

# Biblical Discipleship



SALVATION





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## Introduction

Throughout history, God has given every individual a chance to accept His eternal plan of salvation. Sadly, most people have rejected it and so will suffer forever.

Thus, accepting Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior is the most significant decision you could ever make during your lifetime. Instead of being destined for hell, you will now spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ. No longer living life in vain, now you have a reason to live with eternal results. The emptiness inside has been filled by Him.

The devil also knows of your new life in Jesus Christ. His desire for you to reject God's salvation is no longer in effect. However, he now will exert every effort to keep you from growing close to God and fulfilling God's plan for your life.

These discipleship lessons are designed to help you begin your new life in Jesus Christ. They are to help you understand what your relationship to God is, how to communicate with Him, how to apply basic Bible principles to your life, and how your life can be an influential witness and testimony of God's grace.

Whether you just got saved or have been a Christian for years, understanding these principles will help establish a

solid foundation in your life whereby you can learn to enjoy a victorious life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our sincere prayer for you is that these lessons might help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Key memory verses:

*Romans 5:12; John 3:3; 1 John 1:9*

NOTE: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. All mankind is part of one large family of God.
2. All mankind must earn their way to heaven.
3. All mankind can get to heaven through any way they choose.
4. If there is such a thing as sin, it must be confessed to another man or a church leader.

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From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false, and why.

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Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.

10. What would be the reason for one nature to overpower the other nature?

11. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he expect from God?

12. According to *1 John 1:9*, when we confess our sins to God, then He will \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness.

13. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

## LESSON 1: SALVATION

### "What Happened When I Got Saved and What is My New Relationship to God?"

Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, it is very unlikely that you understand the true significance of what has happened in your life. The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place and how your decision has affected your basic relationship to God.

I. There are only two spiritual families in the world.

A. The devil's family.

1. *John 8:44* speaks of a group of people who are "of their **father** the devil." — See also *John 8:38*.
2. You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. *Genesis 5:3* shows that the descendants of Adam are born in Adam's image and likeness which is that of a fallen sinner.
3. You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam. *Romans 5:12* states, "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and

*death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."*

4. *Romans 5:12* also states that as a result of your sin you were sentenced to die.

a. *Romans 6:23*: "The wages of sin is death..."

b. *1 Corinthians 15:22*: "...In Adam all die ... "

#### B. God's family.

1. *John 1:12-13* says, "But as many as received him (that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior), to them gave he power to become the sons of God (your entrance into God's family), even to them that believe on his name: which were **born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man (it is not a physical birth), but **of God**." (it is a spiritual birth).

2. You also enter God's family by birth; but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father. *John 3:3* states, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

3. This new birth puts you into God's family in exactly the same way your physical birth puts you into your father's family. You are now a son of God **by birth**.

4. As a result of your new birth, you have inherited God's divine nature, and you now have eternal life.

D.

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F.

G.

H.

I.

9. Briefly explain the two natures you now possess.

A.

B.

5. List three verses that promise you eternal life.

A.

B.

C.

6. List two reasons why a Christian in God's family is different than a non-Christian in the devil's family.

A.

B.

7. God now deals with you as His \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Your new relationship with God can be seen through the earthly father and child relationship. List nine ways God deals with you as His child.

A.

B.

C.

a. *John 6:47: "He that believeth on me hath (present tense) everlasting life."*

b. *John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath (present tense) everlasting life ... "*

c. *I John 5:12: "He that hath the Son hath (present tense) life ... "*

II. Being in God's family separates you from the devil's family.

A. Your body is now the temple of the Holy Ghost. God's Holy Spirit lives inside you. *I Corinthians 6:19*

B. *II Corinthians 6:14-18* commands the believer to maintain a difference between himself and the lost.

C. The new life is perfectly summarized for you in *II Corinthians 5:17-18*, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ ... "

## SALVATION Lesson #1

### III. What is my relationship with God now?

- A. He is your Heavenly Father, and you are his child.  
*I John 2:1 says, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*
- B. Now that you are saved; God no longer deals with you as a sinner, He deals with you as a son.
- C. That relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and his son.

1. A good father loves and cares for his son.

*I Peter 5:7*

2. A good father protects his son.

*Matthew 18:6*

3. A good father provides for his son.

*Philippians 4:19*

4. A good father guides and teaches his son.

*John 14:26*

5. A good father helps his son.

*Psalms 46:1*

1. Who are the two spiritual fathers mentioned in *John 8:38*? Give a scripture reference to support both answers.

A.

B.

2. How does an individual enter the devil's family?

3. How does an individual enter into God's family?

4. Why are people sentenced to die after their physical or first birth?



## NOTES

6. A good father encourages his son.

*Philippians 4:13*

7. A good father disciplines his son.

*Hebrews 12:5-11*

8. A good father feeds his son.

*Matthew 4:4*

9. A good father has a plan for his son.

*Romans 8:28-29*

- \* D. A good father will **NEVER** do anything to purposely hurt his son. He will only do those things which will help him grow and mature into the young man he wants him to be. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way, only His ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err, God never makes a mistake in His dealings with His sons.

*Matthew 7:11: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"*

IV. You did not lose your physical nature at the time of your spiritual birth.

A. That is obvious because you are still alive!

B. You now have two natures.

1. Old nature — physical, sinful, in Adam's image.

2. New nature — spiritual, perfect, in God's image.

C. Both natures are present constantly. The one that will control you is the one you feed the most.

1. *Colossians 3:5-10*

2. *II Corinthians 4:14-18*

V. Basic questions.

A. Will I sin after I am saved?

Yes, you still have your old sin nature. *Romans 7:25*

B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?

God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you as a son. *Hebrews 12:5-11*

C. What should I do when I sin?

Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you. *I John 1:6-10; Proverbs 28:13*