chair to support him when he sits and rests his entire body weight on the chair.

Another example that explains the difference between “believing in your head” and “believing in your heart” is that of Charles Blondin.

He was a world-renowned acrobat, who walked a tightrope across the Niagara Falls in 1859. Niagara Falls is a large waterfall between U.S.A. and Canada.

He did many tricks across the tightrope, and many people were amazed by his skill.

A man standing nearby expressed his amazement to Blondin. Blondin then asked the man, “Do you think I could carry a man across the waterfall on a tightrope?”

The man was sure that he could, and wanted to see him do it. Charles Blondin then asked him, “Will YOU let me carry you across?” The man was unwilling to trust Blondin and refused.

That man “believed in his head” that Charles Blondin could carry a person across the waterfall on a tightrope. He only had an intellectual faith.

But he did not have true faith or “believe in his heart”. He did not trust that Blondin could do it.

Faith would have been trusting Blondin in his heart and getting on his back. Blondin’s last stunt at Niagara Falls was carrying his manager across on the tightrope. His manager had true faith.

Acts 16:31 says, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*

According to this verse, how are you saved from hell? You are saved by believing on Jesus Christ.

Just as Blondin’s manager had real faith (heart-knowledge) by getting on his back, so you must have real faith in Jesus Christ and trust Him with all your heart.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 31 on page 91 \*\*\*\*\*

Lesson 32 – How to Come into a Right Relationship with God.

John 3:3

The wages of sin is death. This death is an eternal separation from God in Hell. Every person born into this world is spiritually dead, separated from God.

But can you come into a right relationship with God when you turn from your sin in repentance and believe on Jesus Christ with all your heart. The Bible calls this being born again.

*John 3:3 – “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

Jesus is not speaking about a physical birth. He is speaking about being “born again” spiritually.

Just as there was a specific time in your life when you were born physically into this world, so there must be a specific time in your life when you were born again spiritually.

So, how are you born again spiritually? How do you become a true Christian?

1. You need to realize that you are not just a sinner, but a hell-deserving sinner.

I grew up in a Christian home. I thought I was a Christian because I was baptized, went to church, and was a good person. I knew I was a sinner, but I thought I was good enough to go to Heaven.

One day over 20 years ago, I was in a Bible study and I will never forget how shocked I was to learn from the Bible that I was not a true Christian and that I was on the road to Hell.

That night, I realized I was a hell-deserving sinner. I realized that going to church, being religious, being a good person, and obeying the 10 commandments would not help me get to Heaven.

2. You need to repent of your sin. You need to be willing to turn from your sin and turn to Jesus Christ. If you need to, go back and review lesson 30 on repentance.

3. You must trust in Jesus Christ with all your heart. True faith is not a head-knowledge. It is trusting on Jesus Christ with all your heart. If you need to, go back and review lesson 31 on faith.

4. You must receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.

*John 1:12 – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”*

According to this verse, you become a child of God when you receive Jesus Christ.

You are born again when you realize you are a hell-deserving sinner, then in repentance, you turn from your sin and turn to God and believe on Jesus Christ with all your heart to save you from the penalty of your sin and then receive Him into your heart and life.

Only then do you become a true Christian. Only then are you born-again.

Maybe 10 years ago, I was in a taxi car in Bangkok. The driver asked me if I was a Christian. I said yes, and he replied that he is too. I asked him when he became a



Christian. He said the he was born a Christian and that his parents were Christian so he is a Christian.

My friend, no one is born a Christian. I was born into a Christian family, but that did not make me a Christian. He is not a true believer. He still needs to be saved the Bible way.

I became a true Christian when I was 23 years old.

When I realized that I was a hell-deserving sinner, I repented of my sin and put my faith in Jesus Christ 100% to save me and I received him into my heart and life.

I know that I will go to Heaven. Not because I am a good person. Not because I go to church. Not because I was baptized.

I will go to Heaven because I responded to the gospel in repentance and faith. I received God's gift of eternal life. Have you received God's gift of eternal life?

