

Genesis 3:15

This was a great and glorious prophecy of the coming Savior, the Christ. Much is written about Jesus in the Bible and of His teaching. We will study many of these in this series of studies.

- 23) Who was speaking? _____
- 24) Can we trust God (Titus 1:2)? _____
- 25) Does God and Jesus love us (John 3:16)? _____
- 26) Where was salvation from the flood (Gen. 7:1)?

- 27) Where is eternal salvation today (2 Tim. 2:10)?

Ephesians 1:3, 7

- 28) Where are all spiritual blessings today? _____
_____ (Later we will see what God's Word says about entering into Christ.)

Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8-16

- 29) Was Abram (later called Abraham) obedient to God (Gen. 12:4)? _____
- 30) All families of the earth could be blessed through whom? _____
- 28) Would you like to learn more about having a true and closer relationship with the Savior - a relationship whereby you may know by God's Word that you are pleasing Him and that you have eternal life? _____ (Hebrews 3:6; 5:9; 1 John 2:3-5; 3:19; 5:2, 3, 13).
- 29) Would you like to learn more of the words of life (John 6:63, 68) which will help you in this present world and in the next life? _____ (**Mark 10:30**).
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showing book, chapter, and verse so you can see for yourself what God's Word says.

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BIBLE STUDY

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"
 (John 8:31, 32)

Dear friend,

Trusting that you are desirous of your own soul's eternal salvation we offer these **FREE** studies by U. S. mail or email.

The pattern of these lessons: Scriptural references are given whereby **you can know God's answer** to the questions asked under each verse(s). In this manner you can **know** God's answer to those questions. And upon completion of this course you can **know** exactly what God requires of you for eternal salvation. Please study the Scriptures cited in their context and answer the questions given for the verses. We make some comments on some verses.

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With much concern,
 Perry Sexton

Lesson 1

Salvation's Foundation

Please read from your Bible the verses listed and as much of the context as you would like and give brief answers to the questions based upon the verses. When we quote Scripture we do so using the KJV.



Proof of God and His Word, The Bible

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Science, of recent years, concludes that there are five elements that are necessary to "creation." These five elements are all listed in the very first verse of the Bible written a long time ago. Please match the words of Genesis 1:1 to the correct element by placing the element letter in the blank.

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| 1) beginning_____ | A. matter |
| 2) God_____ | B. time |
| 3) created_____ | C. space |
| 4) heaven_____ | D. energy |
| 5) earth_____ | E. force |

Genesis 6:7-18

{v.15} "And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it [the ark] *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits." That is approxi-mately 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Modern shipbuilders have acknowledged this as a perfect ratio for seaworthiness but not for speed. Exactly as God intended, but how did Noah know the perfect seagoing ratio to use in building the ark? The only reasonable answer is by inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16,17).



- 6) What kind of person was Noah? _____
- 7) Noah was saved by what? _____ (We will discuss this in greater detail in another lesson).
- 8) Did Noah obey God (v. 22)? _____

Psalm 8:8

This Psalm mentions "paths of the seas." It is reported that oceanographer Matthew Fontaine Maury after hearing this statement from the Bible set out to find these "paths of the seas." And indeed did so. There is a monument in Virginia declaring this and has Psalm 8:8 inscribed on it. Maury's book on oceanography is still highly regarded. This took place in the mid 1800s, but was in the Bible 1,000's of years before.

- 9) Did Mr. Maury have faith in God and His Word? _____
- 10) Should true faith be important to us? _____ (We will study much more about faith in future lessons).
- 11) How does faith come (Rom. 10:17)? _____
- 12) Is Bible study important? _____

Leviticus 17:11

This verse mentions in part, "For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood" This also has been in God's Word for thousands of years, but only in recent times has man understood this. Even our first president, George Washington, died because of the ignorance of this truth by those tending him!

Blood is mentioned 447 times in the Bible.

- 13) Is blood vital to physical life? _____
- 14) Is blood vital to eternal life (Eph. 1:7)? _____
- 15) We are redeemed by what (1 Pet. 1:18,19)? _____ (In future studies we will see much more about applying the blood of Christ to our lives).

There are many more pre-scientific statements / facts found in the Bible, but these will suffice for this study. Inspiration from God is the only explanation of how these things could be recorded long before ever being discovered by man. There is overwhelming evidence of God and that the Bible is His Word for those who will honestly seek Him: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psalms 19:1).

2 Timothy 3:16,17

"Inspiration" means God breathed [Strong's Conc.]

- 16) Are all Scriptures given by inspiration? _____
- 17) Are the Scriptures profitable to us today? _____
- 18) What did Jesus call His words which are Scripture (John 6:63)? _____ & _____.

2 Peter 1:20, 21

- 19) Holy men of God spoke and wrote as what? _____
- 20) Could they change what they were directed to speak or write? _____
- 21) What will happen to those who change God's Word (Gal. 1:8,9)? _____ (See also 1 Cor. 2:13; Acts 11:14).
- 22) Who has the Words of eternal life (John 6:68)? _____

Matthew 15:14; 13:15; John 12:40; 2 Corinthians 4:4

31) Can we trust our feelings? _____
Jeremiah 17:9

32) Are you certain of your salvation? If so,
based on what book, chapter, and verse?

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Lesson 2 Extremely Important Questions All People Should Know

Matthew 7:13, 14

1) Will the majority be saved? _____

Matthew 7:21-23; James 2:19

2) Will many be lost who believe in Jesus and call on Him as their Savior? _____

3) Will many who do good works in Jesus’ name be lost? _____

- 4) Is it possible for even you and me to believe, with all of our hearts, that we are saved only to learn in the Judgment that we are lost eternally? _____
- 5) Based on the statement of the Savior, "I never knew you" (v. 23) do you think these people were ever saved? _____ (we will come back to this in a later lesson)
- 6) (Matt. 7:15) In the context of these two sets of Scripture, do you think false preachers have anything to do with so many people being lost? _____
2 Peter 2:1-3; Matt. 15:14

2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 4:11

- 7) What should preachers preach? _____
- 8) Should we search the Scriptures to be sure they are preaching the truth? _____
Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Galatians 1:8, 9; 2 John 9-11

- 9) How would God have us to view false preachers? _____
- 10) Even if an angel came down from heaven and taught something different than what the Bible says, should we believe him? _____
- 11) If a man teaches something different than what the Bible says, should we believe him? _____
- 12) Are there many false preachers in the world? _____
1 John 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:13
- 13) Do many people follow the false preachers or teachers? _____
2 Peter 2:1-3

14) What will be the end of those who follow the false preachers? _____ (ibid; Matthew 15:14)

15) Do false preachers misuse hard to understand Scriptures for their own ungodly purposes of misleading others and gaining a following of their own? _____
2 Peter 3:16; 2:1-3 (Should we call ourselves after men? See 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, we should honor Christ by wearing only His name)

John 8:32; 7:17; Psalm 25:5, 8, 9

- 16) Can we know the truth? _____
- 17) What is truth? _____
John 17:17
- 18) How do we learn the truth? _____
John 8:31; 6:45; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18

- 19) Must we obey the truth in order to be saved? _____
1 Peter 1:22, 23; Hebrews 5:9 cp. 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9 (more on obeying the gospel in a later lesson)
- 20) Can all people understand the Bible? _____
Mark 12:37; Ephesians 3:4
- 21) Is the Bible from God? _____
2 Timothy 3:16, 17

2 Peter 1:20, 21

22) Did the men of God speak and write as they thought or what they wanted to speak, or did they speak/write as the Holy Spirit directed them? _____

23) Since the men of God spoke only what they were directed to speak and could not give their "private interpretation," is it right for men today to change God's Word and teach it the way they want it? _____

24) Was it a word for word inspiration? _____
1 Corinthians 2:13 (also, consider this verse with the above question)

25) Is honesty an essential quality to have in order to come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved? _____
Luke 8:15; 2 Timothy 2:15

26) Will an honest person change his or her doctrinal beliefs whenever they learn the truth? _____

27) Was Paul honest and did he change religions? _____

Note: Paul persecuted Christians because he believed with all of his heart they were enemies of God. He had a good conscience while doing this (see question #29), but he was wrong (Acts 23:1; 26:9). Paul became a Christian and nothing but a Christian (Acts 9:1-20). More on becoming just a Christian in a later lesson.

28) Will closed-minded people ever learn the truth in their close-minded state? _____
Acts 2:41; 8:31; 16:14; 17:10, 11 cp.



“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Lesson 3: Salvation Free Bible Correspondence Courses

Thank you for completing and returning lesson two. That brief study on the church is very important and by the Scriptures used, you **know** by God’s Word – not mine, many very important things about the church. As we go along you will learn many other things that most people do not know because they have not been taught these great truths.

This lesson is about **salvation**. All people should be immensely concerned with their own salvation. Jesus said: “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul” (Matt. 16:26)? This shows the value of one soul – your soul and everyone’s soul. “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).

Does this mean that all people will be saved? No. We have already seen from lesson one that most will be lost, even many who believe in Jesus as the Son of God (Matt. 7:13,14,21-23).

Since salvation and the church are so closely related (see Acts 2:47) it would be of great value to you to **review lesson two** before starting on this lesson. Repetition is the key to remembering.

