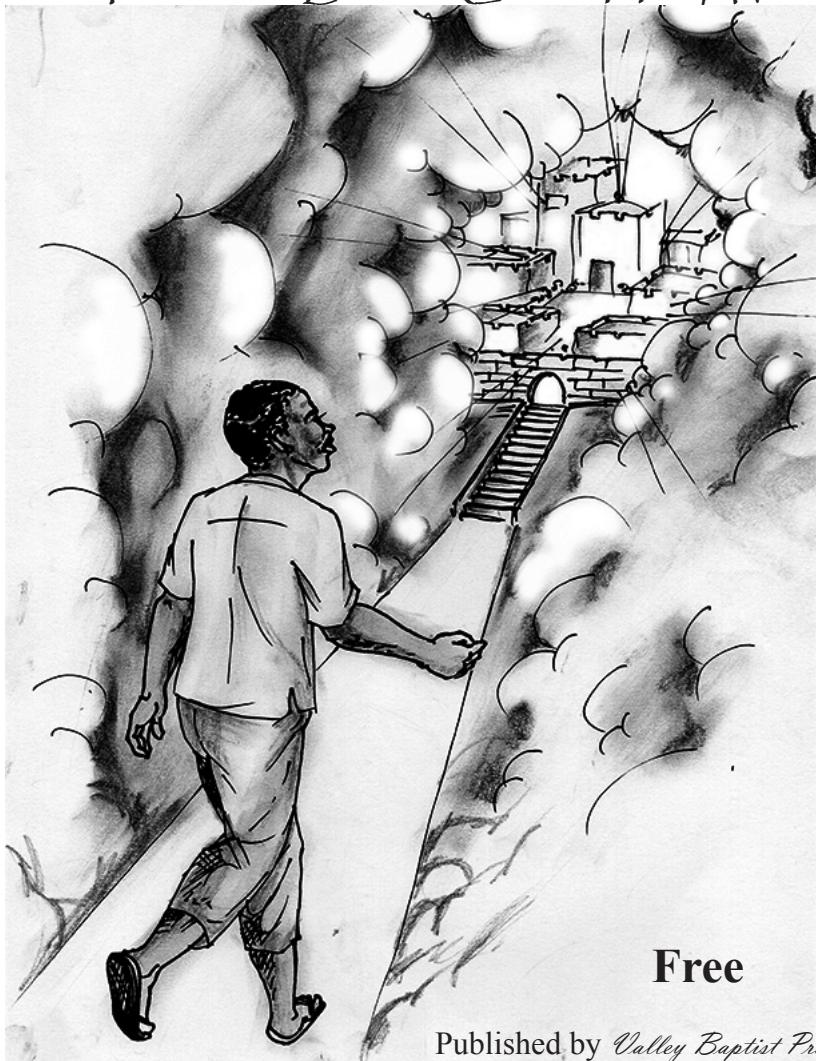


The Road to Eternal Life

God's Free Gift of Salvation
From the Bible - God's Holy Word



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Introduction:

The purpose of this booklet is to set forth the way of salvation from the Bible - God's Holy Word. All Scripture is taken from the King James Bible. All scripture is printed in Bold/Italic. Biblical scripture will look like this: ***Romans 3:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”***

This booklet is divided into 7 sections. Each section deals with a topic and is further divided into smaller sections. These are all numbered. The first number is the main section number. This is followed by the sub-section number.

Section 1.2 is therefore part of the main section 1 and is the second part of section 1. At the end of each section we have placed study questions. Answers to the questions under the 1.2 section can be found in two areas, the text of section 1.2 and in the Study Question Answer Section at the end of this booklet.

We recommend that you first read the entire section a few times and then try to answer the questions. If you have trouble, go back and review the section and try to find the answer. If you still do not know the answer or if you would like to check your answer then refer to the answers in the back of this publication. Also make it a point to read the sections in order, each section builds on information in the prior sections.

Please email me with any questions you might have, or to just tell me what you think of this Bible Study. May God bless you as you study His Word!