In order to receive eternal life, you must realize you are a hell-deserving sinner, repent of your sin, trust Jesus Christ with all your heart and receive Him as your Savior.

This is God's plan to bring you into a right relationship with Him. God has no alternative plan. You must admit your sin problem to Him and come to God, His way.

If you would like to be saved, please contact us and we would be honored to talk to you and answer any questions you may have and help you make this decision.

If it is not convenient to contact us, and if you are ready, you can be saved right now by praying to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. How do you know if you are ready?

If you know you are not saved, you realize you are a hell-deserving sinner, you are willing to turn from your sin and believe on Jesus Christ with all your heart, then you are ready.

If you are not ready, I recommend you continue to seek God through reading and studying the Bible and praying to God for understanding.

If you have any questions, please message us. We would be happy to point you to a Bible answer.

If you would like to pray for salvation and receive Jesus Christ right now, you can pray the prayer below or you can pray to God in your own words.

*“Dear Heavenly Father, I know that I am a hell-bound, hell-deserving sinner. I know there is nothing I can do to save myself from the penalty of my sin. I am willing to turn from my sin in repentance and trust in what Jesus Christ did on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross, He was buried, and three days later, He rose from dead. I now am trusting Jesus Christ with all my heart. Please forgive me of all my sin and save me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

If you prayed that prayer, you just became a Christian. You are a new believer. Will you message us and let us know so that we can rejoice with you?

You should pray to God and read your Bible every day. If you do not have a Bible, let us know and we will send you one for free.

You should also find a church that teaches the gospel so that you can grow in your faith. If you need help finding a church, please let us know and we can help you find a church in your area.

We also have free Bible studies to help believers grow in their faith. If you would like one of these Bible studies, please message us and we will send them to you, free of charge.

If you are not saved, but would like to know more about how to come into a right relationship with God, please message us.

\*\*\*\*\* Answer the questions to Lesson 32 on page 92 \*\*\*\*\*

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## Questions Lesson 1

1. According to Genesis 1:1, who created the heaven and the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Bible...
  - a. Tries to prove the existence of God
  - b. Plainly states that God exists without trying to prove it
3. According to the Bible, which of the following is a correct view of God?
  - a. There is no God
  - b. There is only one God
  - c. There are many Gods
  - d. God is nature
  - e. Man is his own God
  - f. God is a force or energy
4. What is the only source of information where we can learn about God?
  - a. Nature
  - b. Religious Teachers
  - c. Bible
  - d. There is no source of information we can learn about God
5. According to Genesis 1:1, God created the heaven and the earth out of nothing?
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to this lesson, what does the word "God" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to the Bible, time was not created, but existed forever in the past.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to Genesis 1:1, God existed before time and before the creation of the heaven and earth.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. According to Psalm 90:2, God existed forever in the past?
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. According to Genesis 1:1, God was created at the beginning?
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Questions Lesson 2

1. According to Genesis 1:2, the earth was covered in what two things (choose 2)?
  - a. Light
  - b. Smoke
  - c. Water
  - d. Air
  - e. Darkness
  - f. Ice
2. According to this lesson, God wants things to stay undeveloped, dark and empty.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. According to Genesis 1:2, we learn four things about God, what are they?
  - a. God finishes what he \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. God is \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. God's focus is on the \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to this lesson, God wants to bring light, meaning, and purpose to your life.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to this lesson, God could not create everything at one time, because his power is limited.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to this lesson, God has the power to fulfillment and meaning to your life.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Questions Lesson 3

1. In Genesis 1:3-5, where did God focus his attention?
  - a. Heaven
  - b. Earth
2. According to Genesis 1:3-5, what did God create on Day 1? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to Genesis 1:3-5, how did God cause the light to come into existence?
  - a. He created the sun
  - b. He created the stars
  - c. He spoke it into existence
  - d. He created fire

4. When God spoke, he caused the energy that he placed in outer space when he made the heaven and the earth to begin to shine in the form of visible light.  
a. True                      b. False
5. What did God call the light? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did God call the darkness? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to Genesis 1:3-5, God measures time from morning to evening, from light to darkness.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to Genesis 1:3-5, God wanted the earth to stay in darkness?  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to this lesson, God desires to bring people from darkness to light.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to this lesson, God desires you to know him and have a relationship with him.  
a. True                      b. False