May God richly bless you in your honest and sincere desire for the saving truth and please let us know of any questions or concerns that you may have. – Perry Sexton

(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

- 1) Have all men sinned? (Rom. 3:23) _____
- 2) What are the wages of sin? (Rom. 6:23) _____ **Note:** This death is the spiritual death which is eternal hell (cp. Rev. 21:8).
- 3) Salvation or eternal life is “the _____ of God.” (Rom. 6:23) **Note:** We cannot earn salvation, but like any gift we must receive it and meet any conditions placed upon receiving the gift (remember Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9).

- 4) What is the “power of God unto salva-tion”? (Romans 1:16) _____

1 Peter 1:22-25

- 5) What must mankind obey in order to be “purified” (saved)? _____
- 6) The new birth is accomplished by the words of men **or** the Word of God?
- 7) Does the Word of God include the gospel of Christ? (v.25) _____
- 8) Is the Word of God true? (John 17:17) _____
- 9) Must we obey the gospel in order to be saved? (2 Thess. 1:7-10 cp. Matt. 7:21) _____ **Note:** the gospel in its simplest form includes the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4). More on this in a later lesson.
- 10) **Caution:** many people just take what they want from the Bible concerning what man must do to be saved; we do not want to make that mistake; please see **Psalm 139:17**. Concerning what we must do for our salvation, should we take just “some” of God’s Word **or** the “sum” total of it?

- 11) Jesus taught that man must **believe** the gospel which, of course, includes believing in Him. (Mark 16:15,16) **true or false**
- 12) Jesus taught that man must **repent**, i.e., stop practicing sin – turn from their sins. (Luke 13:3,5) t – f
- 13) Jesus taught that man must **confess** Him before man. (Matt. 10:32,33) t – f
- 14) Jesus taught that man must **be baptized**. (Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19,20) t – f **Note:** When one takes the “sum” total of what Jesus said for man to do to be saved and does it, he is saved from past sins and is added to the Lord’s church (Acts 2:47).
- 15) Did Jesus instruct His preachers to teach and baptize people? (Matt. 28:19) _____
- 16) What did Jesus instruct His preachers to preach? (Mark 16:15) _____ Review question 9.
- 17) What is the result of man believing the gospel and being baptized? (Mark 16:16) _____
- 18) **Luke’s account** of what we have read in Matt. 28:19 and Mark 16:15,16 says “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at _____” (Luke 24:47). Please note the connection between the end of Matthew, Mark and Luke to that of the book of Acts. Luke makes this very plain. Read **Luke 24:46-53** and compare to **Acts 1:1-12**.
- 19) To whom was Jesus speaking in the above texts (made clear in Acts 1:2)? _____

Let Us See What The Savior Taught:

20) The apostles of Christ were to wait in Jerusalem for what? (Acts 1:8) _____
Note: this was so the apostles could speak the Word of God without mistakes. Keep in mind they did not have the New Testament as we do today (**cp. John 14:26; 16:13**).

21) In Acts 2:1-4, the apostles were endowed with miraculous powers from the Holy Spirit, as was promised. t – f

22) The recorded sermon of Peter begins in Acts 2:16, but you are encouraged to read the whole chapter. What Old Testament prophet did Peter mention? (v.16) _____

Acts 2:22-40

23) Peter preached the gospel of Christ. t – f

24) Did Peter preach the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ? ____ See “Note” at question 9.

25) Do you believe some were so concerned about their salvation that they interrupted Peter’s sermon to ask about their own salvation (v.36,37)? _____

26) **Note** their question in **verse 37** and Peter’s inspired of God answer in **verse 38**. Was Peter’s answer in harmony with what the Lord instructed them to preach (cp. questions 11-17)? _____ **Note:** it is obvious that they believed and confessed and that is why Peter did not have to tell them to believe and confess.

27) Peter instructed them to do what? (v.38) _____ and _____

28) What was the response of many? (v.41) _____

29) Did they continue serving God faithfully? (v.42) _____

30) What was the purpose of baptism? (v.38) _____

31) As they obeyed the gospel they were saved from their sins and at this point the Lord added them to His glorious church? (v.47) t – f

32) You are encouraged to read Acts chapters 1 through 8, but for this lesson let us look at **Acts 8**. What did the early Christians teach and preach? (v.4) _____

33) What did Phillip preach (v.5)? _____

34) Is this the same as preaching the gospel?__

35) What was the response of some people to the preaching of Phillip? (v.12,13) They _____ and were _____

36) What did Phillip teach the eunuch? (v.27,**35**) _____

37) The eunuch believed, confessed Christ and was baptized. (v.36-38) t – f

38) How should we respond to God’s love (John 3:16) and His plan of salvation for us (**Heb. 5:9**)? _____

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Lesson 4: Conversions
Free Bible Correspondence Courses

Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson three. This lesson is a **continuation** of the study of **salvation** by looking at it from the **conversions** in the New Testament. In lesson three we saw what the Savior taught concerning what man must do in order to be saved. Please review the whole study and especially questions 11 through 17.

In the **chart** of the enclosed bulletin is listed every New Testament conversion where detail is given. We can see and understand that everyone converted to Christ obeyed His gospel.

Please study the chart and all the Scriptures given very carefully. This study should be very important to you. The chart, based upon the Word of God, gives a good overview of what the people did in order to be saved and thus become a Christian. **Please let us know of any questions or concerns you may have.** May God richly bless you in your studies of His saving Word. – Perry Sexton

Note: In lesson 3 we dealt with “**The 3,000**” of Acts 2, “**Samaritans**” and the “**Eunuch**” of Acts 8. You will see these on the enclosed chart. We begin this study in Acts 9 with the conversion of Saul who later became the apostle Paul.

Please read Acts 9:1-18

(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

- 1) Was Saul persecuting the church which Jesus built? (vs. 1,2 cp. 7:57-60) _____
- 2) Did Jesus appear to Saul? (vs.3-5) _____
- 3) Was Saul’s question in verse 6 about salvation? _____
- 4) What did Jesus say in answer to that question?

- 5) Did Jesus tell Saul there was something that he “must do”? (v.6) _____
- 6) What city was Saul taken to? (v.8)

- 7) According to verse 9, do you think Saul was rejoicing **or** mournful at this point? (cp. Matt. 5:4 – these were mournful because of great concern for their sins)
- 8) Do Saul’s actions just before his baptism depict a person who has just been saved? (cp. to others just after their baptism: Acts 8:39 and 16:34) _____
- 9) To whom did the Lord appear in a vision? (v.10) _____
- 10) What did Jesus say Saul was doing while he fasted? (v.11) _____
- 11) Did prayer save Saul? (cp. Isa. 59:1,2; John 9:31) _____
- 12) Note: Ananias called Saul brother because they were fellow citizens: Jews. Did Ananias baptize Saul? (vs. 17,18) _____
- 13) Did Jesus promise salvation (from past sins) to those who obey Him in baptism? (Mark 16:16) _____
- 14) What is the purpose of baptism? (Acts 2:38; 22:16) _____
- 15) **Acts 22:16**, read vs. 1-16. This is where Saul/Paul is recounting his conversion. Thus we can learn more by studying the two accounts concerning Saul’s conversion. Why was Saul baptized? (cp. Acts 2:38)

- 16) Putting these two accounts together, we find that Saul was fasting and praying for 3 days (Acts 9:9,11), but Ananias told Saul to do what? (Acts 22:16) _____
- 17) Based on these accounts, did prayer save Saul **or** did baptism? (cp. 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16).
- 18) What did Paul later say about baptism in Romans 6:3? Fill-in the blanks: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized _____ Jesus Christ were baptized _____ his death? (KJV used)
- 19) Where is salvation? (2 Tim. 2:10) _____
- 20) Where is the saving grace located? (2 Tim. 2:1) _____
- 21) Where is the forgiveness of sin? (Eph. 1:7)

- 22) Where are all spiritual blessings? (Eph. 1:3)

- 23) What did Paul say to do in order to **enter into Christ**? (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27) _____
- 24) Jesus said He shed His blood for what purpose? (Matt. 26:28) _____
- 25) What did Peter say baptism was for? (**Acts 2:38** cp. 22:16) _____
- 26) Paul said those who were baptized “into Jesus Christ were baptized **into his death**” (Romans 6:3). Was Jesus dead when He shed His blood? (**John 19:33,34**) _____
- 27) Are the sins of those baptized, cleansed / washed away by the blood of Jesus? (Rev. 1:5 cp. Acts 22:16 and the Scriptures in #26). _____ Please compare also 1 Peter 3:20,21.
- 28) Do those who submit to the Lord’s baptism (not man’s baptisms) contact the blood of Jesus figuratively? (cp. Rom. 6:3 with John 19:33,34) _____
- 29) Is it obvious from the context (Acts 9:1-18) that Saul’s baptism was preceded by faith, repentance and confessing Christ? _____ (see chart note ***).
- Conversion of Cornelius and Household**
(It would be good to read Acts 10 and 11)
- 30) Cornelius was to hear what? (Acts 10:6; 11:14 cp. Phil. 2:16) _____
- 31) Did prayer save Cornelius or did he need to hear and obey God’s Word? (10:2-6; 11:14) _____

- 32) Did Cornelius desire to hear God’s Word? (10:33 cp. Acts 2:41) _____
- 33) Do you think Cornelius was an honest man? (cp. Luke 8:15) _____
- 34) Was Cornelius baptized like all other converts? (10:47,48, see chart) _____
- 35) Was Cornelius saved from his sins in baptism? (cp. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21, etc.) _____
- 36) Is baptism a command? (10:48 cp. Mark 16:16) _____
- 37) If we truly love Jesus will we obey Him? (John 14:15,23; 1 John 2:3-5; 5:3) _____
- 38) Do you think Cornelius loved Jesus? _____
- 39) Do you love Jesus and His Word? _____
- 40) Do you desire to be baptized with the Lord’s baptism, which will take away your past sins and place you in His church where salvation is? _____
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Volume IV

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What All People Must Do To Be Saved

by Perry Sexton

Dear friend, I write to you the following because of my deep concern for your eternal salvation and that of your family members and friends of which you do have a great influence upon. Please consider what I have to say and most of all study from the **Bible** those **conversions seen on the chart** on the inside of this bulletin.