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SECTION 1: God the Creator

1.1 The Godhead

In the Bible we learn about the Creator and his creation. ***Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*** God created the world we live in. The Bible clearly teaches that God is one God. ***Deuteronomy 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD”***. The Bible also teaches that God is three persons. ***1 John 5:7, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*** God is one God in three persons, this concept is called the Godhead. ***Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”***

The Scripture clearly teaches that the three persons of the Godhead are God the Father, God the Son (or the Word), and God the Holy Spirit. For the purpose of this booklet we will be focusing on Jesus Christ as Creator and Saviour of man.

For more information about the Godhead/Trinity, contact us and request the booklet entitled “What Does the Bible Say About the Trinity?”.

1.2 Jesus: The Word

In the Bible, the title of “the Word” refers to Jesus Christ. ***John 1:1-3, “(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*** Here we see Jesus being referred to as “the Word”. We see that Jesus (the Word) existed from the beginning, and that Jesus (the Word) created all things and without Jesus (the Word) was not anything made that was made! **Jesus is not created, Jesus is the Creator.**

We know that Jesus is the Word. ***John 1:14-15, “(14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (15) John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.”*** The Bible records that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. John the Baptist was a witness to this. John was preaching about this person called the Word. He identified him as the one who was ***“preferred before me, for he was before me.”***

Look also at ***John 1:29-30, “(29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. When John saw Jesus he identified him as the one “preferred before me, for he was before me.”*** Jesus

Christ is the Word that was made flesh. John identified Jesus Christ as the Word. The Word (Jesus Christ) is the Creator of everything that was created. [Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.](#)

Section 1: Study Questions

- 1.1 Who are the three that bear record in Heaven according to 1 John 5:7?
Who is the Godhead?
- 1.2 Who created the world according to John 1:1-3?
Who does the Bible call the Word?

Answers found on page 17

SECTION 2: The Creation

2.1 The Creation of Man

Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Man is a special creation by God. Man is created in the image of God, and God placed man over the animals and over the earth to have dominion, or rule, over them. Adam was the name of the first man, and Eve was the name of the first woman.

Man was placed in a perfect garden with everything he would ever need. *Genesis 2:8-9, “(8) And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. (9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”*

Adam was given the privilege of living in the garden of Eden with only one requirement: he could not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The penalty for this would be death. *Genesis 2:15-17, “(15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* The first man, Adam, was created as an eternal being. This means he would never die – unless he broke God’s law and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then God made a companion for Man, here we see the creation of woman. *Genesis 2:18, “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”*

2.2 The Creation of Satan

Satan is known by many names in the Bible. He is called the Devil, the Serpent, Lucifer and many other names and titles. The existence of Satan in the Garden of Eden is recorded in the following passage. *Ezekiel 28:13-*

15, “(13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”

The iniquity that was found in Satan is recorded in the Bible. It is found in *Isaiah 14:12-15, “(12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”* Satan fell because of his pride. He decided that he would be like “the most High” (this is a name of God.)

Section 2: Study Questions

- 2.1 In whose image was man created?
What was the penalty given by God for eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
What were the names of the first man and woman?
What was the name of the place the first man and woman lived?
- 2.2 What are three other names that Satan is called in the Bible?
Who did Satan desire to be like?
What caused Satan to fall?

Answers found on page 17

SECTION 3: The Fall of Man

3.1 Satan Deceives Eve

Later in the Garden of Eden, Satan approached Adam’s wife, Eve. *Genesis 3:1, “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* Satan’s first statement to mankind was to question what God said. Satan convinced the woman that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would not bring death, but would make man to be as ‘gods’, knowing good and evil. *Genesis 3:4-5, “(4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”*

The woman, Eve, was deceived by Satan. *Genesis 3:6, “And when the*

woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

3.2 Adam’s Sin Brings Death

1 Timothy 2:13-14, “For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”

When Adam ate of the fruit from the forbidden tree, he violated God’s law. Adam introduced sin into every tribe and nation of man. Every child born inherits a sin nature. A sin nature is an inherited and deeply ingrained drive to rule our own lives, rebel against God, protect and exalt ourselves, and meet our own needs our own way apart from God. This comes originally from the sin of Adam. *Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”* In Adam the entire human race was plunged into sin and separation from God.



