

# BEGINNING BIBLE STUDIES 1

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This is Part 1 of 2 of the “**Beginning Bible Studies**” series. After you finish Part 1, you should also complete Part 2. At the conclusion of both parts, there are other studies ready for you:

**Survey of the Old Testament, Making Sense of the Bible, the Life of Christ, the book of Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Hebrews/Galatians, the Epistles of the New Testament, the book of Revelation, The Church of the Bible and a brand new course on the religion of Islam.**

## BEGINNING BIBLE SERIES - PART I

### LESSON ONE: GOD

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”* (Genesis 1:1)

People are always trying to find themselves and are constantly looking for some meaning to their lives. They try alcohol, sex, pornography, drugs, partying, abuse and other things. The answer to all their problems is probably sitting unused on some book shelf or table in their house. The answer is the Bible.

In this Beginning Bible Studies - 1, we are going to take a look at the Bible and how we can pull ourselves out of the mess the Bible calls sin. Study well, study hard and let's take a good look at ourselves because the answers we need are in the Bible.

The Bible is the only book in the world that tells us who we are, where we came from and where we are going.

The Bible is God's message to us. It begins with God creating the heavens, the earth and all things in the earth, including man whom he “created...in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:27). It takes us on a journey of God's love through the nation of Israel in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of God's love through Jesus, His son, in the New Testament.

Many people don't believe the Bible came from God. Can the Bible be believed that it is from God? Of course it can because there are statements in the Bible that prove God sent the Bible to us.

Check this out: *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”* (2 Peter 1:21). If the Bible did not come from God, the apostle Peter lied and we know “...that no lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21).

So, how do we know the Bible came from God? There is something in the Old Testament that shows that the Bible could not have come from any other source except from a God who is all wise, eternal, all knowing and all-powerful.

That passage is found in Job 26:7: *“He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.”* Listen, the only way this man, Job, could have known that the earth hangs in space is if he were given that information because Job could not have gone up into space and seen the earth hanging there. So, he couldn't have been given that information unless it came from someone who knew this information. That Someone is God! You can believe your Bible because it came from God.

We know there is a God because of the things which he has made. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork”* (Psalm 19:1). It's ridiculous to believe that when you see a house, that it just happened. We know that someone designed it and built it because a house cannot exist without a builder. Our universe also had a builder, and his name is God.

## WHERE DID WE GET OUR CONSCIENCE?

Think about this: we know God exists because you and I have a conscience, which is a “knowing within.” All through man’s history on the earth, people have always believed in something higher than themselves. *“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves, which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another”* (Romans 2:14,15). Where did man get his conscience, this “knowing within” part of our personalities? Titus 1:15 teaches, *“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”* The conscience is connected in some way to the mind of man.

The very first chapter of the Bible tells us where we got our consciences. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”* (Genesis 1:27). That’s when we got our consciences; when God created us in his own image. The Bible is the only book in the world that gives us answers that make sense.

The way we answer our consciences today is found in 1 Peter 3:21, *“The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”*

### GOD SPEAKS TO MAN THROUGH THE BIBLE

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God”* (2 Timothy 3:16)

Man can be wrong, but God is never wrong. If we listen to what men say instead of what God says, we will be just as wrong. When we listen and do what the Bible says, we will not be wrong because God speaks to man through the Bible. *“Thy word is truth”* (John 17:17).

The word “inspired” means “God-breathed.” God has used the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the Bible (2 Peter 1:21) and that is why Hebrews 4:12, 13 says, *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”* We have to do something with God because he has done something with us.

*“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”* (Matthew 7:21).

The Bible is God’s mirror into your soul and into my soul. *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed”* (James 1:22-25).

The Bible is not a great book, it is the greatest book in the world. Let’s learn a few things about God’s book.

## **LESSON TWO: THE TWO DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE**

The Bible has two divisions: the Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books), making a total of 66 books. The Old Testament begins with Genesis and ends with Malachi and is the record of God's dealings with the Jews. The New Testament is God's revealed will for all men. The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language and the New Testament was written in the Greek language.

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT**

The Old Testament is divided into four main sections: Law, History, Poetry and Prophecy. Let's take a quick look at each of these books.

#### **THE BOOKS OF LAW**

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, the first five books of the Old Testament, were written by Moses, the great servant of God, and are called the books of the Law.

Genesis tells of the beginning of all things. We learn about the creation, man, woman, marriage, sin, death, different languages, the nation of Israel and the beginning of God's plan to save man. Genesis tells of great men such as Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Abraham was the father of the Jewish people. These men are often called Patriarchs, which means "a father" or "the head of a family." This is the record of what is called the Patriarchal Age, when God spoke directly to these fathers and told the fathers what he wanted them to do to serve him.