If you will do so, you will learn from God’s Word what Jesus the Savior taught that man must do in order to be saved. And you will learn what God’s preachers preached; and that the people who obeyed were saved from their past sins; and were added to the one church which Jesus built (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47). You will see all of this is in complete harmony to what Jesus taught.

Some Things Missing From The Bible

You will also learn that some things are missing from the chart that is commonly heard among men today. The reason being is because they were never taught by God, Jesus, nor any inspired man. They are simply not true and are not found in God’s Word. **Here are a few things said by man which are contrary to God’s Word:** (1) Saved by grace only; (2) Saved by faith only; (3) Pray the sinner’s prayer; (4) Ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you and He will; (5) Come to the mourner’s bench; (6) You are saved by faith and then are to be baptized. **These are all false ways** that men have come up with for one reason or another. There is no Bible for any of them. Please study the verses (and contexts) in the chart to learn of God’s salvation for you. If you have any questions let me know. ♥

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*Note: The **Ephesians** were saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), by obeying the gospel. All who will be saved **MUST** obey that same gospel (Gal. 1:6-9; Mark 16:15, 16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Heb. 5:9).

*** It is obvious that the people did this for one cannot be baptized and saved if any step is omitted.

More verses for your study. Please send in for free correspondence courses.

Rom. 10:17 Acts 9:6; 11:14 * Mark 16:15 * Matt. 28:19 1 Cor. 1:21 * John 8:31, 32 James 1:21-25	Heb. 11:6 * Mark 16:16 Acts 8:37 Acts 16:31 Heb. chap. 11 James 2:14-26 Gal. 5:6	* Luke 13:3, 5 Acts 17:30 2 Peter 3:9 * Luke 24:47 Acts 2:38	* Mat. 10:32,33 Romans 10:9, 10 Acts 8:37	* Matt. 28:19 * Mark 16:15, 16 Col. 2:12 Gal. 3:26, 27 Rom. 6:3-6, 17 cp. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 Rom. 6:3, 4 cp. * John 3:3, 5 1 Pet. 1:22, 23; 3:20, 21	Heb. 5:9 * Matt. 7:21 * Mark 16:15, 16 2 Tim. 2:10 cp. Gal. 3:27 & Rom. 6:3 Be faithful * Rev. 2:10 Heb. 3:6
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***What Jesus Taught Personally**

Have you, dear friend, **obeyed** the gospel of Christ in truth???

MAN MUST OBEY ALL OF GOD'S WORD, NOT JUST PART OF IT! (Psa. 139:17; John 17:17; Acts 20:26, 27; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:3; John 14:15). SALVATION IS NEITHER BY GRACE ONLY NOR BY FAITH ONLY.

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Lesson 5: New Birth
Free Bible Correspondence Courses

Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson four. There is much confusion and therefore error taught concerning the **new birth**. In this lesson we will give several verses concerning the new birth and ask very pertinent questions whereby you may answer from God’s Word and know the truth on this very important subject.

This lesson also is a **continuation** of the study of **salvation**. It would be good for you to review lessons three and four.

Two bulletins with two **charts** are enclosed with this lesson to help you understand this vital subject better (many Scriptures included).

Please study the charts and all the Scriptures given very carefully. This study should be very important to you. The charts, based upon the Word of God, give a good understanding of the new birth. **Please let us know of any questions or concerns you may have.** May God richly bless you in your studies of His saving Word. – Perry Sexton

(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

John 3:1-6

- 1) Do you suppose Jesus repeated the word “verily” to stress the importance of this subject? (v.3) _____ Note: “verily” means truly.

- 2) Do you believe a person can enter into the kingdom of God without being born again? (v.3,5) _____
- 3) Does the word “except” carry the weight of “if and only if”? (v.3,5) _____
- 4) What does the word “again” mean? _____
- 5) Was Jesus speaking of the first birth of mankind or the second birth? (v.3,5)
- 6) Was Jesus speaking of the physical birth or the spiritual birth? (v.3,5,6)
- 7) Was Jesus speaking of an infant or a man? (v.3,5 cp. Mark 16:16)
- 8) What two elements are involved in the spiritual birth? (v.5) _____ & _____
- Romans 6:1-6** (study the whole chapter)
- 9) How does one enter into Christ? (v.3 cp. 2 Tim. 2:10) _____
- 10) Is baptism a burial into death (a dying to one’s sinful past, i.e. repentance)? (v.4-6 cp. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38) _____
- 11) Is one so baptized raised up from that watery grave to walk in “newness of life”? (v.4-6,17,18 cp. Col. 2:12) _____
- 12) Is “newness of life” speaking of the new birth? (v.4,17,18) _____
- 13) The old man [of sin] is _____ (v.6)
- 14) What should you do with a crucified (dead) man? (v.4) _____

1 Peter 1:22,23

- 15) How is one purified from sin? (v.22) _____
- 16) Who brought the truth to mankind? (John 16:13 cp. 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Tim. 3:16) _____
- 17) To obey “the truth through the Spirit” is to obey the Word of God which the Holy Spirit delivered to the men who wrote the Bible (True or False).
- 18) To obey “the truth through the Spirit” is to be born again (T or F).
- 19) One is “**born again**” by what? (v.23) _____
- 20) What did Jesus say a man had to do in order to see or enter into the kingdom of God? (John 3:3) _____
- 21) Man must be born of what two elements? (**John 3:5**) _____ & _____
- 22) To be born of the Spirit is to obey what the Spirit says (T or F)
- 23) Did the Spirit teach that men must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved? (Acts 2:**4**,38) _____
- 24) To be born of water is to be baptized as the Spirit taught? (T or F)
- 25) Note the process of the new birth: An honest hearted person, desirous of salva-tion, **hears** the Word of God (Luke 8:15; Mark 16:15). He **believes** that Word. He has sorrow for his sins (2 Cor. 7:10). He **repents** of his sins (Acts 2:38, i.e., he puts to death or crucifies the old man of sins (Romans 6:6). He

confesses Christ and buries that now dead man in **baptism** (v.4). That man is raised up by the power of God (Col. 2:12) to “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). **That is the new birth!** That person is now born into the family of God (1 Tim. 3:15). In a sense he is begotten by the Word of God when he obeys it (Mark 16:16; James 1:18). Do you agree with this? _____ If not why not?

26) How does one enter **into** Christ, the church or kingdom, the family of God? (Romans 6:3) _____

Roman 6:16-18 cp. 1 Cor. 15:1-4
(see article and chart)

27) Note: Paul was writing to the Romans who had already obeyed the gospel of Christ and showing them that they must not continue in sin (the whole chapter and the reason why: v. 23). Must man stop sinning as a part of being saved and living the Christian life (cp. Luke 13:3,5)? _____

28) Must man obey the gospel in order to have salvation? _____

Note that “form of doctrine” (see chart):

29) Jesus **died** for our sins; we are to die to _____ (repent).

30) Jesus was **buried**; we are to be _____ with Him in _____.

31) Jesus was resurrected; we are _____ in the likeness of His resurrection.

32) That “form of doctrine” is the gospel of Christ? (T or F)

33) Did all the saved (the converts in the book of Acts: see lesson 4) obey this same doctrine? _____

34) Were they born again? _____

Review of God’s plan of salvation

35) Must one **hear** the truth the gospel of Christ? (Rom. 10:17; Mark 16:15) _____

36) Must one **believe**, i.e., have an obedient faith? (Mark 16:16; John 8:24) _____

37) Must one **repent** of his sins? (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38) _____

38) Must one **confess** Christ? (Matt. 10:32,33; Acts 8:37) _____

39) Must one **be baptized** for the remission of sins? (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16) _____

40) After this new birth into the family of God, must one live a **faithful** life to God? (Heb. 3:6; Rev. 2:10) _____

41) Have you obeyed this gospel by which one is born into the family of God? _____

42) If not, we encourage you to do so immediately because of the value of your soul and the seriousness of the situation. If you are ready to obey this gospel let us know and we will have someone contact you. Please provide a telephone number:

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- Perry ♥

the people IN her house would not be harmed only IF they remained IN her house during the battle (Joshua 2:16-21). Again, “for our learning” we see salvation was IN a certain place.

