

# 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 Lord and Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, it is very unlikely 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 your **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*: “For 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 received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, 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, but of **God**.”

*But as many as received Him*

Your decision to trust Jesus Christ  
As your personal Lord and Savior

*To them gave He power to become the Sons of God*

Our entrance into God’s family

*Even to them that believe on his name:*

A biblical belief marked by faith and repentance

*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

*Bur 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.
  - a. *John 6:47: "...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."* (present tense)
  - b. *John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life..."* (present tense)
  - c. *1 John 5:12: "He that hath the Son hath life..."* (present tense)
  
- 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. *1 Corinthians 6:19*
  - B. *II Corinthians 6:14-18* commands you as a believer to maintain a difference between yourself and the lost.
  - C. Your new life is perfectly summarized 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..."*
  
- III. You now have a new relationship with God, which makes you a member of His family.
  - A. He is your Heavenly Father and you are His child. *1 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, but as His child.

C. This relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and his child.

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

*1 Peter 5:7*

2. A good father protects his child.

*Matthew 18:6*

3. A good father provides for his child.

*Philippians 4:19*

4. A good father guides and teaches his child.

*John 14:26*

5. A good father helps his child.

*Psalms 46:1*

6. A good father will not discourage his child.

*Colossians 3:21*

7. A good father disciplines his child.

*Hebrews 12:5-11*

8. A good father feeds his child.

*Matthew 4:4*

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

*Romans 8:28-29*

D. A good father will **NEVER** do anything to purposely hurt his child. He will only do those things which will help in the growth and maturing process. 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 children.

*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. This 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 child.

*Hebrews 12:5-11*

C. What should I do when I sin?

1. Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you.

*1 John 1:6-10; Proverbs 28:13*

2. Repent from it (turn away from it) and ask God to give you a hatred for that sin so you can revenge all disobedience by doing what is right.

*II Corinthians 19:3-6*



# SALVATION

## Lesson #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?

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.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

I.



9. Briefly explain the two natures you now possess.
- A.
- B.
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.

**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 person or a church leader.

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

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# LESSON 2: ETERNAL SECURITY

## “Now That I am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?”

Once you have settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it – by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – it is imperative you understand how this decision has affected your entire life.

In Lesson 1 we learned there are only two spiritual families on this earth, God’s and the devil’s. We learned we were born into the devil’s family at the time of our physical birth and we are born into God’s family when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. (*John 1: 12-13*) In this lesson we will discuss the state of the new believer in God’s family and from the biblical facts, settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

- I. The testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is clear on this subject.
  - A. Jesus Christ promises, “...him that cometh to me I will in **no wise** case out.” (*John 6:37*). God will not cast you out of His family under any circumstances.
  - B. *John 10:27 – 29* makes it clear **no man** can cause you to lose your salvation because God your Father is greater than all men.

- II. Salvation does not depend on your works, but on the grace of God.
- A. Salvation is by grace through faith and not by works. It is a **GIFT** from God. No one can lose salvation because no one can earn salvation.  
*Ephesians 2:8-9*
  - B. *Galations 3:10* and *James 2:10* tell us if we had to do anything to earn or keep salvation we would lose it easily. Yet, *II Timothy 1:12* assures us it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.
  - C. *Galations 2:21* states clearly if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ's death was a waste.
- III. There is absolutely nothing that can separate you from your salvation.
- Romans 8: 38-39 says, *"For I am persuaded, that neither..."*
- A. *"Death" – you can't lose it when you die;*
  - B. *"Life" – you can't lost it while you are alive;*
  - C. *"Angels" – can't take it from you;*
  - D. *"Principalities" – the government can't take it from you;*
  - E. *"Powers" – the devil can't cause you to lose it;*
  - F. *"Things present" – nothing happening right now can take it away;*
  - G. *"Things to come" – nothing in the future;*
  - H. *"Height" – nothing above you;*
  - I. *"Depth" – nothing below you can make you lose it;*
  - J. **"NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