Exodus continues the story of the nation of Israel, whom God had chosen to be his special people. They were special because Abraham's seed (family) was to bring Christ into the world. Israel had gone into Egypt because of a great famine in Canaan land and over about 400 years, the Egyptians made slaves of them. Exodus is the story of how God sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt to the Promised Land.

Leviticus and Deuteronomy contain the first written law which God gave to mankind. God gave this law for Israel to Moses on Mount Sinai, which is sometimes also called Mount Horeb. The law of Moses is wrapped around the Ten Commandments and was given only to the nation of Israel. (Exodus 19:3; Deuteronomy 5:1). The law of Moses was to last until the death of Christ on the cross, at which time he fulfilled the law of Moses and took it out of the way. (Matthew 5:17,18; Galatians 3:23-28; Colossians 2:13,14)

Numbers is a book of history and also has some of the laws of God to Israel. It is called Numbers because, during Israel's wanderings in the wilderness, God commanded Moses to number the people in a census.

## THE BOOKS OF HISTORY

The second section of the Old Testament has twelve books of history: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther. They teach us about when Joshua led the Jews in conquering the land of Canaan, the establishment of the united kingdom which lasted for 120 years, the civil conflict that brought about the divided kingdom and how the nation of Israel became rich and powerful.

These history books also tell us of the captivities that the Jews went into because of their sin. The ten northern tribes of Israel went into Assyrian Captivity in 721 BC and the two southern tribes of Judah went into Babylonian Captivity in 586 BC. After seventy years in Babylonian Captivity, some of the Jews returned to Jerusalem to build another temple, rebuild Jerusalem and rebuild the walls of the city.

Sadly, the books of history also teach us how Israel forgot about God and worshipped false gods and idols. God had strongly warned them to serve him, and him only. He had promised them the land of Canaan forever, if they would be faithful to him. They were unfaithful so he punished them when they disobeyed and forgave them and blessed them when they repented.

## THE BOOKS OF POETRY

The five books of poetry are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

Job is the story of a righteous man who suffered many horrible tragedies, but even though he suffered, he remained faithful to God.

Psalms are poems and songs written by King David and others. They praise God for his goodness, power, love and glory.

Proverbs is a book of wise sayings written mostly by King Solomon in the middle of his life.

Ecclesiastes was written by King Solomon at the end of his life. It tells about his search for happiness in money, love, power, fame, learning and laughter. He concluded his life with this tender statement: *“Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

The Song of Solomon is a love song written by Solomon as a young man to a woman he loved deeply.

## THE BOOKS OF PROPHECY

These seventeen books are divided into the Major Prophets and the Minor Prophets. They are called “major” because some books are long and “minor” because some books are short. The prophets were men who were called by God and spoke for God. They spoke to things right then and there and also foretold the future about the nation of Israel, the coming of Christ, the coming of the kingdom and the Gospel. All Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

The second division of the Bible is the New Testament. It was written by eight men, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James and Jude. The New Testament is God's law for all men, while the Old Testament was God's law only for the Jews. The New Testament is divided into four parts: the Gospels, History, Epistles (Letters) and Prophecy.

### **LESSON THREE: THE GOSPELS**

The word "gospel" means "good news" and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell us of the good news of the coming of Christ, his birth, his teachings, his death, burial and resurrection.

#### HISTORY

Acts, the book of history in the New Testament, was written by Luke, a medical doctor, who also wrote the book of Luke in the Gospels. It begins with the ascension of Christ and ends with the Paul in prison in the city of Rome.

The Old Testament and the first four books of the New Testament, the gospels, point to the book of Acts as the time when God's plan of love, grace and mercy would come to pass.

Acts teaches us how the apostles put into practice what they had been taught by Christ. If the examples and teachings found in Acts are put into practice today, man would have the pure church of Jesus Christ. That's why this course is called a "pre-denominational" approach to Bible study. The aim of all true Christians is to do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names.

#### THE EPISTLES (LETTERS)

The word "epistle" means "letter" and there are 21 epistles in the New Testament. The epistles are divided into two sections: 1) the epistles of Paul and , 2) the General Epistles. Paul wrote at least 13 of the 21 epistles; some were written to churches and some to individual Christians. Following is a brief summary of the epistles of the New Testament.

**Romans:** Chapters 1-11 show that man is saved by faith. Chapters 12-16 are given to encourage the Roman Christians to live the Christian life. As part of Home Bible School's curriculum, we have an entire series of studies on Romans.

**1 and 2 Corinthians:** Paul had started the church at Corinth, but they had developed some personal, moral and doctrinal problems. First Corinthians tells of those problems and Paul writes to correct them. Second Corinthians shows that most of the problems had been corrected. As part of Home Bible School's offerings, we also have a series of studies on 1 & 2 Corinthians.

**Galatians:** This letter to several churches in the geographical area known as Galatia teaches that Christians live under the gospel of Christ and not under the law of Moses.

**Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians:** These letters were written while Paul was in prison at Rome. They teach that unity must be among all Christians and that Christ is above all and over all.

**1 and 2 Thessalonians:** These epistles deal with the second appearing of Christ because some Christians had stopped working to wait on Christ to come again. Paul emphasizes that no man knows when Christ will come again and that Christians should live prepared lives for that final event.

**1 and 2 Timothy and Titus:** Timothy and Titus were two young preachers whom Paul considered to be his “son (s) in the faith.” They had been helping churches that Paul had established and these three letters give them advice.

**Philemon:** Philemon was a Christian who owned a slave named Onesimus. Onesimus ran away from Philemon and Paul met and converted him. This letter asks Philemon to take Onesimus back as a brother in Christ.

**Hebrews:** This letter shows that Christ, the gospel, the church and all things Christian are superior to the law of Moses. Hebrews was probably not written by Paul. (2 Thessalonians 3:17). Home Bible School also has a full study course in the book of Hebrews.

**James:** James was a human brother of Christ and this book is written to Jews who had become Christians. One of the main teachings is that faith without works is dead. A person’s faith is shown when he does what the Bible teaches.

**1 Peter:** This letter was written by the apostle Peter to encourage Christians who were being badly persecuted just for being Christians. It teaches that suffering for Christ is not all bad.

**2 Peter:** This book warns against false teachers in very strong terms. It also teaches about the second appearing (coming) of Christ.

**1, 2 and 3 John:** These were written by the apostle John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. 1 John is most about the right kind of fellowship and love. 2 John is written to the “elect lady” and is the shortest book in the Bible. 3 John is written to Gaius, whom John praises for his love for the Lord. Gaius is warned against a “church dictator” named Diotrophes.

**Jude:** Jude was also a human brother of Christ. His book is a strong condemnation of false teachers who had come into the church.

## PROPHECY

**Revelation:** Revelation was written by the apostle John about “*things that must shortly come to pass*” (Revelation 1:1). It is written in symbolic language and sometimes these symbols confuse people. The good Bible student must understand what the symbols mean and only then can the student interpret the book properly. Except for the resurrection, second appearing of Christ and the judgment day, all historical events in Revelation have already happened.

## **LESSON FOUR: THE TWO COVENANTS**

At this point in our study, let's check out what a "covenant" is and how the idea of a covenant relationship is important to God.

A "covenant" is the same thing as a "testament" and the definition is: "an agreement or a contract between two or more persons." When a man hires on for a job, his employer tells him exactly what he wants him to do. If he starts work at 8:00 in the morning, the employer intends for him to start at that hour! If this man wants the job, he must agree to the rules. This agreement is a covenant between employer and employee.

We have two "covenants" in the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is a covenant between God and the Jewish people. The New Testament is the covenant between God and all people. When the Law of Moses was given to the Jews, they knew they had to do to keep the covenant because they said in Exodus 24:7: *"All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient."*

The purpose of the old Covenant (Testament) was to prepare the way for the coming of Christ and, since he has already come, that covenant has been fulfilled which is why Hebrews 10:9 teaches us: *"Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."*

When was the old Testament (Covenant) taken away? *"And you (all men), being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (made alive) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (the 10 commandments and the Old Testament) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Colossians 2:13,14).* Christ took away the "first" (Old Testament) when he died upon the cross to bring in the "second" (New Testament).

### **THE NEW COVENANT (TESTAMENT)**

Just because we are under a new covenant, does that mean the Old Testament is not inspired from God? Why, no. Paul said: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16a).* He also wrote: *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime (the Old Testament) were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).*

Of the Old Covenant, Jesus said, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:(the Old Testament) I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matthew 5:17).* He also said, after his resurrection, *"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44).* The law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms mean the entire Old Testament.

Christ fulfilled the law of Moses. When he fulfilled the law, he "took it out of the way" which means that he wants man everywhere and in every nation to live by the New Covenant (the New Testament). *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).* The way we become "one in Christ.

## SIN

**What is sin?** *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law”* (1 John 3:4). The Bible also teaches, *“All unrighteousness is sin...”* (1 John 5:17). When we don’t do what the Bible teaches, we transgress (go against) God and sin.

All nations have laws and when a person does not obey those laws, he does wrong. The Old Testament was God’s law for the Jews and when they did wrong, they sinned. The New Testament is God’s law for all man and when we do wrong, we sin as well. That’s why the New Testament teaches, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23).

The cause of sin. All things in life have a cause. We sleep when we’re tired; we eat when we’re hungry. Sin came into the world because of Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God. It continues to be in the world because mankind constantly sins. Many people say the devil makes them sin, but James 1:14,15 reads, *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* The devil doesn’t make us do anything; when we sin, it’s our own doing.