Dealing with our eternal soul’s salvation we find that the only place for salvation is “in Christ” (II Timothy 2:10). In fact, the Bible teaches that “all spiritual blessings” are “in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). There is not one single spiritual blessing on the outside of Christ. Prayer is only for the faithful “in Christ” (James 5:16). All on the outside of Christ are lost and do not even have the right to pray to God (II Thessalonians 1:8; John 9:31 cp. Isaiah 59:1, 2). Grace and faith, which are so essential to our salvation, are found only “in Christ” (II Timothy 2:1; I Timothy 3:13). It is essential that each one learns the truth about salvation and obeys it (John 8:32; I Peter 1:22,23). Many are lost in religious error (cp. Matthew 7:13-23; 15:9,13,14; I John 4:1). Since our soul’s salvation can only be had “in Christ,” it behooves each one of us to learn how one enters INTO Christ. To be “in Christ” is to be in the church which was purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28 cp Acts 2:47).

The Bible is very plain on this matter. Water baptism “for the remission of sins” is the only means of entering INTO Christ, His church (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3 cp. Acts 2:37-47). There is only one way for man to be saved. We are saved “by grace ... through faith” (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is from God and we learn that grace teaches us (Titus 2:11,12) that there are certain things that man must do in order to be saved and other things man must not do IF he will be saved. We learn these things by studying God’s will for us. The “faith” must be obeyed (Romans 1:5; 16:26). The Romans obeyed “the faith,” the gospel (Romans 16:19 cp. chapter 6).

The first step is to HEAR the word of God (Romans 10:17). Hearing (reading and studying) the word of God is the only means of obtaining saving faith. To hear and obey the doctrines of man is to be lost eternally (Matthew 15:9,13,14). The next step is to BELIEVE the word of God. By hearing the truth, man can obtain that saving faith which will move him to obey God as it did Noah (Mark 16:16 cp. Hebrews 11:6,7). The next logical step is to REPENT of sins, that is, stop sinning (Luke 13:3; cp. Titus 2:11,12). We must stop doing sinful things. It is not enough to

just be sorry for sins (II Corinthians 7:10). The next step is to CONFESS that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God (Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37). Please note that confession is UNTO, not INTO. The final step of entering into Christ (His church) is WATER BAPTISM which is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38,47; 22:16; Romans 6:3-6; I Peter 3:21).

Dear reader, it is our prayer that you will study these things carefully. Our plea is that you believe what God teaches in His Word. If you have any questions or concerns at all about any religious matter please let us know. We would be most happy to provide more information and discuss these matters with you further. Please read and remember Luke 8:15. The Savior said: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). Will you obey Him in all things and be saved (Hebrews 5:9)? You are too valuable to be lost! ♥

Note:

Please study the verses on the back page under “GOD’S UNCHANGING PLAN OF SALVATION.” Also see the “Conversion accounts” to know that they did exactly what the Lord had said. In some accounts you will find that some of the steps are left out but it is very obvious that they did those things. For example: not every account says the people repented or confessed Christ, but we know they did, because this is a process of conversion. In Paul’s conversion it does not say that Paul believed, but we know by his actions that he did.

If you would like a chart (letter size) on the conversions please let me know. I would be glad to send it to you, of course, at no cost to you. Our interest is in your eternal soul’s salvation.

If you would like to find the church of Christ nearest you we may be able to assist you. ♥

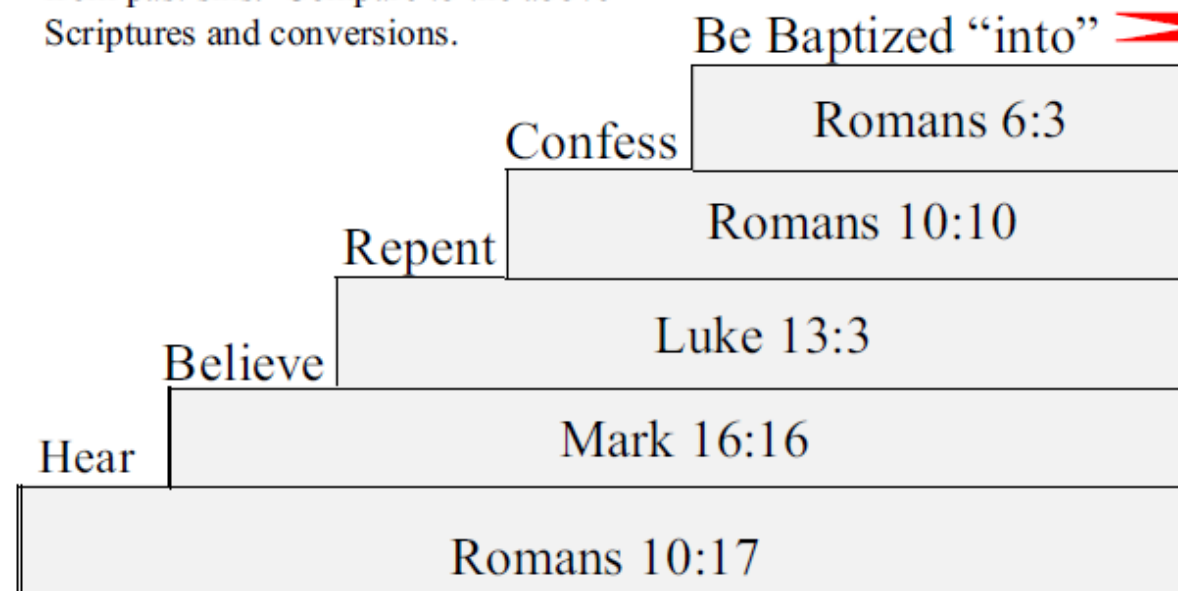
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Here are some Scriptures concerning baptism: Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21. Following are some New Testament examples of conversions: Acts 2:37-42,47; Acts 8:5-13,35-39; 10:44-48; 16:14,15,25-34; 19:1-5. For questions or a personal study write to: Perry Sexton 1763 Hwy. 166 N. Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474 Email: jpsexton@peoplepc.com

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Have you truly obeyed God?

Steps man MUST take in order to be saved from past sins. Compare to the above Scriptures and conversions.



John 14:15,23,24

“IN CHRIST”

Grace: 2 Tim. 2:1

Faith: 1 Tim. 3:13

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2 Tim. 2:10

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Eph. 1:3,7

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Friends, this is the new birth. To “**be born of water**” is to be **baptized scripturally**. Scriptural baptism is that which is taught in the Bible which was delivered by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16,17). Scriptural baptism is for people who are capable of understanding and believing (Mark 16:16;

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I know that these things are not taught in the denominational world and that you may have and should have serious questions. I ask that you study this matter with an open mind and an honest heart (Luke 8:15 cp. Acts 17:11). Your soul is far too valuable to be lost by the doctrines of men (Matthew 15:9; 2 John 9). We would be most happy to answer any questions you may have. We stand ready to assist you any way we can. Please study Romans 6. Have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15,16)? ♥

THE NEW BIRTH - THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE

(Please study all Scriptures and their context. King James Version used unless otherwise noted)

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- Jesus was buried - we are to be buried with Him by baptism (Romans 6:4);
- Jesus was raised from the dead - when one submits to scriptural baptism he is raised from that watery grave, by the power of God, to newness of life (Romans 6:4,5; Colossians 2 :12).

Friends, this is the new birth. **To “be born of water” is to be baptized scripturally.** Scriptural baptism is that which is taught in the Bible which was delivered by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16,17). Scriptural baptism is for people who are capable of understanding and believing (Mark 16:16; John 3:3,5). It is a **burial** in water (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:38; 10:47,48). Scriptural baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16).

When one obeys the gospel of Christ he is saved and is thus added to the church, the kingdom (Acts 2:37-41, 47; Colossians 1:13,14). He has been born into the family of God (cp. 1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

I know that these things are not taught in the denominational world and that you may have and should have serious questions. I ask that you study this matter with an open mind and an honest heart (Luke 8:15 cp. Acts 17:11). Your soul is far too valuable to be lost by the doctrines of men (Matthew 15:9; 2 John 9).

We would be most happy to answer any questions you may have. We stand ready to assist you any way we can. Please study Romans 6. May God bless you in your honest and sincere study of His Word.

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Lesson 6 The Church
Free Bible Correspondence Course

Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson five. Beside the many things learned from the Scriptures by studying these lessons; you should have also come to realize that you can understand the Word of God for yourself.

It is sad, but many of the “clergy” and preachers would have you to believe that you cannot understand the Bible and that you must have them to “guide” you. Such is false!

If you have handled God’s Word correctly in its proper context then you have the truth concerning those questions asked so far. You know that by **book, chapter and verse** which is all important. Do not ever let any man rob you of these truths which are provable by God’s Word (cp. 1 Thess. 5:21).

Of course, there may be some things we do misunderstand from time to time and need someone to point them out to us. In such cases we still must demand **book, chapter and verse** for proof; being certain that the verses are used correctly and in their context, which is all important.

As you proceed further in these studies, you will learn many things that have been taught by man that are contrary to God’s Word.