- IV. Your salvation is secure because of your new relationship to God.
- A. Your relationship with God is now a father/child relationship by birth.  
*John 1:12-13.*
  - B. When you were born physically, there was a record made of your birth called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record was also made.  
*1 John 5:11-13*
  - C. Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God.  
*Ephesians 1:13, 4:30*
  - D. You will always be your earthly father's child because you were born of his seed. You could leave the country; disown each other; change your name; or never see him, hear from him, or even think about him the rest of your life but it will never change the fact that he is your father. The same is true of your Heavenly Father. You can die but you can never be unborn. Your birth is fixed forever—both physically and spiritually. Even God Himself cannot change this fact.

V. Basic questions:

- A. How can I know for sure I am saved?

The epistle of I John is written for this purpose. *I John 5:13* says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **KNOW** that ye have eternal life,..." As a new Christian, *I John* should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

B. What if I don't feel saved?

1. Your salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective factual truth of the Word of God.

a. *1 John 3:20 says, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."* God knows if you are saved or not, even when you have doubts, negative thoughts, and feelings of being lost.

b. Doubts should always be addressed. Take them to God and He will show you how to handle them. God wants you to know you are saved more than you want to know! If you continue to struggle with doubts, seek counsel from your pastor.

*1 John 4:18*

c. *Titus 1:2 says, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."*

**2. JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS SAID!**

*1 John 2:25*

# NOTES

# ETERNAL SECURITY

## LESSON #2

1. What is the promise that we can claim in *John 6:37*?
  
  2. From *John 10:27-29* you should understand no man can cause you to lose your salvation. Why is this?
  
  3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from the following verses to support this?
    - A. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
  
    - B. *II Timothy 1:12*
  
    - C. *Galations 2:21*
  
  4. Is there anything at all that can separate us from the love of God?
  
  5. *Romans 8:38-39* shows us we have received the love of God in
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6. Briefly explain three examples relating your spiritual birth to your physical birth.

A.

B.

C.

7. What scripture reference promises you can know you have eternal life?

8. What do the following verses teach you concerning the promise of eternal life.

A. *1 John 3:30*

B. *Titus 1:2*

C. *1 John 2:25*

*Key memory verses:  
Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 2:25' |  
John 5:13*

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

1. We must work to keep or salvation.
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. God punishes His children according to His own whim and pleasure.

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

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# LESSON 3: Baptism

## “Now That I am Saved, Where do I start?”

Virtually all religious denominations teach some form of baptism as part of their doctrine. The diversities in their teachings are wide. This lesson is intended to give the Bible’s clear and definitive teaching on the subject so you can understand perfectly what God’s intention is regarding baptism.

- I. God commands you to be baptized.
  - A. Baptism is the first act of obedience in service to the Lord. **Anyone** can be baptized; it takes no special talents or effort.
  - B. Jesus set the example Himself by submitting to baptism **before** He began His public ministry.  
  
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
  - C. In *Matthew 3:13-15* it is clear Jesus was baptized in obedience to God’s plan. In verse 15 He said. “...*Suffer (allow) it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.*” This point of submission and obedience is the single most important thing to realize regarding baptism.
  - D. Some Bible characters who submitted to baptism after salvation:
    1. The Ethiopian eunuch. *Acts 8:36-39*
    2. The apostle Paul. *Acts 9:18*
    3. The Philippian jailer and his house. *Acts 16:25-33*

- II. Baptism has a clear purpose.
  - A. Several types of baptism are mentioned in the bible. In each case, physical baptism pictures a spiritual truth. The important point to consider is the picture portrayed by baptism.
  - B. *Romans 6:17* (specifically verses 3-4) shows the two purposes of baptism.
    - 1. It pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
    - 2. It is a public testimony of the new convert's identification with Jesus Christ through the death, burial, and resurrection which is how you were saved. It identifies you with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- III. Every believer should be baptized.
  - A. The clearest case of an individual's baptism in the Bible is the Ethiopian eunuch in *Acts 8:26-39*. In verse 36 the eunuch asked, "...what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip then answered with the condition of baptism in verse 37, "... If though believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Then the eunuch's response sealed the matter, "...I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God."
  - B. The only requirements for baptism are the same requirements for salvation found in *Romans 10:9-10*.
    - 1. Heart belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
    - 2. Confession that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
  - C. There are NO cases of baptism in the Bible of anyone but believers.

