

# Salvation: Knowing God

This lesson will teach you how to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Complete the following discipleship lesson using a pen and a Bible. Look up the verses below in Scripture and fill in the blanks when necessary.

## God's Love and Free Gift

The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:16) and that He loves all peoples (John 3:16).

### **The Problem of Sin**

Our sin is a problem and keeps us from relating to God. The word 'sin' simply means mistakes that separate us from God. The Bible teaches that sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2) and affects all people (Romans 5:12).

#### **Romans 3:23**

For \_\_\_\_\_ (all) \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall \_\_\_\_\_ (short) \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God.

#### **Romans 6:23**

For the wages (payment) of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ (death) \_\_\_\_\_.

The very beginning of the Bible describes the sin of Adam and Eve. When sin entered the world, all kinds of problems came with it (Genesis 3:14-21). Because we have all sinned willfully, we deserve to die apart from God.

### **The Good News of Salvation**

God has not left us alone in our sin. He has created a plan to restore our relationship with Him.

#### **Romans 6:23 (continued)**

...but the gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ (eternal) \_\_\_\_\_ life in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (Jesus) \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord.

Although we deserve death, God gave us the gift of Jesus so we could have eternal life.

The phrase "eternal life" means living forever with God in Heaven.

God did not wait until we were perfect to send Jesus for us. God sent Jesus while we were still sinners. This is good news because it means that our lives do not have to be perfect for God to accept us.

#### **Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates [shows] His own \_\_\_\_\_ (love) \_\_\_\_\_ for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

At just the right time, God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Romans 5:6).

### **Jesus Takes Away Our Sin**

The Bible teaches that Jesus took the punishment that we deserved for our sins. Here's how:

#### **1 Peter 2:24**

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He himself bore our \_\_\_\_\_(sin)\_\_\_\_\_ in his body on the \_\_\_\_\_(cross)\_\_\_\_\_ so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

**Question:** What did Jesus do with your sins?

He bore them in His \_\_\_\_\_(body)\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_(cross)\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus was our sacrifice, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). He was sacrificed for our sins and died on our behalf.

## Receiving God's Gift

We must respond to God's gift in Jesus by inviting Him into our lives. The Bible says that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

### Romans 10:9-10

*If you \_\_\_\_\_(confess)\_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and \_\_\_\_\_(believe)\_\_\_\_\_ with your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

### Your Faith Journey

Have you accepted Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not sure, you can do it by praying this with all your heart:

*"Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and that You rose from the dead. You are the way to eternal life. Please come into my life and forgive me of my sins. I choose to make You my Lord."*

Jesus said, "no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). By asking Christ's forgiveness of your sins and making Him your Lord, you are saved from sin. Your relationship with your Heavenly Father is now restored.

### Once You are Saved, Nothing Can Separate You From God

Although you will continue to make mistakes, you can trust in Christ's forgiveness.

### Your Spiritual Birth Certificate

Accepting Jesus into your heart is like a new birthday, because you are now part of God's family and an heir to eternal life.

On \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ I received Jesus in my heart to be my Savior. He forgave my sin, became my LORD, and took control of my life. I have become a child of God and God lives inside me.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Romans 8:37-39**

*I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **Receiving the Holy Spirit**

When you accept Christ's forgiveness, the Holy Spirit comes and lives inside your heart. God is now near to you and has put His Spirit, the source of eternal life, inside you. The Holy Spirit has come to convict you of sin, bring grace to transform your life, and give you the power to bring God's love to others.

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of His glory.*

Consider the verse above. You have been included, marked, sealed, and redeemed by the work of the Holy Spirit.

## **Response: Spreading the News**

God wants everyone to know the good news about His salvation. He desires that all peoples be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). Your next step in discipleship is to share this message of Jesus's salvation with those around you.

Who Can You Share With? \_\_\_\_\_