It is my prayer and that of the church of Christ that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and grace of God (2 Peter 3:18).

May God richly bless you in your honest and sincere desire for the saving truth.

-- Perry Sexton

Note: It is a known fact that we learn more and better by repetition. It would be good for you at this time to read again the lessons you have completed so far with any corrections that were made to your answers. This will give you a better foundation upon which to build. (Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

Matthew 16:13-19 {All questions are based upon these verses and the additional verses given; please refer back to these verses often.}

- 1) Did men have different opinions as to who Jesus was? _____
- 2) Were some men wrong concerning the identity of Jesus? _____
- 3) Was Peter correct in his identification of Jesus? _____
- 4) Was Jesus’ identity revealed to Peter by man or by revelation from God?
- 5) What did Jesus promise to build? _____
- 6) Would this church belong to Jesus?

- 7) Is it not then natural that Jesus’ church should be called after Him? _____ cp. Romans 16:16; Acts 4:12
- 8) If you own your house or car, is the deed or title in your name? _____

- 9) When employers write checks to employees, do they make the check out to just any name? _____
- 10) Are names important? _____ cp. Matthew 1:21; **Acts 4:10-12**
- 11) Should a wife give honor to her husband by wearing his name? _____
- 12) Should the church (the saved, Acts 2:47) give honor to Christ by wearing His name? _____ Note: the church is pictured as the bride and wife of Christ (Matt. 22:2; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 19:7-9, 21:9, etc.)
- 13) Was God pleased when men first started wearing different and unauthorized names? _____ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
- 14) Is God pleased today with men who wear different and unauthorized names? _____ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
- 15) Did Jesus Christ promise to build more than one church? _____
- 16) Did Jesus say church or churches?

Note concerning Matt. 16:18: Study this with #17; “this rock” refers back to the statement Peter had just made in verse 16 “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Upon “this rock” this **great bedrock of truth** (that Jesus is the Son of God) Jesus would build His church, **not** upon some pebble or any man. Concerning “this rock,” *Vincent’s Word Studies* says: “The word is feminine, and

means a *rock*, **as distinguished from** a *stone* or a *fragment of rock* [such as] (πέτρος, [Peter].” See also Strong’s Definitions below.

17) Did Jesus build His church on Peter or any other man? _____

Note the difference in the words of “Peter” and “this rock” in **Strong’s Definitions** {a long time and trusted authority of Greek words}

a. “**Peter**” Greek word: *pet'-ros* [masculine] ... a (piece of) *rock* ... as a name, *Petrus*, an apostle:—Peter, rock.

b. “**rock**” Greek word: *pet'-ra* **Feminine** ... a (mass of) *rock* (literally or figuratively):—rock.

18) Based on the Greek words and definitions (above): Is the Greek word for “Peter” and “rock” exactly the same? _____

19) Is the definition the same for both words? _____

20) Is the gender the same for both words? _____

21) Even in the English, can you see the contrast in these statements: “And I say also unto thee, **That** thou art Peter, and upon **this** rock I will build my church;”? Matthew 16:18 _____

22) Who is the builder of this church? _____
Matthew 16:18

23) Who is the head of this church? _____
Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18 Note: In these contexts the body and church are the same thing. Paul, by inspiration declares: “There is one body,” (Ephesians 4:4)

24) Who is the foundation of this church? _____
1 Corinthians 3:11

25) Who is the corner stone of this church? _____
1 Peter 2:6, 7; Acts 4:11

26) Who is the Savior of this church? _____
Ephesians 5:23, 24

27) Who died for this church? _____
Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28, note: Christ is God, i.e. a member of the Godhead (Hebrews 1:8; Matthew 28:19; 3:16,17).

28) Who is coming to receive this church some sweet day? _____ Eph. 5:26, 27

29) Who adds the saved to this church? _____
Acts 2:47

30) Would you like to learn from God’s Word for yourself when the Lord Jesus adds one to His glorious church? _____

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Intro: “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** ¹⁷And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ¹⁸And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter,** and upon **this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:15-18).

1. Because of false teachers (1 John 4:1) many people are confused about the “rock” and “Peter.”
2. Some say Jesus built His church upon Peter, a mere man, but what does the Bible say? We will see what the Bible says and also look at the Greek definitions.

I. Note the following Greek words for Peter and rock and the differences in these two words.

A. “Peter”

1. G4074 Πέτρος **Petros Thayer Definition:** Peter = “a rock or a stone” 1) one of the twelve disciples of Jesus Part of Speech: noun proper **masculine** A Related Word by Thayer’s/Strong’s Number: apparently a primary word Citing in TDNT: 6:100, 835 Total KJV Occurrences: 162; **peter, 157 times** [I did not list these 157 references because of space]; **peter’s, 4 times:** Matt 8:14, John 1:40, John 6:8, Acts 12:14; **stone, 1 time** in John 1:42.
2. **Note:** the one time **Petros** is translated stone it says: “...Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A **stone**” (John 1:42).

B. “rock”

1. G4073 πέτρα **petra Thayer Definition:** 1) a rock, cliff or ledge 1a) a projecting rock, crag, rocky ground 1b) a rock, a large stone 1c) metaphorically a man like a rock, by reason of his firmness and strength of soul Part of Speech: noun **feminine** A Related Word by Thayer’s/Strong’s Number: from the same as G4074 Citing in TDNT: 6:95, 834 Total KJV Occurrences: 16; **rock, 13** Matt 7:24-25 (2), Matt 16:18, Matt 27:60, Mark 15:46, Luke 6:48 (2), Luke 8:6, Luke 8:13, Rom 9:33, 1 Cor 10:4 (2), 1 Pet 2:8 **rocks, 3** Matt 27:51, Rev 6:15-16 (2)
2. **Note:** this Greek word for “rock” is much different than the Greek word for “Peter.”
 - a) This word “petra” is feminine, whereas Peter is masculine.
 - b) This word “petra” is “a rock, cliff or ledge” indicating a large rock such as a bedrock, etc. See how the word is translated and used in other places such as Matthew 7:24,25.

II. Note the words that and this according to WordWeb Dictionary.

- A. **“that”** = 1. Pointing out something. 2. The other one from this: "this one is green, that one is red"
- B. **“this”** = 1. Denotes a person or thing. 2. The other one from that: "that one costs 1 euro, this one's only 50c"
- C. Of course we have known these things and have used these words in that manner from childhood. The KJV uses it correctly.
- D. Let us look at the contexts again and make proper application: “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** ¹⁷And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ¹⁸And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter,** and upon **this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:15-18).
 1. Peter declared the truth which was revealed from the Father that Jesus is **“the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**
 2. Jesus responds to this truth **“That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”** There is a contrast between Peter and the “rock.” It is not grammatically correct for **“this rock”** to refer to Peter. If Jesus had meant that Peter was the rock upon which He would build His church He would have said so, but He did not!!! Jesus **did not** say **“That thou art Peter, and upon you I will build my church,”** and neither did Jesus mean that. This is obvious if we just take what the Bible says. It is even more obvious by the different Greek words used and also by “that” and “this” contrast.
 3. Please read again the text and understand what is said.
 - a) Peter acknowledges the truth that Jesus is **“the Christ, the Son of the living God”** and then Jesus acknowledges that same truth, that He is the Son of God and acknowledges the truth that Peter is

Peter. It is like this: “Yes, I Jesus am who I am, just as you Peter, are who you are and upon **the fact (the truth)** that I am the Son of God I will build my church.”

- b) Jesus is declaring that He would build His church upon the bedrock of truth that He is the Christ the very Son of God not just a mere man as Peter (which Greek word means a stone or pebble).
- c) Is it reasonable that the greatest institution ever would be built upon a mere man? No!!! If you believe God and His Word it is very obvious that Jesus did not build His church upon Peter.
- d) Was Peter the first pope? No!!! If you believe God and His Word it is very obvious, “No.”
 - (1) Look at point I. A. 1. above at the verse where the word “peter’s” is used: Matt. 8:14 “And when Jesus was come into **Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s** mother laid, and sick of a fever.”
 - (2) It is clear that Peter was a married man (see also 1 Cor. 9:5), but the Catholic Church says the pope is not to be married.
 - (a) Peter was not the first pope and furthermore the doctrine of the pope is not in the Bible, but comes from the apostate church which is the Catholic Church (see 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:4).

III. Consider this chart and see the differences in the two words:

	<u>Peter</u>	<u>Rock</u>
Greek word:	Πέτρος / Petros	πέτρα / <u>petra</u>
English translation:	Peter	Rock
Tense:	Masculine	Feminine
Meaning:	“a rock or a stone”	“1) a rock, cliff or ledge”
Contrast:	“That”	“this”
Fact:	¹ mere fallible man	Infallible truth

¹The Catholic Church considers the pope infallible, but if one believes the Bible he will find that Peter was a mere fallible man, consider:

- 1. Peter’s spiritual weakness:
 - a. Peter frequently typified the disciple of little faith (Matt. 14:28-31).
 - b. Peter forsook Jesus and fled (Matt. 26:56-58).
 - c. Peter denied the Lord three times (Mark 14:66-72).
 - d. Peter was wrong and rebuked by the apostle Paul (Gal. 1:11-14).
 - e. Peter made other spiritual mistakes as in these examples: (1.) presumptuous boasting as to the strength of his devotion to the Lord (John 13:1-10); (2.) more boasting (Luke 22:31-34; Matt. 26:31-35); (3.)
- 2. Peter’s physical weakness:
 - a. Peter, as the others, were charged to watch and pray, but they failed (including Peter) to do so through sleepiness (Matt. 26:36-46).
 - b. This also shows a spiritual weakness.
- 3. The fact is Peter was a mere man as were all the disciples and had their weaknesses to overcome.
 - a. Peter was a servant and was sent as a servant (Acts 8:14).
 - b. Compare Acts 10:5ff.
- 4. The true church was not built upon Peter and Peter makes that clear (1 Peter 2:4-6). Furthermore it is declared by inspiration of God “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11).