#### Questions Lesson 4

1. In Genesis 1:26, when God said, “Let us make man in our image”, who was he speaking to?  
a. Man                      b. Angels                      c. Himself
2. According to Genesis 1:26-27, God created man in his own image.  
a. True                      b. False
3. Is this Hebrew word for God, Elohim, singular or plural?  
a. Singular                      b. Plural
4. The Bible teaches that there is only one God but three persons.  
a. True                      b. False
5. What are the three persons of God called? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What are the three persons of the Trinity?
- a. God the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. God the \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which person of the trinity is speaking in Genesis 1:26 where we read “and God said”?
- a. God the Father
  - b. God the Son (Jesus Christ)
  - c. God the Holy Spirit
8. According to this lesson, do you need to understand everything about God before you can believe Him?
- a. Yes
  - b. No

### Questions Lesson 5

Matching – Match the day with what God created

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Day 1 _____ | a. Fish and birds             |
| 2. Day 2 _____ | b. Dry land, grass, and trees |
| 3. Day 3 _____ | c. Light                      |
| 4. Day 4 _____ | d. Land animals               |
| 5. Day 5 _____ | e. Atmosphere                 |
| 6. Day 6 _____ | f. Sun, moon, and stars       |

7. According to the Bible, God values mankind more than nature.
- a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, God is the creator or source of evil and suffering in the world.
- a. True
  - b. False

9. According to the Bible, did God create man good or evil?  
a. Good                      b. Evil
10. According to the Bible, God wants to have a relationship with you.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 6

1. According to this lesson, when you try to live for a different purpose than you were created for, it will leave you unfulfilled, without meaning and wondering what your purpose in life is.  
a. True                      b. False
2. According to Genesis 1:26-27, God created man in the angel's image.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to this lesson, what does the word "image" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to this lesson, what does the word "likeness" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. According to this lesson, God designed man to be like him in the way we act and live.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to this lesson, what does the word "dominion" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to Genesis 1:26-27, God designed man to be able to make choices in life.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to this lesson, choosing to obey and follow God leads to fulfilling your purpose in life.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, God is the source of suffering in the world?  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, God provided a way so that you can fulfill your purpose and find meaning in life.  
a. True                      b. False

## Questions Lesson 7

1. The three action words in Genesis 1:27 are the same word, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the Bible, nature is more important to God than man.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to Genesis 1:27, God created man in whose image?  
a. God                      b. Animals                      c. Angels
4. According to Genesis 1:27, God created man different from the rest of his creation.  
a. True                      b. False
5. According to the Bible, man's purpose in life is to live and act the way God would.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to Genesis 1:27, both man and woman was created in God's image.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, God created men to be more important than women.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, man's sin problem is God's fault.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, God brought evil and suffering into the world.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, God knew man would sin and had a plan to fix man's sin problem.  
a. True                      b. False

## Questions Lesson 8

1. According to the Bible, does God focus his attention on the heavens or on the earth?  
a. Heavens                      b. Earth
2. According to this lesson, what does the name Jehovah mean? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the Bible, God was created.  
a. True                      b. False



4. According to the Bible, God existed before time was created?  
a. True                      b. False
5. Which name of God shows a relationship with his people?  
a. God                      b. Jehovah
6. According to Genesis 2:16, what is the first verb? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to the Bible, God does not have the right to command us and tell us what to do.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, God allows man to have a choice to obey or disobey God.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, we have the responsibility to pass God's truth to other people who do not know God's truth.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, how does God speak to us today?  
a. Through dreams  
b. Audible voices  
c. Bible  
d. Through nature

### Questions Lesson 9

1. According to this lesson, the \_\_\_\_\_ is God's communication to man.
2. According to this lesson, the Bible reveals truth to us that we cannot know any other way.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to Genesis 2:16-17, Adam could eat the fruit from every tree in the garden.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to this lesson, what was the name of Adam's wife? \_\_\_\_\_