3.3 Sin Is Like the Venom of a Cobra

Just like poison from a cobra works its way through the entire body of the victim – sin is present in every man, woman and child. We are by nature sinners. This means that sin, or breaking God’s law, comes naturally to us. And like the venom of a cobra - it will bring forth death. *James 1:14-15, “(14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”*



3.4 The Definition of Sin:

Sin is defined by two concepts: transgression and falling short. Transgression is doing something that is prohibited, or against the rules. Adam and Eve transgressed because they ate of the tree when they were told not to by God. The idea of falling short is illustrated in the game of football. If a player

shoots for the goal, but the ball falls short of the goal, they do not score a point because their attempt fell short of the requirement. Adam and Eve fell short of the requirements of God because they did not follow God’s instructions.

Section 3: Study Questions

- 3.1 Who was deceived by Satan?
What lie did Satan convince the woman to believe?
What was the purpose of Satan’s first statement to man?
- 3.2 Who did Satan deceive?
What was the result of the sin of Adam?
What is a sin nature?
- 3.3 What does the Bible say that sin brings forth in us?
What is the meaning of the word “transgression”?
- 3.4 How did Adam and Eve fall short of God’s requirements?

Answers found on page 17-18

SECTION 4: All Have Sinned

4.1 Original Sin

The sin of Adam has been passed unto all of us. This is called the Doctrine of Original Sin and the Doctrine of Our Sin Nature. Death entered the world because of sin. *Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”* Every one of us will eventually die, because every person born has a sin nature. It is a nature that cannot keep the law of God. *Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” Ecclesiastes 7:20, “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”*

4.2 Man’s Fallen Nature

The basic problem with man is that he has inherited a fallen nature that has destroyed his relationship with God. *Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”* Man has been separated from God. Man is facing death, but death is not the end. After we die we face the judgment of God. *Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* The Bible foretells of this judgment. *Revelation 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

Section 4: Study Questions

- 4.1 What caused death to enter the world?

4.2 What is the basic problem man faces?
Who is cast into the Lake of Fire after they die?

Answers found on page 18

SECTION 5: The Wages of Sin

5.1 The Wages of Sin Is Death

If you were hired to till a field, you would get paid your wage when you finished. A wage is what you get for your labor. Our sin also has a wage. **Romans 3:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** There is both a physical death and a spiritual death. The physical death (or first death) is what we are most familiar with. Every person will one day die. This is the result of the sin of Adam being passed on to all of us. Through the first man, Adam, all were made sinners. All were separated from God. All were headed for hell. All were destined to spend an eternity in the lake of fire. Jesus himself said this: **Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”** The reality of hell and the lake of fire is repeatedly spoken of in the Bible.



“the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”

Revelation 21:8

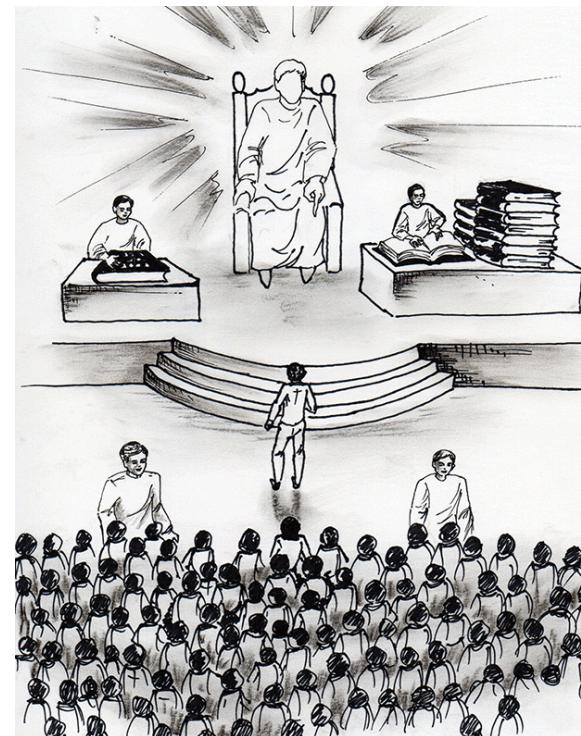
5.2 The Second Death

Men fear physical death, but few know of the second death. **Revelation 20:14, “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second**

death.” This death is a spiritual death. It is being eternally separated from God in Hell. The Bible clearly teaches that when a person dies they leave this world and end up in either heaven or hell. **Luke 16:22-23, “(22) And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; (23) And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”** Jesus himself spoke these words. He taught that one of the men who died was “in hell”. This shows us two things. First, the man in hell was not on this earth, for he was in torments and flames. Second, it shows that the man was awake after he died. In contrast, the man Lazarus was comforted. Spiritual death comes after physical death. It is a departure from this world into one of two places: Heaven or Hell.