The Catholic Church is wrong about Peter and is contrary to the Bible in many points. The Catholic Church is not the church of the Bible and the church of the Bible is never called Catholic or Roman. The Catholic Church is the apostate church (see 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:4). ♥

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Lesson 7: Noah and the Ark.

Is Water Baptism Essential to Salvation? (A study of grace, faith, and works).

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Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson six. There is much disagreement among religious groups concerning the essentiality of water baptism. In this lesson we are going to look at God’s Word concerning the matter and ask very pertinent questions whereby you may answer from God’s Word and **know the truth** on this very important subject. Like in all lessons before this, by answering from the Scriptures accurately you can **know** that you have God’s Word on the subject regardless of what any man may say.

This lesson also is a **continuation** of the study of **salvation**. It would be good for you to review lessons three through five.

When **God speaks**, man should be **very careful** to **listen**. When God places **conditions** upon some **promise**, we had better **understand** those **conditions** and give serious **HEED** to those **conditions** (Romans 11:22; 1 John 1:7 “If”; Matthew 7:21-23; James 1:21-25, etc.). In this lesson we want to **learn** from the **Old Testament first** (Romans 15:4) and then from the **New Testament** concerning our **salvation**. What greater subject is there? Since so **many** people **reject** God’s teachings on water **baptism** “*for the remission of sins,*” we want to look at:

Where God Put Water

Three bulletins are enclosed with this lesson to help you understand this vital subject better. We would be glad to send it to you.

Please study the chart and all the Scriptures given very carefully. This study should be very important to you. The chart, based upon the Word of God, gives a good understanding of the matter. **Please let us know of any questions or concerns you may have.** May God richly bless you in your studies of His saving Word. – Perry Sexton

(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

Heb. 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; Gen. 6

- 1) Did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord? (Gen. 6:8) _____
- 2) Do you believe Noah was saved by grace? _____ Note: There is a big difference between being saved by grace and being saved by “grace alone.” Salvation by grace alone is not taught in the Bible.
- 3) Does grace teach us? (Titus 2:11,12) _____
- 4) Was it by grace that Noah was taught what he needed to do to be saved? (Gen. 6:8) _____
- 5) Are we today saved by grace? (Eph. 2:8-10) _____
- 6) Is our salvation by grace through faith? (ibid.) _____
- 7) Did faith have a part in Noah’s salvation? (Heb. 11:7) _____
- 8) Did Noah obey God? (Gen. 6:22) _____

- 9) Must we obey God in order to be saved? (Heb. 5:8,9; Matt. 7:21; James 1:21-25) _____
- 10) Did Noah do the works God gave him to do? (Heb. 11:7) _____
- 11) What is faith without works (James 2:14-26) _____
- 12) Had Noah not done the works God gave him to do, what kind of faith would he have had (James 2:17,20,26) _____
- 13) If Noah had not obeyed God and built the ark would God have saved Noah (Heb. 11:7) _____
- 14) What is God’s formula in Galatians 5:6 (KJV)? _____ which _____ by _____.
- 15) If we love God what will we do? (John 14:15) _____
- 16) Did Noah love God? _____
- 17) Was Noah and his family saved by water? (1 Peter 3:20) _____
- 18) Did this make water the savior **or** just a means by which the Savior used to save man on this occasion? _____
- 19) Do you agree that grace, faith, works and water had a part in Noah’s salvation from that destruction? _____
- 20) What point did the Holy Spirit make when directing the pen of Peter to write “eight souls were saved by water” (1 Peter 3:20)? See verse 21 for the answer. _____

- 21) Did God choose water as a means of saving Noah (ibid)? _____
- 22) Has God chosen water baptism as a means of saving people in the age (1 Peter 3:21)? _____
- 23) Where was God's presence indicated in Genesis 7:1? _____
- 24) Where was salvation for the people of Noah's day? _____
- 25) Where is salvation for us today? (2 Tim. 2:10) _____
- 26) Where were provisions (blessings) for the people of Noah's day? _____
- 27) Where are all spiritual blessings today? (Eph. 1:3,7) _____
- The ark was a type for the church that came many years later. Let us look at some comparisons between the ark and the church.
- 28) Was there great wickedness **then**? (Gen. 6:5,11,12) _____
- 29) Is there great wickedness **now**? (2 Tim. 3:13) _____
- 30) What was the destruction **then**? (Gen. 6:7; 7:11, 12) _____
- 31) What is the destruction in the **future**? (2 Peter 3:10; Matt. 25:46) _____
- 32) How many arks did God have built? (Gen. 6:14) _____

- 33) How many churches did God build? (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4 cp. 1:22, 23) _____ See lesson 2.
- 34) How many doors were in the ark? (Gen. 6:16) _____
- 35) How many doors for the church and therefore for Heaven? (John 10:9; 14:6 cp. Heb. 5:9) _____ Please remember Matt. 7:13,14.
- 36) How many families were saved in the ark? (Gen. 6:18) _____
- 37) The church is made up of one family; it is the family of God. t – f (1 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 3:15)
- 38) This fact shows the importance and necessity of being in the church. t – f (Acts 2:47, etc.)
- 39) What is that family called? (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16) _____
- 40) What is the church called? (Rom. 16:16) _____
- 41) Were all on the outside of the ark lost? (Gen. 7:21-23; 2 Peter 2:5) _____
- 42) Will all those on the outside of the church be lost? (Matt. 7:13,14; Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 2:47) _____

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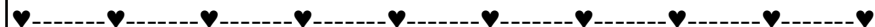
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Hear God's Word (Rom. 10:17)

Believe the truth (Mark 16:15, 16; Heb. 11:6)

Repent of all sins (Luke 13:3, 5)

Confess that Jesus is the Christ (Matt. 10:32)

Be **baptized** for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

Live a **faithful** life until death (Rev. 2:10b; 1 Tim. 4:7, 8)

Conversion accounts with some detail: Acts 2:37-42, 47; 8:5-13, 30-39; 9:6-18 cp. 22:16; 10:6, 44-48; 16:14, 15, 30-34.

♥ We admonish you: **believe** and **obey** the Lord (Heb. 5:8, 9) ♥



Who will be saved? Answer: Matt. 7:21



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Where God Put Water (part 1)

by Perry Sexton

Many sincere and honest hearted people have been taught that water baptism is not essential to one's salvation. I would ask you to please consider this short article and study the points very closely. From the New Testament it is most definite that God did make water baptism, which is for the remission of sins, essential to our salvation. It is not that there is power in the water, but there is power in God's Word. It is not that baptism is the Savior, but that God chose baptism to be the very point wherein man is saved. It is the new birth. It is a matter of faith! Do we believe and trust God or not?

God has the power and the right to choose what man must do in order for God to save man. God could have chosen a different means of salvation, but what He has chosen is clearly seen in His Word and no man can change that. However, men can and do reject it and reject their own salvation. Please have the heart to accept God's Word and His salvation on His terms. It is the only way!

When God speaks man should be very careful to listen. God has spoken concerning our salvation: what we must do. When God places conditions upon some promise, we had better understand those conditions and HEED those conditions. In this lesson we want to learn from the Old Testament first and then from the New Testament concerning our salvation. What greater subject is there?

Since so many people have been deceived by the false teachers to reject God's teachings on water baptism "for the remission of sins," we want

to look at: “**Where God Put Water**” and learn from those great lessons. The Old Testament is preserved for us in order that we may learn from these great lessons (Rom. 15:4).

Noah: “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” (Heb 11:7). You may read more of this in Genesis 6ff. Consider what Peter wrote by inspiration of God: “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” (1 Peter 3:20). As it is certain that Noah had those who mocked him as he was building the ark, so it is today that many who do not believe God concerning baptism do mock (cp. 2 Peter 3:3). They reject the truth which God gave us through Peter by inspiration. Some even go so far as to say Noah was not saved by water. Choose you whom you will believe, but I will believe God. I hope you will also. God was the One who saved Noah and God says He did it by water (1 Peter 3:20). We have God’s Word on the matter! God has spoken clearly! That should settle it and does for those who truly believe God.

People with honest hearts (Luke 8:15) and who reason correctly know that the water bore up the ark wherein Noah and the others were saved. This separated Noah and the others in the ark from those drowned in the water. In a type of our salvation, the water washed away the sins of the world and the same water saved Noah from that ungodly world. God used water to purify the world. Please note: “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” (2 Peter 2:5). Was Noah saved by water or not (1 Peter 3:20)? Do you have enough faith to believe God over the false teachers?