### Man sins in different ways.

First, we sin by doing things we’re not supposed to do. God has told us exactly what we’re not supposed to do in Galatians 5:19-21: *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (thinking and doing immoral things), idolatry, witchcraft (sorcery), hatred, variance (being contentious), emulations (jealousy), wrath, strife (self ambitions) seditious, (dissensions) heresies (putting our opinion in place of God’s truth), envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

Second, we sin by not doing those things that we’re supposed to do. *“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17). We obey our parents and we obey the law of the land because we know that we must. We also must obey what the Bible teaches for the same reason.

### What are the results of sin?

When a mother tells her daughter to do the dishes and her daughter doesn’t do them, the dishes are still dirty. This mother needs to punish her daughter and why: Because the daughter must learn to do that which she has been told to do. Sin comes into our lives when we do not listen to God through the Bible and do our own thing.

God also punishes those who disobey him. *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

But we do not have to receive God’s punishment because God has provided a way to be forgiven of our sins – Jesus Christ and his way, the gospel. *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* (John 14:6). It is not through the Pope, not through Allah, not through Protestant denominations, but through Jesus Christ and his gospel, we have the way to get out of sin and into heaven.

**Why? Because the Bible will judge us in the judgment day. “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). This is serious business. If I know the Bible tells me something and then I don’t do it, I sin and that same scripture will meet me in the day of judgement.**

## **LESSON FIVE: JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR**

The word “savior” means “one who lifts a load off another’s back” and this word is used to describe Jesus because he lifts the burden of sin off our souls. The entire Bible tells about Jesus. The Old Testament says “Someone is coming.” The four gospels say “Someone has come.” Acts says “Someone has built a church.” The epistles (letters) say “Someone teaches us how to live” and the book of Revelation says “Someone is coming again.”

### **PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS**

Jesus of Nazareth just didn’t pop on the scene of history all at once. His coming to earth was foretold many times in the Old Testament, so let’s look at a few of these prophecies about him.

Genesis 3:15 is the very first prophecy of the death of Jesus for our sins. The devil had tempted Eve, Eve ate the forbidden fruit, gave it to Adam, he ate it and God throws them out of the Garden of Eden because of sin. But, to give them some hope, he says, *“And I will put enmity between thee (the serpent, the devil) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Jesus Christ); it shall bruise thy head (the devil’s), and thou shalt bruise his (Jesus’) heel.”*

Jesus is the seed of woman because he was the only person ever born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14: *“Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (or, ‘God with us).”*

When Jesus died, it looked like Satan had won (bruising the heel of Jesus); but Jesus won because he bruised Satan’s head when he died on the cross and arose from the dead. All prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus came to pass in his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Prophecies must come to pass if they are from God. Deuteronomy 18:22 teaches: *“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”* Underline this scripture in your Bible because it is God’s teaching concerning prophecies.

### **THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

As the Old Testament prophesied, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, “the city of David.” His mother, Mary, was a virgin girl from Nazareth and his earthly father, Joseph, was a carpenter. Mary conceived Jesus in her womb by the Holy Spirit before she married Joseph and was not made pregnant by man, but from heaven – for he was the son of God. The angel told Mary in Luke 1:31, 34, 35 that she would call his name Jesus and that he would be the Holy One, the son of God.

## THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

The New Testament does not tell us much about the early years of Jesus except that “Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man” (Luke 2:52).

When Jesus was 30, he was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist, “to fulfil all righteousness.” After he was baptized, Jesus went into the desert and at the end of 40 days, Satan came to tempt him. Jesus was the son of God and divine, but he was also the son of Mary and human. Since he was human, he was tempted in every way just as we are. *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin”* (Hebrews 4:15).

When Jesus began preaching, his message was: *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel”* (Mark 1:15). Jesus preached the kingdom of God and, to show that he was from God and was God in the flesh, he performed many miracles to prove that God had sent him. He healed the sick and cast out devils (Mark 1:34,35); he restored sight to the blind (Mark 10:46-52); he fed the hungry (Mark 6:34-44) and raised the dead (Luke 7:11-16; John 11).

## THE DEATH OF JESUS

For three and one half years, Jesus preached and at the end of his ministry, he went to Jerusalem to attend the feast of Passover. The religious leaders were lying in wait for him; they wanted to kill him because they were jealous of him. But Jesus knew he must die as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world and he knew that the time had come. He tried to prepare his disciples for this time: *“From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day”* (Matthew 16:21).

At the Passover feast, Jesus established the Lord’s Supper: *“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom”* (Matthew 26:26-29).

He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and about midnight soldiers came to arrest him. He was taken before the high priest, then before King Herod and later he was condemned by the Jewish council, who sent him to Pilate, the Roman governor, for sentencing. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and wanted to set him free, but he was afraid of the people. He had Jesus beaten and then ordered him to be crucified.