D. Some other instances of baptism immediately after salvation include:

1. Acts 8:12
2. Acts 18:8

IV. There is only one biblical method of baptism.

A. Again, Acts 8:26-39 gives the clearest example. In verses 38-39, **BOTH** Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch went down into the water and came up out of the water.

B. In *Matthew 3:16* Jesus was baptized in the same manner.

C. As seen previously, the key to baptism is a picture of death, burial, and resurrection. The only way to bury someone is to completely cover them. The biblical method of baptism is complete immersion. No one in the bible was ever sprinkled, just as no one is truly buried if they have only been sprinkled with dirt.

V. Baptism is essential for your spiritual growth.

A. It is **NOT** essential for salvation. *Ephesians 2:8-9* makes it clear a man is saved by grace through faith **without** works – including baptism.

B. It **IS** essential for service and spiritual growth. *Matthew 28:19-20* (the Great Commission) proves it is essential. Baptism is an integral part of the Great Commission and precedes teaching.

- C. Before anyone can be taught to follow Jesus Christ, there must be willingness to submit to the first act of obedience. If a person refuses to obey the Lord in the first point, there will be a problem in obeying any future points.

*Matthew 3:13-15*

- VI. Basic question: Where should I be baptized?

Since baptism is a public profession of your faith in Jesus Christ, most often it will be publically in front of the local church. But it does not have to be. For instance, the Lord Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River. The actual place of baptism is not important. The public testimony of your identification with the Lord Jesus Christ is the important point.

# NOTES



# BAPTISM

## Lesson #3

1. Give the key reason why God instructs the Christian to be baptized.

2. In *Matthew 3:13-15* Jesus was baptized to demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His plan. Jesus fulfilled this before He began His \_\_\_\_\_.

3. List three men who were baptized after salvation in the New Testament.

A.

B.

C.

4. What are the purposes for baptism found in *Romans 6:3-4*?
  - A.
  - B.
5. *Acts 8:36-37* the Ethiopian eunuch had to fulfill two requirements before he could be baptized. What were the two requirements?
  - A.
  - B.
6. How do we know the Ethiopian eunuch and Jesus were not baptized by sprinkling of water?
  - A.
  - B.
7. What does baptism by complete immersion in water picture?
8. Baptism is essential in order for the Christian to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Also, one must be willing to submit to baptism in order to be \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus Christ.
9. Is baptism essential for salvation? \_\_\_\_\_ Give a scripture reference that explains this.

# Key scripture passages you must be familiar with: Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:17

**NOTE:** There is much false teaching among religious groups concerning baptism. The Christian should be aware of some of them.

1. Man must be baptized in order to be saved.
2. Baptism by sprinkling is just as meaningful as immersion.
3. Babies should be baptized into God's family or into "the church".

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

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# LESSON 4: The Holy Spirit

## “What Are The Functions and Attributers of the Holy Spirit in My Life?”

The day you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, the Holy Spirit of God took up permanent residency inside your body. This third person of the trinity is perhaps the most misunderstood and ignored part of a Christian’s relationship with God.

The purpose of this lesson is to give you a basic understanding of what the Holy Spirit of God does in your life.

I The Holy Spirit has a specific residence.

The Holy Spirit of God dwells inside your body if you are saved. He came in at the moment of salvation and took up **permanent** residency.

A. God gives His Spirit to dwell in you.

*John 14:16-17; Galatians 4:6*

B. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:22*

II The Holy Spirit has specific functions.

A. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin. *John 16:8-9*

1. He convicts the lost of sin to bring them to salvation.
2. He convicts the saved of sin to keep them clean and show them how to live for Jesus Christ.

- B. The Holy Spirit creates and regenerates the new believer.
1. The Holy Spirit is active in creation.  
*Revelation 4:11; Job 33-4*
  2. You became a new creature when you were born again by the Holy Spirit.  
*John 3:3-8*
- C. The Holy Spirit is the seal of your salvation.  
*Ephesians 1:13-14. 4:30*
- D. The Holy Spirit bears witness to you of your salvation.  
*I John 4:13; Romans 8:16*
- E. The Holy Spirit teaches you the Bible.  
*John 14:26, 16:13-15; I Corinthians 2:9-10*
- F. The Holy Spirit intercedes in prayer for you.  
*Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 2:18*
- G. The Holy Spirit comforts you in time of need.  
*John 14:15-18; II Corinthians 1:3-4; II Timothy 1:7*
- H. The Holy Spirit empowers you to serve God.  
*Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 3:16; II Corinthians 4:7*
- I. The Holy Spirit gives discernment in decision making.  
*I Corinthians 2:11-16*

- III. The Holy Spirit produces specific results.
  - A. The Holy Spirit of God produces a set of **character qualities** as you give your life to him and walk in his power. This set of character qualities is called the fruit (singular) of the Spirit in *Galatians 5:22-23*. It is singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close relationship with the Holy Spirit.
  
  - B. The fruit of the Spirit consists of nine qualities that can be broken down into three categories:
    - 1. **INWARD** (witness to self)
      - a. Love
  
      - b. Joy
  
  
      - c. Peace
  
    - 2. **OUTWARD** (witness to others)
      - a. Longsuffering
  
  
      - b. Gentleness
  
  
      - c. Goodness

3. **UPWARD** (witness to God)

- a. Faith
- b. Meekness
- c. Temperance

IV. Basic questions.

A. What is “being filled with the Spirit” and how can I accomplish this?

1. Allow God to control your life. The filling of the Holy Spirit is NOT you getting more of the Holy Spirit. You received all of Him at the time of salvation. It is the Holy Spirit getting more of you.

*Romans 14:7-9*

2. Saturate your mind with the Word of God. The result of this will be a joyous heart attitude toward God. (*Colossians 3:16*) Therefore, a person who saturates his mind with the Word of God will be filled with the Spirit.

*(Ephesians 5:18)*

3. **BE PATIENT AND CONSISTENT!** Being controlled by the Holy Spirit does not happen overnight. It is a **life-long** process of spiritual growth through obedience of God’s word.

*(Galatians 5:16-18, 25; Romans 8:1; John 8:29)*



B. How do I understand the difference between conviction and guilt?

1. “Conviction” is a God pointing out that something is wrong so you can make it right.

*Isiah 1:18*

2. “Guilty feelings” are caused by the devil accusing you of being unworthy. If you believe the devil rather than God, your walk with God will be hindered.

*Revelation 12:10*

# NOTES

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Lesson #4

1. Where does the Holy Spirit dwell? List three scripture references to support your answer.
2. When does the Holy Spirit come into the believer's life?
3. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the lost of sin?
4. How does the Holy Spirit convict the Christian of sin?
5. What is the difference between conviction and guilty feelings?

**Conviction:**

**Guilty Feelings:**

6. List seven other ways that the Holy Spirit works in the life of the Christian.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
7. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in your life?
8. *Galatians 5:22-23* lists for us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. The qualities are produced in the Christian by a \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In order for the Christian to be “filled with the Spirit”, time must be invested in learning and living the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. True or False
  - A. I must get more of God’s Holy Spirit each day. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit is a life-long process of spiritual growth. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. *Romans 8:1* teaches you must walk after the flesh. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. *John 16:13* shows us the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. *Romans 8:26-27* shows us the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our prayers unto God. \_\_\_\_\_

## Key memory verses:

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians  
5:22-23; Galatians 5:16*

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