5. According to the Bible, before eating the fruit from the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve experienced evil and suffering.
- a. True
  - b. False
6. According to this lesson, what does death mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In Genesis 2:16-17, God told Adam that if he ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that he will surely die. What are the three aspects of this death?
- a. Separation from \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. This separation from God would bring physical \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. If a man physical dies in this condition, he will be separated from God for all eternity in \_\_\_\_\_
8. According to the Bible, the good news is that although man is born into this world separated from God, God provided a way for man to come into a right relationship with Him.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 10

1. What animal do we find in Genesis 3:1? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to Genesis 3, the serpent was under the power and control of whom?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. According to this lesson, what does subtle mean? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Genesis 3:1, who did the snake (devil) talk to? \_\_\_\_\_
5. According to the Bible,
- a. Eve heard God's command to not eat of the fruit of this tree.
  - b. Eve did not hear God's command not to eat the fruit of this tree, but learned it from Adam.
6. According to this lesson, the first warning sign that Eve ignored is when an animal or a person is doing something they were not \_\_\_\_\_ to do.

7. According to this lesson, the second warning sign that Eve ignored is when you begin to \_\_\_\_\_ what God said.
8. According to Genesis 3:1, the devil twisted God's word to cause Eve to doubt God's word.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. According to Genesis 3:1, the devil tries to deceive people so they will not believe God's word.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. According to this lesson, it is better to trust what religious people say about God rather than studying the Bible and knowing what it says yourself.
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 11

1. According to the Bible, Eve knew she was talking to the devil.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. According to Genesis 3:2, what two words did Eve leave out?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the Bible, Adam and Eve could eat the fruit from all the trees but one whenever and how much they wanted.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. According to the Bible, Eve was thankful for the freedom to eat from every tree but one.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, if you focus on what is missing in your life, you will be become unthankful.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to Genesis 3:2-3, the devil tricked Eve into thinking that God was withholding something good from her.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. According to Genesis 3:3, what words did Eve add to God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

8. According to Genesis 3:3, Eve changed God's word from you will surely die to what? \_\_\_\_\_
9. According to this lesson, it is important for you to believe God's word for yourself and not what someone else says, since man can take away from God's word, add to it or change it.
- a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 12

1. According to the Bible, what are the two tools the devil used to tempt Eve to disobey God?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_      b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the Bible, the devil wants you to believe God.
- a. True                      b. False
3. According to the Bible, the devil wants you to doubt the accuracy of God's word.
- a. True                      b. False
4. According to Genesis 3:1-3, who quoted God correctly?
- a. Both the devil and Eve                      c. Eve only  
b. The devil only                                      d. Neither the devil or Eve
5. According to Genesis 3:1-3, the devil contradicted God's word.
- a. True                      b. False
6. According to the Bible, the devil wants you to believe God's word.
- a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, the devil always tells the truth.
- a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, God always tells the truth.
- a. True                      b. False
9. According to this lesson, it is important to know God's word for yourself because the devil will try to cause you to doubt and deny the word of God.
- a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 13

1. According to Genesis 3:6, what three things did she see in the forbidden fruit?
  - a. Good for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Pleasant to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Desired to make one \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to Genesis 3:6, what are the four action words in this verse?
  - a. She \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. She \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. She \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. She \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to Genesis 3:6, both Adam refused to eat the forbidden fruit and ran away.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. According to this lesson, the first step towards sin begins by thinking why we should have something that God said no to.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, God always tells the truth.
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 14

1. According to the Bible, Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God and ate the fruit.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. According to the Bible, before eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve experienced evil.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. According to Genesis 3:7, after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, what was opened? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Genesis 3:7, what did they see for the first time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. According to Genesis 3:7, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God,
  - a. They went right to God and confessed their sin.
  - b. They tried to cover up their sin.
  