Crucifixion was a slow, painful death. Jesus’ hands and feet were nailed to the cross; he hung there while people mocked and insulted him. After six hours of suffering, he died. Two of Jesus’ disciples, Nicodemus and Joseph, took his body from the cross and buried him on Friday evening.

## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Early on the first day of the week, the day we call Sunday, Jesus came out of the grave. Years later Paul wrote about Jesus' resurrection: *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"* (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). His resurrection showed Jesus' power over death and that one day he will raise from the dead those who believe and have obeyed him.

Jesus Christ died for us; he was raised from the dead for us and we can have eternal life by believing in him and obeying him.

### **LESSON SIX: THE GREAT GAP BETWEEN MAN AND GOD**

There is a gap between God and man and that huge gap was begun by Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden. That gap continues today whenever people sin. But God has a plan to bridge that gap based on his love for man. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). Only Jesus can bridge that gap, so let's check some things out to help us get back to God.

#### BASED ON LOVE AND GRACE

The love of God brought in the grace of God. *"That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Christians cannot function without the love and grace of God because they are heaven's foundation on which our salvation rests.

#### OUR HUMAN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE IS FOUNDED ON OUR FAITH

##### WHAT IS FAITH?

The best Bible description of faith is found in Romans 4:19-21 when Paul wrote of Abraham: *"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."*

Faith is trust in God that he will keep his promises. Many things we do in life show some kind of faith. Children believe their parents because they trust them. Husbands and wives believe in each other because of marital trust. That's why Hebrews 11:6 teaches, *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"*

## HOW DO WE GET FAITH?

Abraham believed God; he trusted that God would be able to do what he promised and God did exactly what he had promised to do for Abraham. We receive faith when we also listen to the word of God. *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). The Bible is the source of our faith!

We have faith in something because we have heard about it and we cannot have faith without hearing, can we? Why plant a garden if we do not have faith that it will grow? Likewise, we believe in God and Christ because we have heard about them. It is impossible to have faith in God and Christ without hearing about them!”

We can learn about God and Christ from the Bible in two ways: 1) by reading the Bible ourselves and 2) by hearing someone tell us about the Bible. *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”* (Romans 10:14).

## DIFFERENT KINDS OF FAITH

The Bible teaches that there are different kinds of faith. Jesus told his disciples they had “little faith” (Matthew 8:26); he told a Canaanite woman “great is thy faith” (Matthew 15:28) and James even said that “the devils believe and tremble!” (James 2:19). The devils have faith and tremble, but they can do nothing about it. They are already in hell.

The kind of faith Jesus wants us to have is described in Galatians 5:6: *“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.”* The only faith that will save us is when we do what the Bible teaches!

Will faith only save us? Are we saved when we just say “I believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God, and ask him to save me”? Well, we’d better believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God, but let’s study a little further.

James 2:24 teaches we’re not saved by faith only: *“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”* And Mark 16:16 teaches, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”* If we believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God, we’d better do something about. We’d better do what he says!

Faith by itself does not save us – it must be followed by obeying the Lord. Don’t let your faith stop short by just believing. Do what the Bible tells you to do.

## REPENTANCE

### WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance is a Bible word, but many do not fully understand what it means. Jesus told this parable shows us just what repentance is. *“But 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. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first”* (Matthew 21:28-31).

Of course, the first son really did the will of his father. At first he said “no”, but then he repented and said “yes.” All of us are like these two boys. The second son said “yes” and then did absolutely nothing about it. Like this second son, we sometimes have all good intentions to do what God has said, but when it comes down to actually doing it, we often don’t. Let’s be like that first boy, who disobeyed his father, but then changed his mind and obeyed his father. When we stop disobeying God and begin doing his will, we have repented.

Repentance is a change of mind; it is a decision to stop doing wrong and to begin doing right. When a person repents, he changes his life completely because he has decided he will no longer rebel against God. He obeys the commands of God. His repentance is shown by the good works he does. He tries to please God in everything because he has truly repented!

### WHAT CAUSES REPENTANCE?

Look at the first son in the parable again. He repented because he was sorry for what he had done, didn’t he? The apostle Paul talks about this when he says, *“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death”* (2 Corinthians 7:10). Being sorry for something is okay, but godly sorrow must be hooked up with obedience. Being sorry and being obedient to God is godly sorrow.

God is good to us. He has given us Jesus to die for our sins. He has given us the Bible to tell us the way to eternal life. When we realize how good God is to us, we should be ashamed to disobey him. *“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”* (Romans 2:4)

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REPENT?

*“Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance...”* (Luke 3:8). These words were spoken by John the Baptist. The Jews thought they were saved just because they said Abraham was their father. But John told them they must prove that they had repented. We prove that we have repented by obeying God and doing good.