5.3 God’s Judgment of Man

For those who do not know Jesus as their savior, death brings judgment. **Revelation 20:11-12, “(11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”** After our death we will face the judgment of God. **Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”**. At this judgment the books will be opened and men will be judged based upon their works. All who appear at this judgment will be found guilty of breaking God’s law. The result will be the second death, eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire.



The Great White Throne Judgement
Revelation 20:11

you”

Matthew 7:21-23 “(21) 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. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Section 5: Study Questions

- 5.1 What does man receive for his sin?
What is the result of Adam’s sin being passed on to all of us?
Jesus taught that something was worse than the body being destroyed.
What is that?
- 5.2 What happens to a person’s spirit or soul when they die?
What is the second death?
Where did the rich man in Luke 16 end up when he died?
What is the first thing we learn from where the rich man ended up after he died?
What is the second thing we can learn from this?
- 5.3 What does a person who does not know Jesus as their Savior have to look forward to after death?
What will God’s Judgment of man be based on?
How many people will be found to have kept God’s law well enough to get to Heaven?
- 5.4 What will Jesus say to the religious people who had done many works in his name?

Answers found on page 18

SECTION 6: Good Works Can Never Save You

6.1 Our Works Cannot Save

Four words you never want to hear, “*I never knew you*”. Matthew 7:21-23 tell us that many who claim to be the servants of God will not enter the kingdom of Heaven. These workers were not saved. Jesus did not know them. They were called workers of iniquity. How can people who prophesied in Jesus’ name, who cast out devils, and who did many wonderful works be called workers of iniquity? It is because salvation is not based on our works. It is based on our relationship with Jesus. In Jesus’ day, many religious people looked like they were godly,



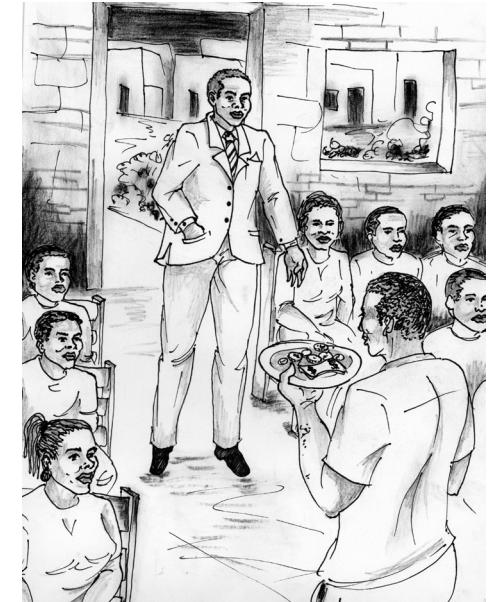
“I never knew you...”

but they rejected the fact that they were sinners. They rejected the fact that they needed a Saviour. These people were called the Pharisees. They believed that their good works would get them to heaven. If a person is trusting in their own works to save them, all they have to look forward to is four words from Jesus: “*I never knew you*”. The result will be eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire.

6.2 Not by Works of Righteousness

Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” God’s word is clear: good works will not save a man. *Ephesians 2:8-9, “(8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

The Bible teaches that our good works, or the good things we do are seen by God as filthy rags. *Isaiah 64:4, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”* This is why doing good things cannot save a man. God sees our good works as filthy rags.



Good Works Cannot Save You

6.3 We are Sinners

A bite by one infected mosquito will cause you to get malaria. The malaria parasites will work through your whole body. It could even cause you to die. It does not matter that all of the rest of your body is free from mosquito bites. One bite is all that it takes. This is how sin works. Sin will bring forth death. The Bible says in *James 2:10, “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”* If you break one part of God’s law you are guilty of breaking all of God’s law. This is why good works cannot save. Only one man has ever kept all of God’s law. That man was Jesus Christ. He is God in the flesh. He is both God and Man. He became a man and fulfilled the requirements of the law so that he could become your substitute.