6. According to Genesis 3:7, Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin by \_\_\_\_\_ together.
  
7. According to the Bible, God sees all our sin.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
8. According to this lesson, religion can cover your sin and make you right with God.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
9. According to this lesson, being a good person can cover your sin and make you right with God.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
10. According to this lesson, God will accept your own efforts to cover your sin and make you right with Him?
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 15

1. According to Genesis 3:8, whose voice did Adam and Eve hear? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. According to the Bible, the name Jehovah speaks about God who has a relationship with His people.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. According to Genesis 3:8, when Adam and Eve heard God coming, what did they do? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. According to Genesis 3:8, God was hiding from Adam and Eve.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. According to Genesis 3:8, God was in a place where He could be seen.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
6. According to the Bible, God wants people to find Him.
  - a. True
  - b. False

7. According to the Bible, God makes it difficult for people to find Him.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, God wants you to come to him and confess your sin problem to Him.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to this lesson, the reason why people think God is hard to find is because they are hiding from Him.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to this lesson, if you will not be open and honest about your sin to God, then you will not find Him.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 16

1. According to Genesis 3:8, Adam and Eve wanted God to find them.  
a. True                      b. False
2. According to Genesis 3:9, when Adam and Eve hid from God, God stopped looking for them and turned around and walked away.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to Genesis 3:9, what question did God ask Adam? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Genesis 3:9, by God calling out to Adam, it shows that....
  - a. God does not force Himself into people's lives but wants people to \_\_\_\_\_ come to Him.
  - b. God wants people to \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
  - c. God wants people to realize they have a sin problem and \_\_\_\_\_ they are not right with Him.
  - d. God wants people to come to Him and ask Him for \_\_\_\_\_ with their sin problem.
5. According to the Bible, God never did anything wrong to Adam. Likewise, God never wronged another person?  
a. True                      b. False

6. According to the Bible, Adam's problem was with his own sin in choosing to disobey God. Likewise, every person's problem is with their own sin in choosing to disobey God.
- a. True
  - b. False
7. According to the Bible, God knows all about your life, your struggles, your suffering, and your sin.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 17

1. According to Genesis 3:12, Adam confessed to God that he ate the fruit.
- a. True
  - b. False
2. According to Genesis 3:12, Adam accepted the responsibility for his sin.
- a. True
  - b. False
3. According to Genesis 3:12, what two people did Adam blame for his sin?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Genesis 3:13, Eve confessed to God that she ate the fruit.
- a. True
  - b. False
5. According to Genesis 3:13, Eve accepted the responsibility for her sin.
- a. True
  - b. False
6. According to Genesis 3:13, who did Eve blame for her sin? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to the Bible, did Adam and Eve choose to disobey God or did the devil force them to disobey God.
- a. Adam and Eve chose to disobey
  - b. The devil forced them to disobey
8. According to the Bible, when you sin, God wants you to...
- a. Blame God for your sin
  - b. Blame someone else for your sin
  - c. Accept the responsibility for your sin and the choices you make



9. According to the Bible, it is God's fault that you chose to sin?  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 18

1. According to the Bible, there are no consequences for sin.  
a. True                      b. False
2. According to Genesis 3:14, the serpent allowed the devil to use it to tempt Eve to sin.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to the Bible, it is o.k. to give ourselves over to the devil and allow him to use us.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to Genesis 3:14, God cursed the serpent.  
a. True                      b. False
5. According to the lesson, science has proven that snakes used to have legs.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to Genesis 3:14, it shows that we are responsible for the choices we make in life.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, God will not judge our sin as long as we are religious and try to be a good person.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, there are consequences we must face for our sin.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, God wants you to follow his plan to fix your sin problem.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, God wants you to come into a right relationship with him.  
a. True                      b. False

## Questions Lesson 19

1. In Genesis 3:15, how do we know God is speaking to the devil and not to the serpent? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to this lesson, the seed of the devil are those who choose to \_\_\_\_\_ God and follow their own way.
3. According to this lesson, the seed of the woman are those who choose to \_\_\_\_\_ God and follow him.
4. According to the Bible, before God created man, He knew man would sin?
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, before God created man, He had a plan to fix man's sin problem?
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to Genesis 3:15, God's plan to fix man's sin problem focused on one particular descendant of the woman, what is His name? \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is God the Son.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ paid the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin when he died on the cross.
9. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ defeated the devil and \_\_\_\_\_ man's sin problem when he died on the cross.
10. According to the Bible, when we sin, God comes looking for us to help us get right with him.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Questions Lesson 20