If a man plans a fruit tree in his garden and the tree does not produce good fruit, the man cuts it down and uses it for firewood. If the tree produces good fruit, he will save it. If we turn from our sins but do not do good works, we will be lost; but if we obey God, he will love us and save us.

Unless we repent of our sins, we will be lost forever and Christ will reject us on the last day!

*“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).*

## CONFESSION

### CONFESSION BEFORE BAPTISM

We know that we are to be baptized and that it is a part of our salvation because Peter says, *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).*

We also know that before we’re baptized we must have faith. *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).* We’ve also learned that we must repent before we’re baptized. *“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).*

There are two kinds of confession mentioned in the Bible.

- Confession of Christ as the son of God comes before we’re baptized just like faith and repentance do. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9,10).*

If a person does not confess that Jesus is the son of God, he simply cannot become a Christian. We learn this from Acts 8:35-37: *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”* This is the confession we make before we’re baptized; that Jesus is the son of God.

- Confession of our sins and another type of confession come after we are baptized. After a person becomes a Christian, he continues to “confess” Jesus because Jesus taught in Matthew 10:32,33: *“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”* This confessing of Jesus Christ (teaching his word to others) continues throughout the life of a Christian. We each others so that *“We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).*

Christians do sin as we learn from 1 John 1:8,9: *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* We confess our sins as Christians first to God and the second way we deal with our sins which are public is to bring them before our brethren and sisters in Christ.

***“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed...” (James 5:16). It’s hard to say “I’m wrong and I have sinned” but we must if we are to be pleasing unto God.***

**We confess Jesus as the son of God before we’re baptized. After we become a Christian, we must confess Christ to others in three ways: 1) by word of mouth (teaching) and 2) by the good life we live and 3) when we sin as Christians, we confess those sins to God and to one another. We then receive forgiveness from heaven and here on earth.**

## **LESSON SEVEN: BAPTISM**

**Every religious organization makes you do some kind of baptism, except for the people known as Quakers. Religious people know that sinners need to be baptized but, unfortunately, most do not listen to what the Bible plainly says about baptism. Only the Bible can give us the answers as to what is baptism, who should be baptized and for what purpose baptism is done.**

### **WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Whoever is baptized must be a sinner. Whoever is baptized must believe in Jesus: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). Whoever is baptized must repent of their sins. “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). Whoever is baptized must confess Christ as the son of God. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9,10).***

**A baby cannot believe, he cannot repent (because he has no sin) and he cannot confess Christ as the son of God (because he can’t even talk yet!). Besides that, baptizing babies is not even in the Bible, so why baptize them? They don’t need it.**

### **HOW SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?**

**Today, churches baptize folks by sprinkling water on their heads or pouring water on their heads or putting them all the way under the water. The Bible tells us which one is right. “...we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Baptism is a burial in water and when we bury dead people, we don’t sprinkle or pour a little dirt on the casket so sprinkling or pouring some water on a sinner’s head is certainly not a burial!**

**We are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38) when a Christian puts us all the way under the water. This is called “immersion.”**

## WHY BE BAPTIZED?

When a person finds out he is lost in his sins and needs the grace and love of God, he must have faith in God. If a person wants to do something about turning away from his sins, he repents. If a person is lost in his sins, he must confess Christ as the son of God. If a person is lost in his sins, he must be baptized for the forgiveness of his sins. No religious person argues about faith, repentance or confession – so why is there so much argument about baptism?

Baptism in water for the remission of sins is part of God's plan and man's plans must fit into what God has revealed in the Bible. Sometimes people say baptism is a work and we are not saved by works (Ephesians 2:8-10). We surely are not saved by our works, but baptism is something that is done to you and not by you, so it is not a work.

If we want to be saved, we must do all that is commanded for salvation and that includes being baptized (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

It's time folks stop being confused about the subject of baptism as part of our salvation. Let's take all of what the Bible teaches on this very important subject.

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WHERE DO YOU GO TO CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON ONE**

Fill in the blanks

1. The Bible tells us who we \_\_\_\_\_, where we \_\_\_\_\_ and where we are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Job 26:7: "He stretcheth out the north \_\_\_\_\_ and hangeth the earth \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Psalm 19:1: "The \_\_\_\_\_ declare the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; and the firmament showeth his \_\_\_\_\_."
4. The word "conscience" means a "\_\_\_\_\_."
5. We know there is a God because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

True false (Check the correct answer)

1. The Bible cannot be from God because it has mistakes in it. T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Bible begins with God creating all things. T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Old Testament prophecies were spoken without God's help. T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
4. Many people don't believe the Bible came from God T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Bible does not prove that God is real. T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON TWO**

Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. The first five books of the Old Testament were written by A Paul B Job C Moses
2. The number of books the Bible has are: A 39 B 66 C 27
3. How many books of Old Testament history are there? A 12 B 5 C 39
4. The Old Testament was written in what language? A English B Hebrew C Greek
5. The New Testament was written in what language? A English B Hebrew C Greek

True False (Check the correct answer)

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|---|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1. Man can be wrong, but God never is wrong.        | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 2. Proverbs is a book of poetry                     | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 3. The Jews frequently forgot God and were punished | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 4. God speaks to man through the Bible              | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 5. The word "patriarch" means "apostle"             | T | _____ | F | _____ |

Fill in the blanks

1. The book which tells of Israel's leaving Egypt is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The united kingdom of Israel lasted for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ tells of the sufferings of a good man.
4. King \_\_\_\_\_ wrote most of the Psalms.
5. There are \_\_\_\_\_ books of Prophecy.

**LESSON THREE**

True False (Check the correct answer)

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|---|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1. Eight men wrote the New Testament.                           | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 2. The apostle Paul wrote only two letters.                     | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 3. Philemon deals with the second appearing (coming) of Christ. | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 4. A "covenant" is the same thing as a "testament."             | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 5. James and Jude were human brothers of Christ.                | T | _____ | F | _____ |

Fill in the blanks

1. The word "gospel" means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Acts is the book of \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament and Revelation is the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were two young preachers to whom Paul wrote.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were three \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The word "gospel" means \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Acts is the book of \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament and Revelation is the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were two young preachers to whom Paul wrote.
8. The word "epistle" means \_\_\_\_\_ and there are \_\_\_\_\_ epistles in the New Testament.
9. Revelation was written in \_\_\_\_\_ language and except for the resurrection, second coming of Christ and the \_\_\_\_\_ day, all \_\_\_\_\_ events in Revelation have \_\_\_\_\_ happened.

## LESSON FOUR

True false (Check the correct answer)

1. There are two covenants in the Bible. T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
2. The Old Testament was taken away when Jesus died on the cross T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
3. The Old Testament is not inspired of God. T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
4. The Old Testament was a covenant between God and the Jewish people T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
5. The purpose of the Old Testament was to prepare the way for Christ. T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
6. A covenant is the same thing as a testament T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
7. The cause of sin is a person's own lust T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
8. The Pope will judge us in the last day T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
9. The devil makes us sin and we can't control it at all T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_
10. God is a cruel god and wants to hurt us T \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

1. Exodus 24:7: "All that the \_\_\_\_\_ hath said will we do and be \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Galatians 3:28: "There is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ female: for ye are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus."
3. Hebrews 10:9: "Lo, I come to do thy \_\_\_\_\_, O God. He taketh away the \_\_\_\_\_ that he may establish the \_\_\_\_\_."

## LESSON FIVE

Fill in the blanks

1. Genesis 3:15, "And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between and the woman, and between thy \_\_\_\_\_ and her seed; it shall bruise thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thou shalt bruise his \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ woman because he is the only person ever born of a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Deuteronomy 18:22, "When a \_\_\_\_\_ speaketh in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing the Lord hath \_\_\_\_\_ spoken."
4. Mark 1:15, "The \_\_\_\_\_ is fulfilled and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is at hand: \_\_\_\_\_ ye and believe the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us, he was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead and we can have eternal \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in him and \_\_\_\_\_ him.
6. The four gospels teach "Someone has \_\_\_\_\_"; Acts teaches "Someone has built a \_\_\_\_\_"; the epistles (letters) teach "Someone \_\_\_\_\_ us how to live"; the book of Revelation teaches "Someone is \_\_\_\_\_."

True false (Check the correct answer)

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|--|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1. Jesus was born in Nazareth                                  | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 2. Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray              | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 3. Jesus instituted the Lord's supper at the feast of Passover | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 4. Mary, Jesus' mother, was from Bethlehem                     | T | _____ | F | _____ |
| 5. Jesus died after six hours of suffering                     | T | _____ | F | _____ |

Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. Jesus was born in A Jerusalem B Bethlehem C Nazareth
2. How many years did Jesus preach? A Six B Three C Three and a half
3. What happened at the Passover feast? A Jesus instituted the Lord's supper B The disciples ate pork, but Jesus didn't C Judas drew a picture
4. Jesus came out of the grave A On Saturday B On Sunday C On Monday
5. The word "savior" means A One who forgives us of our sins B One who lifts a load off our back C Both of these