Many reject the truth concerning Noah being saved by water in order to get around the conclusion that God is showing us: “The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the

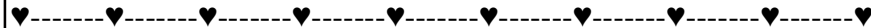
filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 3:21). Could God have made this any plainer? When man, through faith obeys God in baptism “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38; 22:16), God saves that person from their sins (ibid). When those on Pentecost heard and believed the Word of God it is said: “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41). These were added to the church, the ark of safety. The same thing still happens today when one through faith is baptized into Christ (cp. Rom. 6:3).

Was Noah saved by water? What does God say about it? Should we believe God or man? Did Noah have to obey God in order to be saved from that destruction?

Israel: When Israel was being freed from Egyptian bondage, which typifies sin, God used water to save them from the Egyptians. Please read Exodus 14, but here are some important excerpts: “And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left” (Exod. 14:22). “By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned” (Heb 11:29). This was their baptism: “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; {2} And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;” (1 Cor. 10:1,2).

What was the result of them obeying God and passing through the sea (Exod. 14:15)? God tells us: “Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore” (Exod. 14:30). Where they saved from Egyptian bondage before they were “baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea”? Water stood between them and their freedom from slavery (a type of sin). ♥

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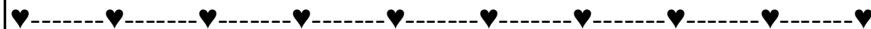
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Where God Put Water (part 2)

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As we continue to look at these great accounts in the Old Testament, let us keep in mind that we are not under the old law in this Age but that we are under the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2; James 1:25, etc.). However, these great old lessons are preserved for us for our learning (Rom. 15:4). Let us learn well from them as God intended.

Naaman: Please read the account in 2 Kings 5:1-14. I print here only verses 10 and 11. “And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. {11} But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper” (2 Kings 5:10,11).

Naaman is a prime example of which many people in this Age are guilty: Naaman, like many today, was thinking outside of the Word of God where he should have been listening to and trusting in God's Word! He had his own preconceived ideas of how things should be, etc.! Here are but a few biblical principles we should keep in mind if we desire to please God:

(1.) **We cannot trust our feelings:** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it” (Jer. 17:9)? “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. {9} For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:8 9).

(2.) **We must not go beyond that which is written:** That “ye might learn not *to go* beyond the things which are written” (1 Cor. 4:6 ASV cp. KJV with Jer. 17:5). Simply put, we must not add to the Word of God (Rev. 22:18,19). Let us give heed: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 4:11).

(3.) **We must have authority for all that we do in religion:** "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17). "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship in truth is to follow God's Word (cp. John 17:17). God never left it up to man to worship Him in just any manner. God is the one to be worshipped and He tells how to do so in order to be pleasing in His sight. We must respect God's instructions. When God speaks we must be careful to listen. God has spoken through His Word the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16,17). God, through His prophet Elisha, told Naaman where to wash: “in Jordan” (v.10). The rivers of Damascus were not authorized by God (v.12).

Naaman's servant convinced him to do as the man of God said and when and only when he obeyed exactly what God said, was he cleansed (v.13,14). In this account we find another case where God chose water to be a part of this process. Naaman should have been satisfied and very thankful for what God told him to do. We also should be very thankful for the process that God has set before us to obey in order to be cleansed of our sins; thankful that God has made a way for us. We should believe and obey God's plain and simple Words for us, however, many seem to want it their way and go to great lengths to get around God's Word on salvation. Why would anyone want to do that?

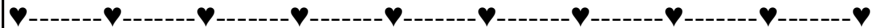
The three thousand on the day of Pentecost who heard the gospel of Christ preached and were instructed to be baptized, did not act like Naaman and many today: “they that gladly received his word were baptized” (Acts 2:41). Should we not be the kind of people who gladly receive God's Word and obey it? We should be people who believe God's Word, trust God and

obey Him (cp. Heb. 5:8,9). Yet many say baptism for forgiveness is foolishness (cp. 1 Cor. 1:18-27). Was Naaman's dipping in the water of Jordan foolishness? Would Naaman have been cleansed if he had not dipped in Jordan? Was Naaman cleansed before dipping in water? If you are one who has been taught to think outside the Word of God and reject God's simple truth, we plead with you to be like those in Acts 2:41. One cannot be cleansed of his sins without baptism in water for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16 cp. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21, etc.).

The account of Naaman compares very well to our situation today:

(1.) Naaman was a leper. Leprosy stands as a type of sin. Compare: All accountable people have sinned (1 John 1:8,10; Rom. 3:23). **(2.)** Naaman was given a way to be cured by God through the prophet. Compare: Mankind has been given a cure for our sins by God through the very Son of God. **(3.)** Naaman's cure was certainly by the grace of God. Compare: Our salvation from sin is certainly by the grace of God (Eph. 2:8). His grace teaches us what to do and what not to do (Titus 2:11,12). **(4.)** Naaman's healing involved his own faith. Compare: Our forgiveness of sins involves our own faith (Mark 16:16; Heb. 11:6). **(5.)** Naaman's cleansing involved his own obedience. Compare: Our cleansing involves our own obedience (Heb. 5:8,9; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 1:22,23). Note carefully: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22,23). **(6.)** Naaman's healing involved water. Why? Because God said so! Compare: Our healing from our soul's disease involves water. Because God said so! **Do you believe God?** Then please obey Him (Mark 16:16). Please call upon us for assistance. ♥

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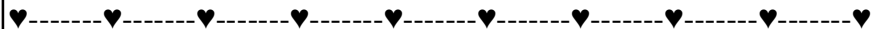
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Where God Put Water (part 3)

by Perry Sexton

As we continue this series let us look at one example in the New Testament and one more in the Old Testament, then we will get into the actual conversions of this Age.

Blind man: “And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. ... ⁶When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing” (John 9:1-7). Again we see that water is involved. Was the blind man's sight healed before washing in water? Do you believe the water could have been bypassed by this man?

Now just one more Old Testament example: I put this example here because it connects so well to the New Testament church. It is that of **the priests entering into the tabernacle** which was a type of the church that was to come. Here again we see that God made water an essential part: “And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. ³¹And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: ³²When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses” (Exod. 40:30-32). The command: “When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:” (Exod. 30:20). Note what God had commanded: “Wash with water, that they die not.”

The following New Testament conversions are of those washing away their sins in water baptism that they die not the eternal death in hell! “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). The “gift” of salvation is only for those who obey the Lord (Heb. 5:9). The tabernacle of old was a shadow of the

church to come (Heb. 8:2ff). They had to wash in water in the laver before entering into the tabernacle. Today, as all New Testament conversions show, all people must be baptized in water “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38,47). Note this figurative reference to baptism: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water” (Heb. 10:22).

Saul of Tarsus: Read Acts 9:1-18. “And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do” (Acts 9:6). Saul did so: “And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink” (Acts 9:9). While there the Scriptures inform us that he was praying (Acts 9:11). Fasting and praying! But did this save Saul? No, for the preacher of God said “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Saul was baptized in water for the remission of sins (Acts 9:18). He was saved at that point (cp. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Peter wrote: “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). It all fits perfectly.

Those on Pentecost: “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do” (Acts 2:37,38)? Note where God put water: “Then Peter said unto them, 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” (v.38). “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41 cp. v.47).

Samaritans: Again we see water in these conversions: “But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done” (Acts 8:12,13).

Eunuch: “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. ³⁶And 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? ³⁷And 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. ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him” (Acts 8:35-38).

Cornelius had heard “... words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved” (Acts 11:14). What were those words? “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...” (Acts 10:47,48). Again, “in the name of the Lord,” same baptism as in Acts 2:38.

Lydia and the Jailer: Both were baptized with the same water baptism (Acts 16:15,33).

As seen by statements of fact, commands and examples, all people on this side of the cross must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved: See Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21. “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). The water is clearly referring to baptism. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore 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” (Rom. 6:3,4). “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17,18 cp. v.3).

What will **YOU** do with the saving words of Jesus (John 6:63,68)? Will you stumble (1 Cor. 1:18ff)? Will you reject the salvation offered by Jesus (cp. Luke 7:30; John 12:48; Acts 13:46).

Or will **YOU** “gladly receive[d] his word” and be baptized (Acts 2:41)?



See Conversion Chart 2011, 3 on Website under WOL or send for it. Please let us know of your questions or concerns.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Lesson 8: Israel, Naaman, Saul, etc.

Is Water Baptism Essential to Salvation? (A study of grace, faith, and works).

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Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson 7. This lesson is a **continuation** of the study of **salvation**: water baptism, grace, faith, and works. It would be good for you to review lesson 7.

May God richly bless you in your studies of His saving Word. – Perry Sexton
(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

Brief History of Israel

(to the point of our study)

Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah, married Rebekah. Rebekah conceived. The Lord said “Two nations *are* in thy womb” speaking of the descendants of the twins Jacob and Esau (Gen. 25:20-26). Esau’s descendants were the Edomites (Gen. 36:9). Much later God changed Jacob’s name to Israel (Gen. 32:28; 35:10).

