

GOD's Solution To Life's Problems

Lesson 4 – Jesus Christ Brings Good News

INTRODUCTION

Good News! God has come to rescue mankind in the person of Jesus Christ. But who is this Jesus Christ? Was he just a good teacher or is he God? In this lesson, you will not only learn who Jesus Christ is, but you will also learn what he has done for mankind. You will also learn what mankind must do to receive forgiveness of sins.

REVIEW

In light of the past lessons, you should have learned the following:

- _____ The Word of God has the answers to man's problems.
- _____ The God of the universe is our Creator and He is Holy.
- _____ Every person born in this world is a sinner and guilty of disobeying God's commands.
- _____ Because of mankind's sin, everyone will have to face death and the judgment of God.

I. THE GOSPEL OR GOOD NEWS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Write down the three phrases that explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 3: _____

Verse 4: _____

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II. THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

1. In Matthew 1:18-25, observe and write down what you learn about Jesus Christ's birth, and who He is.

2. Read John 1:1 & 1:14 answer the following questions:

a. When was the "Word"? _____

b. Whom was the "Word" with? _____

c. Who was the "Word"? _____

d. What did the "Word" become? _____

3. So who exactly is the "Word" (John 1:17)? _____

4. Read Matthew 13:53-58. How did the people in Jesus' home town of Nazareth view him?

JESUS WAS FULLY HUMAN

Consider these Scriptures that show that Jesus was fully a man by what He said and did.

He was born just like all human babies.....Luke 2:7
He grew, became strong, increased in wisdom and in stature.....Luke 2:40; 2:52
He was weary, thirsty, and hungry at times.....John 4:6; John 19:28; Matt. 4:2
He was troubled in spirit and sorrowful at times.....John 13:21; Matt. 26:38
He wept at times.....John 11:35
He slept just like all human beings.....Mark 4:38
He had flesh and bones just like all human beings.....Luke 24:39

5. While Colossians 2:9 is a mystery to the human mind, what does the verse tell us about Jesus?

Colossians 2:9 _____

JESUS WAS FULLY GOD

Consider these Scriptures that show that Jesus was fully God by what He said and did.

He showed he was all-powerful (omnipotent) when he calmed the storm.....Matt. 8:26-27
He states he is eternal when he says, "Before Abraham was, I am".....John 8:58; 1 John 1:1-2
He forgave sins which is something only God can do.....Mark 2:5-7
He was all-knowing (omniscient) in that he knew what people were thinking.....Mark 2:8; John 16:30
He is to be worshiped which is something only reserved for God.....Rev. 5:12-13
He was unchanging (immutable).....Heb. 13:8
[Remember or look back at Lesson 2 and compare these same characteristics of God the Father.]

6. According to Hebrews 4:15, how was Jesus unlike any other human being?

Hebrews 4:15 _____

7. In the following passages, underline all the words & phrases that describe who Jesus Christ is.

Titus 2:13 _____

1 John 5:20 _____

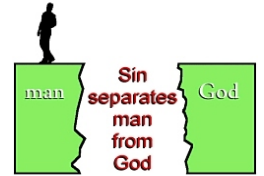
John 1:29 _____

8. Why is knowing Jesus Christ and what he has done so important according to John 14:6?

John 14:6 _____

III. THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

The last lesson showed that man's sin separates him from God. Isaiah 59:2 states, *"but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear."*



1. According to the following passages, what did Jesus Christ do for mankind's sins?

Romans 5:6 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

Isaiah 53:6 _____

2. Identify the two characteristics of God in the following verses concerning God's motivation for sending Christ to die for mankind:

Romans 5:8 _____

1 Peter 1:3 _____

3. Why did Jesus have to die for mankind's sins according to Hebrews 9:22, 26?

Hebrews 9:22 _____

Hebrews 9:26 _____

4. Read the following passages, and describe what Jesus' death accomplished:

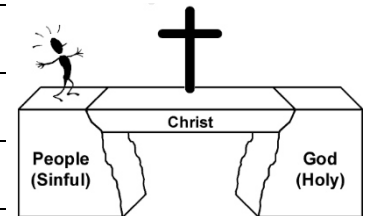
1 Peter 3:18 _____

Romans 5:10 _____

2 Corinthians 5:21 _____

1 Peter 2:24 _____

Galatians 1:4 _____



5. After Christ died and was buried, He arose from the dead (read John 19-20). Why is it important that Christ rose from the dead according to 1 Corinthians 15:17?

1 Corinthians 15:17 _____

6. According to Romans 1:4, how was Jesus declared to be the Son of God?

Romans 1:4 _____

IV. WHAT MUST MAN DO TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS?

Because of our sin, we deserve to die, bear God's wrath, and be separated from Him for all eternity. But, God made a way through Jesus Christ that mankind might be reconciled to Him. When some people are confronted with these truths, they realize they have been wrong about what they have believed or how they have lived. They are convicted in their hearts just like the people in Acts 2:37. *"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'"*



1. What is the first thing you must do, according to Acts 3:19, in order to be forgiven of your sins?

Acts 3:19 _____

2. What was the difference between the Pharisee's and the Tax Collector's response to God in Luke 18:9-14?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.

a. What does godly grief over sin produce (v. 10)? _____

b. What does it lead to (v. 10)? _____

4. In your own words, explain what you think it means for your own life to "repent"?

"REPENTANCE CAN BE DEFINED AS A COMPLETE CHANGE REGARDING YOUR SIN. YOU MUST ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER, A REBEL AGAINST A HOLY AND LOVING GOD. THERE MUST BE A CHANGE OF HEART – GENUINE SORROW AND SHAME AT THE FILTHINESS OF YOUR SIN. THEN YOU MUST BE WILLING TO FORSAKE IT AND CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE. GOD'S WORD CHALLENGES PEOPLE "THAT THEY SHOULD REPENT AND TURN TO GOD, PERFORMING DEEDS IN KEEPING WITH THEIR REPENTANCE" (ACTS 26:20). YOU MUST DO THIS BECAUSE GOD WILL NOT FORGIVE ANY SIN YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FORSAKE. TO REPENT IS TURNING TO GOD'S DIRECTION, AND SEEKING WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT PLEASURES GOD." [QUOTE ADAPTED FROM JOHN BLANCHARD]

5. What must you do next according to the following passages:

John 3:16 _____

Romans 10:9-10 _____

6. In your own words, explain what you think it means for your own life to "trust in Jesus Christ"?

"TO HAVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST MEANS ACCEPTING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. IT'S BELIEVING CHRIST IS ABLE AND WILLING TO SAVE YOU. FINALLY, IT IS PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN CHRIST BY RELYING ON HIM AND HIM ALONE TO MAKE YOU RIGHT WITH GOD. YOU MUST STOP TRUSTING IN ANYTHING ELSE AND TRUST ONLY IN CHRIST, WHO IS ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY THOSE WHO COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM." [QUOTE ADAPTED FROM JOHN BLANCHARD]

IF GOD HAS SHOWN YOU YOUR NEED, AND GIVEN YOU A DESIRE TO TURN TO CHRIST, THEN DO IT NOW! CALL OUT TO GOD RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE AT. CONFESS THAT YOU ARE GUILTY, LOST AND HELPLESS SINNER, AND WITH ALL YOUR HEART ASK CHRIST TO SAVE YOU, AND TO TAKE HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE, ENABLING YOU TO TURN FROM SIN AND TO LIVE FOR HIM.