6.4 Our Good Works are not Good!

Isaiah 64:4 tells us that our good works are filthy rags. The Bible also says in *Proverbs 21:4, “An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of*

the wicked, is sin." The plowing of the wicked is sin! God says that a wicked man's plowing is sin. In this example a man is doing a good thing. Plowing is good, without it, the man could not feed his family. But the Bible calls this plowing sin. This is because of the nature of sin. The nature of sin is autonomy. Autonomy is living independent of the rule of God. Our good works when done without God are sin. "The plowing of the wicked is sin." Plowing is good. It is something a farmer should do, but when done by the wicked it is sin. We are all wicked, because we have all lived without the authority of God in sin. Wicked, sinful people are given the righteousness of Jesus Christ when we call upon Jesus to be saved. Any good works done by a wicked person are sin because they are done without Jesus Christ. **Romans 10:3, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."**

6.5 Examples of Works

People often think that the act of being baptized is what will save them. However, baptism is a work. It is the Gospel that saves. **I Corinthians 1:17, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."** The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ did not send the Apostle Paul to baptize, but to preach the Gospel. This shows us clearly that the Gospel is not baptism. Baptism will not save you. In fact, the thing that will save you, the work by Jesus on the cross, will be made of "**none effect**". This means that if you trust in a work like baptism for salvation, you cannot trust in the grace of God to save you.

Church attendance will not save you. Giving money cannot and will not save you. Committing to reform your life & do better cannot save you. Trying to keep the 10 commandments cannot save you. Even being a good person will not save you because the Bible says that none of us are good people. **Romans 3:12, "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one"**

6.6 Free Grace or Costly Works

Romans 11:6, "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." God's way of salvation is exclusive. It is only by His free offer of grace. Grace is unmerited favor from God. It is God freely giving us something we do not deserve. Romans 11:6 teaches that God's salvation cannot have any of our works in it. When a person thinks that they need to do some good thing in order to earn Heaven – that person needs to repent, or change their mind about their good works. That person needs to understand that they CANNOT receive God's grace until they have agreed with God that salvation cannot be earned or deserved by man. Salvation cannot be obtained by works because then it is "**no more grace**". **Romans 4:5, "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith**

is counted for righteousness." A person who insists on the value of his or her own good works will have a costly price to pay. That price is an eternity in Hell. Only those who "worketh not" and believe on Jesus can be saved. You have a choice: free grace or costly works.

Section 6 Study Questions:

- 6.1 What is salvation based upon?
Is salvation based on any part of our own works – or things we do?
- 6.2 How does God see our good works like baptism or giving?
- 6.3 How is sin like malaria?
What if you keep most of God's commandments?
Who is the only one to have ever kept God's law?
Is Jesus God or man?
Why did Jesus come and take flesh upon himself and keep the law?
- 6.4 How can doing a good thing (like plowing) be a sin?
What is the definition of the word 'Autonomy'?
- 6.5 What is required for man to be righteous?
What saves a person?
What did Jesus send the Apostle Paul to do?
What did Jesus not send the Apostle Paul to do?
What can we conclude from the instructions of Jesus to Paul?
What happens to the God's message of salvation by grace when people add to it man's works?
Is it possible to be saved by being a really good person?
- 6.6 Can salvation be based on works and on God's grace?
What does a person who thinks he is good enough to get to heaven need to do?
What will happen to a person who insists on the goodness and value of their works?

Answers found on page 18-19

Section 7: God's Free Gift

7.1 Justification

Romans 4:5 teaches us that God's salvation is available only to those who do not work for it, but simply, "**believeth on him that Justifieth the ungodly.**" The word Justifieth has a few different forms: Justifieth, Justified, Justify. A simple definition is to be made 'just as if I had' never sinned. A more complete definition is 'to render just or innocent' or 'to declare or pronounce one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be'. So when a person is justified, that person is pronounced to be innocent, righteous, or such as he ought to be. We ought to obey the commandments. This is a fact. God requires that we keep the law perfectly in what do, what we say, and even what we think. None of us can do this. We are ungodly.

7.2 God Justifies the Ungodly

The good news is that God justifies the ungodly! But not by the law.