1. According to Genesis 3:16, who is God speaking to? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to this lesson, sorrow can mean what three things?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the lesson, if a child dies before the mother does the sadness she feels in her child's death is greater than a man can understand.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. According to Genesis 3:16, God says there will be \_\_\_\_\_ in giving birth to children.
5. According to the lesson, she will have \_\_\_\_\_ in raising that child at times because she will find that the child will not be everything she wants him to be and find he will be a sinner who fails at times.
6. A woman will \_\_\_\_\_ a husband that will treat her right and be the right kind of man.
7. Sadness will come when she finds that her husband will fail to meet her expectations.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, God put this judgment in the lives of women so they will look to God instead of their husband or children for fulfillment in life.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Questions Lesson 21

1. According to the lesson, the word hearken means to obey or consent to do what you hear.
  - a. True
  - b. False

2. According to the lesson, you should listen to what you are told, compare it to what God has to say, and then choose to follow your own heart.
- a. True
  - b. False
3. According to the Bible, did Adam choose to disobey God or was he forced to disobey God?
- a. Adam chose to disobey God
  - b. Adam was forced to disobey God
4. According to Genesis 3:17, what did God curse? \_\_\_\_\_
5. According to the lesson, sorrow means three things, what are they?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
6. According to Genesis 3:17-18, life became more difficult after Adam chose to disobey God.
- a. True
  - b. False
7. According to the Bible, God allows hardship and suffering in our life so that it would cause us to look to God for help.
- a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, many times we suffer hardships in life because we chose to disobey God.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 22

1. According to Genesis 3:19, God saying “in the sweat of thy face” means that in life there will be hardship, suffering, and sorrow.
- a. True
  - b. False
2. According to the Bible, God allows the suffering and struggle in life to help us \_\_\_\_\_ we have a sin problem.

3. According to Genesis 2:7, God made Adam's body out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground.
4. According to the Bible, death is a reminder that we all came into the world with a sin nature.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, it is possible to escape death.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to the Bible, it is not God's fault when someone dies; death is a consequence of sin.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. According to the Bible, it is possible to escape the struggle, sweat, and suffering of life.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, the first step in entering a right relationship with God is first to recognize that we have a sin problem.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. According to the Bible, there was death before Adam and Eve sinned.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. According to the Bible, God has made a way to fix the sin problem in your life so that you can come into a right relationship with Him.
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 23

1. According to Genesis 3:20, what name did Adam give his wife? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the lesson, what does this name mean? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the Bible, how many human races are there? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to the Bible, every person goes back to our common mother, Eve.
  - a. True
  - b. False

5. According to the Bible, every living person comes from nature.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to the Bible, man came from animals.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, Adam believed God's promise that he was going to send a Savior.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, Adam believed that the Savior would bring \_\_\_\_\_
9. According to the Bible, Adam desired every one of his descendants to come to know the life that only God can give.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, we must believe God's word if we are to come into a right relationship with God.  
a. True                      b. False

#### Questions Lesson 24

1. Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves to cover their nakedness. According to Genesis 3:21, God did not accept their covering for sin.  
a. True                      b. False
2. Genesis 3:21 shows us that just as God did not accept Adam and Eve's attempts to cover their sin, so God does not accept of your efforts to cover your sin to make yourself right with Him.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to the Bible, God does not accept our religious efforts to cover our sin.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to the Bible, God does not accept our efforts to be a good person to cover our sin.  
a. True                      b. False
5. Genesis 3:21 shows God making coats of skins to clothe Adam and Eve. This pictures that man cannot work for or earn God's covering for sin.  
a. True                      b. False