Jacob or Israel had twelve sons (Gen. 35:22ff) which became the twelve tribes of Israel (Gen. 49:28). Joseph was next to the youngest son Benjamin. In the life of Joseph we see many acts of God’s providence even to the making and preserving of the nation of Israel. You will find, however, that the children of Israel or the Israelites were at one time in Egyptian bondage. This bondage, written for

our learning (Rom. 15:4), stands as a type for sin.

We will begin our questions and study at the point where God is freeing the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, i.e., saving them from Egyptian bondage. We can learn many lessons from them in connection to God freeing us from sin, i.e., saving us in this Age.

Many great lessons are revealed in a detailed study of what we have just briefly covered, but such is not our scope at this time.

Refer to bulletins sent with lesson 6 for this lesson as well.

Israel: please read Exodus 14

- 1) Did Paul refer to the Israelites crossing of the sea as a baptism? (1 Cor. 10:1,2) _____
- 2) Before the Israelite’s baptism, i.e., before they crossed the Red Sea were the children of Israel rejoicing? (Exodus 14:10) _____
- 3) What was their state of mind before they crossed the Red Sea (ibid.) _____
- 4) Were they saved from the Egyptians before they crossed the Red Sea, which was their baptism? (v.9,10) _____
- 5) Did God instruct Israel to do anything? (v.15) _____
- 6) What was Israel to do? (v.15) _____
- 7) Did Israel obey God? (v.22) _____
- 8) Was Israel saved by faith only or by obeying God? (v.15,22,30) Circle ans.

- 9) Did faith and works have a part in Israel’s salvation? (ibid.) _____
- 10) After Israel obeyed God and crossed the Red Sea, did they rejoice? (Exodus 15:1ff) _____
- 11) Note: Israel’s baptism is a type of baptism for us today. Under our system, the New Testament, did the eunuch rejoice before his baptism or after his baptism? (Acts 8:35-39) Circle answer.

- 12) Did the jailer rejoice before his baptism or after his baptism? (Acts 16:30-34)?

Naaman: please read 2 Kings 5:1,9-14

Note: Naaman had leprosy and sought to be healed. Leprosy stands as a type of sin for our learning.

- 13) What did God through Elisha tell Naaman to do in order to be cleansed of his leprosy? (v.10) _____
- 14) Did Naaman obey at first? (v.11) _____
- 15) Did Naaman “think” he had a better plan? (v.11,12) _____ Note: It seems most people “think” they have a better plan than God in this Age (cp. Matt. 15:8,9,13,14; 2 Tim. 3:13; 4:2-4, etc.)
- 16) Was Naaman cleansed before he obeyed God? (v.14) _____
- 17) Was Naaman saved (cleansed) from leprosy by believing only? (v.14) _____
- 18) Was Naaman saved (cleansed) from leprosy before dipping seven times? (v.14) _____

19) Are we saved today before baptism for the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; 1:22,23) _____

Blind man: please read John 9:1-7

20) Do you believe the blind man would have been healed without obeying Jesus? _____

21) Did Jesus make water a part of the blind man's healing process? _____

22) Has the Savior made water a part of our salvation from sin? (1 Peter 3:20,21) _____

The tabernacle: Exodus 30:20; 40:30-32

Note: the tabernacle was a type of the church that was to come and that is here today.

23) Did God command that the priest were to wash before entering into the tabernacle? (Exod. 30:20) _____

24) What were the consequences of entering into the tabernacle without washing? (Exod. 30:20) _____

25) Did Moses, Aaron and his sons obey God? (Exod. 40:30-32) _____

26) Can we today enter into the church without obeying God? _____

27) Can we today enter into the church without washing? (1 Peter 3:20,21; Acts 22:16; 2:38,47) _____

Note: the washing necessary today is not bodily but the taking away of sins.

28) Does the Lord add to His church only those who have had their sins washed away? (Acts 22:16 cp. 2:38,47) _____

Saul of Tarsus: read Acts 9:1-18.

29) Was Saul baptized for the remission of sins? (Acts 22:16) _____

30) Was Saul saved before water baptism or in water baptism?

31) Was Saul saved by prayer? _____

32) Was Saul lost in sin before his baptism? _____

33) Does God hear the prayers of sinners? (Isa. 59:1,2; John 9:31) _____

See bulletin "Where God Put Water" (part 3) and the chart and the conversion chart.

34) Were all New Testament converts baptized in water for the remission of sins? _____

35) Has anyone ever been added to the church of Christ without baptism for the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38,47) _____

36) Is it possible to be saved without baptism? (Mark 16:16, etc.) _____

37) Have you been baptized for the remission of sins? _____

38) If so, in what church? _____

If you would like to **have a personal study** on these matters, please let us know and a husband and wife team (where appropriate) will study with you. _____

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In the next lesson we will look at unity.

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- Perry ♥

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Lesson 9: Unity (no denominations or churches of men are acceptable to God)

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Dear friend,

Thank you for completing and returning lesson 8. There is much confusion and division in the religious world today. This is all contrary to God's will as we shall see in this lesson today.

In this lesson, we will give several verses concerning unity and ask very pertinent questions where you may answer from God's Word and **know** the truth on this extremely important subject.

This lesson has to do with the church. It would be good for you to review lesson 2. If you do not have lesson 2, please let me know and I will send it again.

Please study very carefully the articles, charts and all the Scriptures given. This is a very serious matter and souls are at stake. Many people will never accept God's Word on these matters and will therefore be lost forever. We want to help as many as will, learn the truth on the church and truly obey God. **Please let us know of any questions or concerns you may have.** We are concerned for you and your family and want to help you anyway that we can in order for you to learn and obey the saving truth. May God richly bless you in your studies of His saving Word. – Perry Sexton
(Note: Circle answers where appropriate)

Matthew 12:25

39) Did Jesus teach “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand”? _____

Note: Israel (the 12 tribes) stands as an example for us today (Rom. 15:4). The kingdom of Israel lasted for 120 years. Then it was divided and the downfall began and in time, they lost their kingdom status.

1) Do you agree with the statement of Jesus? (Mat. 12:25) _____

Matthew 16:18,19

2) Did Jesus promise to build His church? _____

3) Is the church and kingdom the same? _____

4) Would what Jesus taught in Mat. 12:25 apply to His kingdom? _____ If not, why not? _____

5) Do you think God will tolerate division in His church or kingdom? _____

6) While many men are satisfied with the religious division today, do you think God is? _____

7) How many churches did Jesus promise to build? _____

John 17:20,21

8) Did Jesus pray for unity (oneness)? _____

9) Did Paul, by inspiration of God, condemn division? (1 Cor. 1:10) _____

10) Were some in the one church dividing in Paul's day? (v. 11,12) _____

Note: Paul showed their division to be sinful by asking the rhetorical question in v. 13. Let us ask it here:

11) Is Christ divided? (v. 13) _____

Remember, to be in Christ is to be in His church which is the kingdom (see lesson 5 and charts).

12) Can we be divided against Christ and still be in Him? _____

13) Can we be divided with one another and all be right with God? (1 Cor. 1:10-13) _____

14) God's Word teaches one is to be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Can one believe that baptism is not for the remission of sins and be one with Christ? _____

15) Can person #1 believe that baptism is not for the remission of sins and be one (have unity) with person #2 who believes that baptism is for the remission of sins? _____

16) Which of the two above is one or united with God on the matter of baptism: person #1 or person #2?

17) If a person is saved (Acts 2:47 see v.38) does he have unity with Christ? _____

18) Must the saved continue in the way of God in order to maintain his salvation and therefore unity with God? (1 John 1:7) _____

19) When a member of the church of Christ stops following Christ, is he cut off from Christ? _____ (2 John 9)

20) Speaking of His church, Jesus said: “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned”? (John 15:6) t or f

21) To abide in Christ is to abide in His Word? (v.7-10) t or f

22) Is it essential to abide in the doctrine of Christ (His Word)? (2 John 9) _____

23) Did the 5 foolish virgins keep Christ’s Word? (Matt. 25:1-13) _____

Please study Revelation 2:1 through 3:22.

Note: These lessons also show the importance of following the Word of God in every detail. Of course, all of these congregations were the church of Christ, but even so they had to obey God in all things in order to be saved eternally.

24) Was the church at Ephesus right with God? (Rev. 2:1-7) _____

25) Had they fallen from God’s grace? (v.5) _____

26) Were they one with God or contrary to God’s Word? (circle answer)

27) Did they need to repent? (v.5) _____

28) If they did not repent would they be lost? _____

29) Was the church at Smyrna right with God? (Rev. 2:8-11) _____

30) The church at Pergamos needed to repent because some held to some false doctrine? (Rev. 2:12-17) t or f

31) Did Paul say those who taught error were accursed of God? (Gal. 1:6-9) _____

32) The church at Thyatira was guilty of allowing error to be taught which resulted in spiritual adultery. Did they need to repent? _____

33) Did the church at Sardis need to repent? (Rev. 3:1-6) _____

Note: all of these things we have seen in this lesson show the importance of following the Word of God and being doctrinally right. We must not fellowship those who are in error (Eph. 5:11). And we must actually do the works God has given us to do (Matt. 7:21).

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