Romans 3:20 “*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*” You cannot be justified by the law. That is not the purpose of the law. The law was given so that you could know what sin is. This is another reason why doing good works, or keeping the Ten Commandments cannot save you, it cannot justify you. **Romans 4:5**, “*But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*”

7.3 Belief and Faith

Romans 4:5 tells us that by believing “*on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*” Faith is simply believing what God said. Faith is the noun form. Believing is the verb form. When a person believes God, that is faith. Our faith is shown when we believe God.

Romans 4:3, “*For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*” We see here that Abraham believed God. The result was that it was counted unto him for righteousness. Abraham did not have righteousness before this for he was a sinner just like we are. But he believed God, and God counted his faith for righteousness. **Romans 4:9**, “*Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.*”

Abraham is also called righteous in Romans 4:9. It was because of his faith. His faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. Reckoned means that Abraham’s faith counted for righteousness. So if you believe “*on him that justifieth the ungodly*” your belief or faith is counted for righteousness, and God will justify you. This act by God makes you innocent of sin. It means you can be forgiven of any and all sin. That is the Gospel. The word Gospel means Good News.

7.4 The Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “*(1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*” Here the Gospel is fully explained. It is that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. He was buried and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. Do you agree with the scripture that you are a sinner? Do you agree with the scripture that your sin has separated you from God? **Isaiah 1:18**, “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the*

LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Jesus has paid the price for your sin by dying on that cross. Do you believe this? The payment Jesus made is so complete that all a person needs to do is to believe. Salvation is by faith (believing) that Jesus paid for your sin.

7.5 Look and Live

In the Old Testament in the days of Moses, the nation of Israel sinned. God sent deadly serpents and many people died when bitten by these snakes. God also provided a way to be saved from the deadly bite of these snakes. It was a brass serpent on a pole. When a person was bitten, all that person had to do was to look to the brass serpent on the pole and he would live. Often people only look at God’s judgment. They forget God’s acts of mercy and grace. The people deserved to die, but God gave them a way to live. Simply look and you will live. Nothing more was required. Simply LOOK and LIVE. Jesus talks about this in **John 3:14-16**, “*(14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (16) 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.*” Jesus used this story in the Old Testament to teach about how a person can be saved. It is through looking to Jesus, believing in Jesus. As the brass serpent was lifted up in the story, so Jesus must be lifted up today that men and women bitten by sin and dying can LOOK and LIVE.

7.6 The Atonement

Romans 5:9-11, “*(9) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (11) And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*” The Word atonement means an exchange or restoration to favor.

In Adam, mankind has lost favor with God because of sin. Now through Jesus Christ alone mankind can again have favor with God. God requires a payment for sin. However Jesus Christ’s death on the cross and his shed blood justifies all who will believe. Jesus lived a perfect life. Jesus was without sin. Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin and mine. Jesus rose that third day. Jesus offers you eternal life. Though the body will still die, all those who call upon Jesus will never experience the second death. When they die they will not go to the lake of fire. Jesus offers life. It is an exchange. This is what the word atonement means. Jesus takes your life, your sin, your foolishness, your pride, your transgression. Jesus takes your punishment of death, because he loves you. It is you and I that should have to pay for our sin, but **Jesus paid it all**. But that is not all. Jesus then gives us His life.

7.7 A Personal Choice

Do you agree with God and believe that you are a sinner? Do you agree with God and realize that your sins have condemned you to the Lake of Fire (Hell)? Do you agree with God that your good works cannot get you into heaven? Do you agree with God that Jesus Christ (God in the flesh) paid for your sin debt when he died according to the scriptures? Do you believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead that third day as the scripture (the Bible) says? If you believe these things let me ask you one more question. Are you willing to call on Jesus Christ to save your soul? It is a decision to trust in the work of Jesus Christ to save you and to forsake your own good deeds as being able to save you. If you would like to call on Jesus to save you, I would ask you to talk with God in prayer. Tell God you agree that you are a sinner, and call upon Jesus to save you from that sin. Acknowledge that your ‘good’ works are worthless and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone.

(9) 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. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

7.8 A New Life

If you have called upon Jesus in faith, believing those truths about Jesus in section 7.7, God’s promise is that you are saved. Once saved you are now a child of God. This is the beginning of a new life “in Christ Jesus”. The most important need you now have is to learn more about Jesus and how a follower of Jesus is to live.