6. According to the Bible, God will only accept one covering for sin.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, God made a way for man's sin to be covered and come into a right relationship with him.  
a. True                      b. False
8. The coats of skins in Genesis 3:21 are a picture of what Jesus Christ did for us.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, just as the animals died in Adam's place, so Jesus Christ died in our place.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is the only covering for sin that God will accept.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 25

1. According to 1 Timothy 3:16, Jesus Christ is both man and God.  
a. True                      b. False
2. According to the Bible, it was necessary for Jesus to be both man and God in order to fix man's sin problem.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is 100% God, God the Son.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ was 100% human.  
a. True                      b. False
5. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ possessed a sinless human nature and a holy divine nature.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to the Bible, Jesus became a man in order to pay the penalty of sin for mankind.  
a. True                      b. False

7. According to the Bible, only a sinless substitute could pay the penalty of sin, therefore, God the Son was born a human.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is our substitute; he died in our place so we can receive the forgiveness of sins.  
a. True                      b. False
10. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ died in our place so we could come into a right relationship with God.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 26

1. According to the Bible, God's plan to fix man's sin problem was for a sinless \_\_\_\_\_ to die in the place of sinners.
2. According to the Bible, the only one qualified to be the sinless substitute was God Himself, Jesus Christ.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus was a sinner just like every other man.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus died on the cross for his own sin.  
a. True                      b. False
5. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, God made Jesus Christ to become sin by taking the sin of man and putting it on Jesus.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, for those who come into a right relationship with God, he takes the righteousness of Jesus Christ and puts it on the believer.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, God took your sin and put it on Jesus Christ so that he could take the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it upon you.  
a. True                      b. False



8. According to the Bible, when God looks at a believer, he sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to the Bible, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is called the \_\_\_\_\_
10. According to the Bible, only through the gospel can you come into a right relationship with God.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 27

1. According to the Bible, a sinner is one who commits sin.  
a. True                      b. False
2. According to 1 John 3:4, sin is defined as transgressing God's Law.  
a. True                      b. False
3. According to 1 John 3:4, you sin when you disobey God and break his law.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to Exodus 20:4-5, you sin when bow to an idol or wai a spirit house.  
a. True                      b. False
5. According to Exodus 20:12, you sin when you disobey your parents.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to Exodus 20:13, you sin when you become angry with another person.  
a. True                      b. False
7. According to Exodus 20:14, you sin when you look on someone else with sexual desire.  
a. True                      b. False
8. According to Exodus 20:16, you sin when you tell a lie.  
a. True                      b. False
9. According to James 2:10, if you sin, even one time, then you have broken all of God's Law.  
a. True                      b. False

10. According to Romans 3:23, there are some people who are not sinners.  
a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 28

1. According to the Bible, God gives man a choice; he can choose death in Hell or eternal life in Heaven.  
a. True                      b. False
2. Is a wage earned or is it free?  
a. A wage is earned  
b. A wage is free
3. According to Romans 6:23, when we choose to sin, we are choosing to increase our wages of sin.  
a. True                      b. False
4. According to Romans 6:23, what is the wages of sin? \_\_\_\_\_
5. According to the Bible, this death is an eternal separation from God in Hell because of our sin.  
a. True                      b. False
6. According to Romans 6:23, what does God offer? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is a gift earned or is it free?  
a. A gift is earned  
b. A gift is free
8. According to Romans 6:23, what is God's gift? \_\_\_\_\_
9. According to the Bible, you receive the God's gift of eternal life when you come into a right \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
10. According to the Bible, you can know for sure you are going to Heaven before you die.  
a. True                      b. False

## Questions Lesson 29

1. According to the Bible, what was the name of Abraham's son? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the Bible, God promised Abraham that Isaac would have many descendants.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. According to the Bible, God told Abraham to sacrifice his son.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. So, according to the Bible, Isaac had the sentence of death on him and the promise of life.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, God provided Abraham a ram that would die in Isaac's place. This ram was a picture of God's way to fix man's sin problem.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to the Bible, we are like Isaac. Just as Isaac had a death sentence, so we are sentenced to die because of our sin. Likewise, just as Isaac had the promise of life, so we also have the promise of eternal life.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. According to the Bible, just as God provided a way for Isaac to live even though he was sentenced to die, so God also made a way for man to have eternal life even though he is sentenced to Hell because of his sin.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the Bible, this ram was a picture of God's substitute, Jesus Christ, the innocent dying for the guilty.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. According to the Bible, just as the ram died in Isaac's place so he could live, so Jesus Christ died in our place so that we could have eternal life in Heaven.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ died, was buried, and three days later rose again from the dead and now He is able to give eternal life to all that come unto Him.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Questions Lesson 30

