**BASICS FOR BELIEVERS**

*Providing a Solid Foundation*

*for a Successful Christian Life*

**Lesson 1**

**HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET**

The purpose of this series of worksheets is to help you review the solid foundation for the Christian Life. The lessons that comprise this series are designed to help you, *“grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”* (II Peter 3:18)

*NOTE: Scripture references in* ***bold*** *type are where the answer to the question can be found*

What were believers first called at Antioch? **(Acts 11:26)**

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*DEFINITION:* This word means “a follower of Christ.”

Everything you will learn concerning your faith and service to God will come from God’s word, the Bible.

What are we commanded to do with the Bible (“word of truth”)? **(II Timothy 2:15)**

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**SALVATION**

**SIN**

What did the Lord Jesus Christ come into the world to do for sinners? **(I Timothy 1:15)**

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*DEFINITION:* The act of saving; preservation from destruction, danger or calamity.

Who is a sinner? **(Romans 3:23)**

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 What are the “wages” of sin? **(Romans 6:23)**

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*DEFINITION:* A wage is earned of deserved; a payment for work.

What is meant in the Bible by “death” for the lost sinner? **(Revelation 20:14)**

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What is the gift of God? **Romans 6:23**

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Do you receive “eternal life” by *faith* or by *works*? **(Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5)**

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**THE HEART**

Who looks at the “outward appearance”? **(I Samuel 16:7)**

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Where does God look? **(I Samuel 16:7)**

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With the heart man believes unto what? **(Romans 10:10)**

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**REPENTANCE**

Read **II Corinthians 7:9-10** and then identify the types of “sorrow” and repentance defined below.

* Conditioned on one’s circumstances. When things are going bad for you, you turn to God and try to make a deal. Then, when your negative circumstances change and you are back in control, you forget about God.

**\_\_\_\_\_** “godly sorrow” \_\_\_\_\_ “sorrow of the world”

* Not sorrow for what you’ve done, but sorrow for what you are: a sinner who deserves Hell. You come to God unconditionally (no deals).

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True repentance means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to

God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ idols to serve God. **(I Thessalonians 1:9)**

*DEFINITION:* Repentance means to turn from sin and to righteousness; from the Devil and to God. A change of mind and heart takes place.

**ASSURANCE**

*DEFINITION:* Put simply, you know for sure that you are saved. This is often referred to as the “eternal security of the believer.”

**BY HOLY SCRIPTURES**

What word in **Philippians 1:6** expresses this assurance?

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What word in **I John 5:13** expresses this assurance?

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According to the passage in Romans 8, can anything separate us from the love of God “in Christ Jesus”? **(Rom.8:35-38)**

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When you believe on Christ, what do you have? **(John 6:47)**

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**BY HOLY SPIRIT**

* One of the greatest evidences of true conversion is one’s conviction of sin.
* The Christian’s sin bothers him in a way it never did before he was saved.
* When a true Christian falls into sin, the Holy Spirit immediately brings it to his attention because he has “the witness of the Holy Ghost in himself.” I John 5:10

What is the temple of the Holy Ghost?  **(I Corinthians 6:19)**

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What does the Holy Spirit do for the believer “unto the day of redemption”? **(Ephesians 4:30)**

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The Holy Spirit accomplishes many functions for the believer:

* He comforts you (John14:16-26).
* He guides you into all truth (John 16:13-15).
* He teaches you (John 14:26; I John 2:27).
* He convicts you of sin (John 16:8-11).

**BY HOLY SERVICE**

The Bible says you will know a Christian by his *fruit*; the way he walks, talks, and lives.

**(Matthew 7:16-20)**

When you are “in Christ” (saved) you are a what (2 words)? **(II Corinthians. 5:17)**

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* When you get saved there should be some major changes in your attitude and actions.
* Some of the old things you used to do will cease as you begin to heed the Holy Spirit’s influence in your life.
* A new attitude about SELF: a sinner saved by grace.  **(Romans 3:23; 6:23)**
* A new attitude about SIN: you see it as a trespass against God’s command. **(I John 3:4; 5:17)**
* A new attitude about the SAVIOR: He is no longer “the man upstairs” or “the good Lord,” but He is your personal Savior.