We want to help you get off to the right start. If you have called on Jesus to save you, or even if you would just like more Bible Studies like this one, contact us via email at: **africafreebiblestudy@gmail.com**

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Answers to Study Questions:

1.1 Who are the three that bear record in Heaven according to 1 John 5:7?

The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost are the three that bear record in Heaven.

Who is the Godhead?

God is one God in three persons.

1.2 Who created the world according to John 1:1-3?

The Bible tells us in John 1:3 that all things were made by the “Word” (Jesus Christ) and that without him was not any thing made that was made.

Who does the Bible call the Word?

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh.

2.1 In whose image was man created?

Man was created in the image of God.

What was the penalty given by God for eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

God said that the person who did this shall surely die.

What were the names of the first man and woman?

The name of the first man was Adam. The name of the first woman was Eve.

What was the name of the place the first man and woman lived?

The name of the place where the first man and woman lived was called the garden of Eden.

2.2 What are three other names that Satan is called in the Bible?

Satan is called, the Devil, the Serpent, and Lucifer in the Bible

Who did Satan desire to be like?

Satan said he would be like the most High (he would be like God).

What caused Satan to fall?

Satan's pride caused his fall.

3.1 Who was deceived by Satan?
Eve was deceived by Satan.

What lie did Satan convince the woman to believe?

Satan convinced the woman that if she ate of the tree she would not surely die.

What was the purpose of Satan’s first statement to man?

Satan's first statement to mankind was to question what God said.

3.2 Who did Satan deceive?
Eve, Adam was not deceived. Adam sinned willfully.
1 Timothy 2:13-14

What was the result of the sin of Adam?

Adam introduced sin into every tribe and nation of mankind.

What is a sin nature?

A sin nature is an inherited drive to rule our own lives and live independent of God. It is the reason that we transgress God's law.

3.3 What does the Bible say that sin brings forth in us?

Sin will bring forth death.

3.4 What is the meaning of the word "transgression"?

Transgression is breaking the law. It is doing something that the law prohibits.

How did Adam and Eve fall short of God's requirements?

They did not follow God's instructions and did that which was prohibited.

4.1 What caused death to enter the world?

Sin caused death to enter the world.

4.2 What is the basic problem man faces?

The basic problem mankind faces is that we have a fallen nature and a destroyed relationship with God.

Who is cast into the Lake of Fire after they die?

The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

5.1 What does man receive for his sin?

Man receives the wages of sin, death

What is the result of Adam's sin being passed on to all of us?

One day we will all die.

Jesus taught that something was worse than the body being destroyed. What is that?

The body and soul being destroyed in Hell.

5.2 What happens to a person's spirit or soul when they die?

The go to either Heaven or Hell.

What is the second death?

The second death is being eternally separated from God in Hell.

Where did the rich man in Luke 16 end up when he died?

The rich man in Luke 16 ended up in Hell.

What is the first thing we learn from where the rich man ended up after he died?

We learn that his spirit was not on this earth.

What is the second thing we can learn from this?

We can learn that man is awake after he dies.

5.3 What does a person who does not know Jesus as their Savior have to look forward to

after death?

A person who does not know Jesus will have judgment at the great white throne after death.

What will God's Judgment of man be based on?
The works of man are judged and all are found guilty and cast into the lake of fire.

How many people will be found to have kept God's law well enough to get to Heaven?

God will find no one who has kept his law. All who appear before this judgement will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

5.4 What will Jesus say to the religious people who had done many works in his name?

Jesus will say, "depart from me".

6.1 What is salvation based upon?

Salvation is based upon our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Is salvation based on any part of our own works or things we do?

No. Salvation is not based on our works. It is based on the work of Jesus Christ.

6.2 How does God see our good works like baptism or giving?

God sees all of our works as filthy rags.

6.3 How is sin like malaria?

Sin is like malaria in that it works through our body and brings forth death.

What if you keep most of God's commandments?

If you keep them all, and break one, you are guilty of all.

Who is the only one to have ever kept God's law?

Jesus Christ is the only one to have kept all of God's law.

Is Jesus God or man?

Jesus is both God and man, Jesus is God in the flesh.