1. According to the Bible, every person will go to heaven because Jesus died on the cross for us.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
2. According to Mark 1:15, man's response to the gospel is first \_\_\_\_\_ and then faith.
  
3. According to Jesus' words in Luke 13:3, if you do not repent, then you will not go to heaven.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
4. According to Matthew 21: 29, the son said he will not go. Then what does the Bible say he did?
  - a. He stayed home
  - b. He ate breakfast
  - c. He went to a friend's house
  - d. He repented.
  
5. According to Matthew 21:29, what was the result of his repentance? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. According to Matthew 21:29, the definition of repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of action or direction. In salvation, repentance is turning from our sin and turning to God.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
7. According to the Bible, for salvation, repentance starts with admitting that you are a hell-deserving sinner.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
8. According to 2 Corinthians 7:10, feeling deeply sorry for your sin is not repentance, but will lead to repentance; a desire to turn away from your sin and to God.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
9. According to the Bible, an idol in your heart is anything that is more important than God.
  - a. True
  - b. False

10. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:9, true repentance is seen in turning away from idols and turning to God.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Questions Lesson 31

1. According to Mark 1:15, man's response to the gospel is first repentance and then \_\_\_\_\_.
2. According to Acts 16:31, what must a man do to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the Bible, believing on Jesus or faith in Jesus means knowing about Jesus, a head-knowledge about Jesus Christ. It is an intellectual faith only.
- a. True
  - b. False
4. According to the Bible, believing on Jesus or faith in Jesus means trusting Jesus in your heart.
- a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the Bible, you can know about God and still not know God.
- a. True
  - b. False
6. According to the Bible, there is a difference between believing about Jesus, an intellectual faith only, and believing on Jesus in your heart.
- a. True
  - b. False
7. According to the story in the lesson, the man standing by Charles Blondin believed he could carry a man across the waterfall. However, his belief was an intellectual faith only. He had seen Blondin do many tricks and believed in his head, a head-knowledge that he could do it.
- a. True
  - b. False
8. However, he did not trust Blondin in his heart that he could carry him across the waterfall. He did not believe in his heart that Blondin could do it.
- a. True
  - b. False
9. According to the story in the lesson, Blondin's manager had real faith when he got on his back.
- a. True
  - b. False

10. According to the Bible, just as Blondin's manager had real faith, so in order for you to be saved and go to heaven, you must have real faith and trust in Jesus Christ with all your heart.
- a. True                      b. False

### Questions Lesson 32

1. According to the Bible, what needs to happen for you to come into a right relationship with God and be born again (saved) so that you will go to Heaven?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the Bible, if you were born to Christian parents or have "Christian" on your birth certificate, but you were not born-again the Bible way, God will still let you go to heaven.
- a. True                      b. False
3. According to the Bible, if you try to do your very best to be a good person, but are not born-again the Bible way, God will still let you go to heaven.
- a. True                      b. False
4. According to the Bible, if you are baptized, but not born-again the Bible way, God will still let you go to heaven.
- a. True                      b. False
5. According to the Bible, if you want to be saved from the punishment of your sin and go to Heaven, you must be baptized.
- a. True                      b. False
6. According to the Bible, for those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, God has other ways for them to get to Heaven.
- a. True                      b. False
7. According to the Bible, the only way for you to go to Heaven is to realize you are a hell-deserving sinner. Then in repentance, you turn from your sin and turn to Jesus Christ and believe on Him with all your heart to save you from the penalty of your sin and then receive Him into your heart.
- a. True                      b. False

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