## LESSON SIX

Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. Our response to God's love and grace is founded on our A Faith B Church C Preacher
2. Faith comes by hearing A The word of God B The word of Mohammed C The word spoken in Brooklyn, New York
3. The only faith that will save us is A That which we get from our parents B When we do what the Bible teaches C When we listen to our preacher
4. Repentance is A When we stop disobeying God and do what he says B Just feeling sorry for our sins C None of these
5. Before we are baptized, we confess A Christ as the son of God B Our sins C The sins of our children
6. The definition of faith is... A my opinion about things B what my parents taught me C what my church teaches me D trust in God that he will keep his promises
7. The only way faith will save us is when A we ask what our preacher wants us to do B we obey what we have learned from the Bible C we ask the Pope in Rome, Italy
8. What are the different kinds of faith? A little faith B great faith C obedient faith D All of these
9. Faith comes by A hearing the word of God B what people in Salt Lake City, Utah, teach C my preacher
10. The source of our faith is A the Bible B our own feelings C the opinions of our friends

Fill in the blanks

1. Romans 3:23, "For \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ and come short of the glory of \_\_\_\_\_."
2. A baby cannot \_\_\_\_\_, he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ (because he has no \_\_\_\_\_ and he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as the son of God because he can't even \_\_\_\_\_ yet!
3. John 3:16, "For \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that he \_\_\_\_\_ his only begotten son, that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in him \_\_\_\_\_ not perish, but have everlasting \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Romans 10:17, "So then \_\_\_\_\_ cometh by \_\_\_\_\_ and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"
5. 2 Corinthians 7:10, "For godly \_\_\_\_\_ worketh \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the \_\_\_\_\_ worketh \_\_\_\_\_"
6. James 2:24, "Ye see then how that by \_\_\_\_\_ a man is \_\_\_\_\_ and not by faith \_\_\_\_\_."
7. "He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

True false (Check the correct answer)

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. There is a great gap between man and God  | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Repentance is a complete change of a person's life                              | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, was a farmer                                     | T _____ F _____ |
| 6. The devils in hell believe in God.  | T _____ F _____ |
| 7. Faith by itself does not save us - it must be followed by obeying the Lord      | T _____ F _____ |
| 8. Faith works through love  | T _____ F _____ |
| 9. When Abraham believed God, he didn't do anything <u>but</u> believe             | T _____ F _____ |
| 10. By faith we know heaven is real  | T _____ F _____ |
| 11. In the parable of the two sons in (Matthew 21:28-31), both obeyed their father | T _____ F _____ |
| 12. If we repent, but do not do good works, we will be lost                        | T _____ F _____ |
| 13. Repentance means to change my mind, but do nothing more than that              | T _____ F _____ |
| 14. Being sorry and being obedient to God is godly sorrow.                         | T _____ F _____ |
| 15. When a person repents, he changes his life completely                          | T _____ F _____ |

Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. Repentance is A just being sorry for doing wrong B just saying that I'm sorry C a change of mind which leads to a change of life
2. What brings us to repentance? A the goodness of God B our feelings of guilt C a strong sermon by the preacher
3. We must repent of our sins because A our parents tell us to do so B we will be lost in the judgement if we don't repent C our friends say it's the thing to do
4. Acts 2:38 teaches that after we repent, we are to A still be sorry B tell the church about it C be baptized for the remission of sins

5. We prove that we have repented by A telling everyone B boasting about it C obeying God

Fill in the blanks

1. "We are \_\_\_\_\_ with him by baptism \_\_\_\_\_ death..." (Romans 6:4).
2. "He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved" (Mark 16:16)
3. "They went down \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, both Philip and eunuch; and he \_\_\_\_\_ him" (Acts 8:38)
4. "\_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins and ye shall receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38)
5. "For as many of you as have been \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ" (Galatians 3:27)

Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)

1. Whoever is baptized must be A a baby B in the Holy Ghost C a sinner
2. If a person is lost in his sins, he must A have faith B repent of his sins C confess Christ as the son of God D be baptized E all of these
3. When a believer in Christ is baptized, it must be by A sprinkling water on his head B by the Holy Ghost C putting him all the way under the water, a burial D pouring water over his head
4. Religious organizations in America all baptize except for A the Jews B the Quakers C the Catholics D the Protestants
5. There is a lot of argument in the religious world about A repentance B baptism C confession D faith

TRUE FALSE (Check the correct answer)

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|---|---------|---------|
| 1. Bible baptism is a burial in water                       | T _____ | F _____ |
| 2. Baptism in water is not a part of God's plan             | T _____ | F _____ |
| 3. If we want to have our sins forgiven we must be baptized | T _____ | F _____ |
| 4. John the Baptist baptized where there was "much water"   | T _____ | F _____ |
| 5. A little baby is a sinner                                | T _____ | F _____ |
| 6. A little baby is not a sinner                            | T _____ | F _____ |
| 7. Baptism is for the remission of sins                     | T _____ | F _____ |
| 8. People today argue too much about baptism                | T _____ | F _____ |
| 9. Baptism is by sprinkling water on someone's head         | T _____ | F _____ |
| 10. Being buried in water is called "immersion"             | T _____ | F _____ |