Why did Jesus come and take flesh upon himself and keep the law?

Jesus came and took flesh upon himself and kept the law to become our substitute.

6.4 How can doing a good thing (like plowing) be a sin?

Doing a good thing (like plowing) can be a sin when it is done without God.

What is the definition of the word 'Autonomy'?

Autonomy means living without the rule of God.

What is required for man to be righteous?

The perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ given to them and being applied to their life.

6.5 What saves a person?

Believing the Gospel saves a person

What did Jesus send the Apostle Paul to do?

Jesus sent the Apostle Paul to preach the Gospel.

What did Jesus not send the Apostle Paul to do?
Jesus did not send the Apostle Paul to baptize.

What can we conclude from the instructions of Jesus to Paul?

We can conclude from the instructions of Jesus to Paul that baptism is not part of the Gospel.

What happens to God's message of salvation by grace when people add to it man's works?

When works are added to the salvation message of Grace, the Grace becomes of 'none effect'.

Is it possible to be saved by being a really good person?

No. it is not possible to be saved by being a really good person.

6.6 Can salvation be based on works and on God's grace?

No. Salvation is all based on God's grace. Works are excluded.

What does a person who thinks he is good enough to get to heaven need to do?

They need to repent, or change their mind. They need to agree with God that they are in fact not good at all.

What will happen to a person who insists on the goodness and value of their works?

A person who insists that they are good, or that their good works have value cannot receive the grace of God. They will spend and eternity in Hell without God.

7.1 What does the word justify mean?

Justify means to be declared or pronounced just or righteous by God.

Who will God Justify?

God Justifies the ungodly that will call upon him. (see section 7.7)

Why are we all ungodly?

We are all ungodly because we have all failed to keep God's commandments perfectly.

7.3 What is a simple definition of Faith?

Faith is believing God. It is believing what God has written in the Bible.

What does God look for in a person?

God looks for faith. He looks for a person who will believe what has said in the Bible.

What did God do for Abraham?

God counted Abraham's faith for righteousness.

What does God do when we believe on Him, or trust in Him alone for salvation?

When God sees our faith or our trust in Him, he counts that faith for righteousness.

7.4 What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scripture. He was buried, and He rose that third day. In doing so Jesus paid for all our

sin.

How does a person receive salvation from Jesus Christ?

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is so complete that all a person must do is believe that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is enough to save them. This belief is called Faith.

7.5 What solution did God provide the people in the days of Moses to cure the poison of the deadly serpents?

God provided a brazen serpent attached to the end of a long pole.

What did the people need to do to be healed?
They simply needed to look to that brass serpent.

What did Jesus say that this story represented?

Jesus said that this story represented the Son of Man (Jesus) being lifted up so that we can be saved.

What does the deadly poison of the snakes bites represent?

The deadly poison of the snakes bite in this story represents the effects of sin in our life.

What does the serpent on the pole represent?

The serpent on the pole represents Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for our sin. It shows that Jesus is our cure for sin.

7.6 What does the word atonement mean?

The word atonement means an exchange.

How is the death of Jesus on the cross an atonement or an exchange?

The death of Jesus on the cross is an atonement or an exchange in that he did nothing to deserve to die but he willingly went to his death to pay the penalty of our sin that we should have to pay. He exchanged places with us.

What did Jesus get in this exchange?

Jesus took all our sin and foolishness.

What does Jesus offer in this exchange (or atonement)?

Jesus offers his perfect righteousness and life.

Did Jesus die for the problem of our first death or our second death?

Jesus died to free us from the penalty of our second death that we might live forever with him.

7.7 What must a person do to be saved?

They must understand they are a sinner and that

Jesus is the only way to be saved from the penalty of their sin. Then they must call upon Jesus to be saved. They must believe what God says about them in the Bible. They must trust in Jesus alone to save them.

7.8 Once a person is saved what should they do?
Once a person is saved they need to learn how to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

How to use this booklet to teach others.

This booklet was designed to be used to clearly explain God's plan of salvation. God wants you be saved - that is what this book is about. But after a person is saved, God wants them to tell others how they can be saved. This is another use for this booklet. If you desire to teach others how to know Jesus Christ as saviour, this booklet is a tool that can help you do that.

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