

Foundations of Faith

Lesson One: Salvation

Steps to Peace with God

1. God's Purpose: Peace and Life

Read the following verses and describe in your own words God's original intention for us.

Genesis 1:27-28

John 3:16 (memorize)

John 10:10 (memorize)

There is a God. He is real. He exists. God is not nature or the creation of man. God is our creator. That means you are not here by accident. God made you to bless you and give you purpose. He wants you to experience peace and life – both eternal and abundant.

2. The Problem: Separation from God

Read the following verses and describe in your own words sin and its results

Romans 3:23 (memorize)

Romans 6:23 (memorize)

Isaiah 59:2

Have you ever sinned? Yes__ No__ I don't know__ (read Exodus 20:1-17)

Which statement best describes what you believe? What is wrong with the others?

- a. I have made a few mistakes, but mostly I am still a good person.
- b. A loving God wouldn't send anyone to hell – just really evil people.
- c. I have sinned against God, so I deserve death and eternal separation from God.

(See 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

What are some ways people try to get to God? Why do they fail? _____

In John 14:6 (memorize) Jesus said, "I am the _____ the _____ and the _____ .

No one come to the Father except through me."

3. God's Solution to our problem: The Cross

Read the following verses and describe in your own words what God has done for us.

Romans 5:8 (memorize) _____

I Peter 3:18 _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

4. Our Response: Receive Jesus

Read the following verse and describe in your own words what we must do to receive God's offer of salvation.

John 1:12 (memorize)

Romans 10:9 (memorize)

Check the responses necessary for you to be saved. (1 John 1:9; Acts 2:37-39; I Corinthians 15:1-5)

- Do more good things than bad things
- Admit that you have sinned
- Sincerely try to be a better person
- Go to church more
- Be willing to turn from your sins
- Believe Jesus died to forgive your sins and rose from the dead
- Choose one of the many ways to get to heaven
- Invite Jesus to come in and control your life

New life in Christ!

What can we learn from these verses about what a true Christian is?

2nd Corinthians 5:14-15,17

1st John 5:12-13

Check the statements that describe your new life in God.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> inner peace | <input type="checkbox"/> confidence that I will go to heaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sense of God's presence | <input type="checkbox"/> desire to read the Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> awareness of sin in my life | <input type="checkbox"/> ability to defeat sin in my life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> feeling of unconditional love | <input type="checkbox"/> desire to share Jesus with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> joy having been forgiven | <input type="checkbox"/> new love and concern for others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> desire to do God's will | |

Have you believed in Jesus and received this new life? Yes__ No__ I don't know__

Describe your life in the following boxes

My life before Jesus	When I encountered Jesus	Since I met Jesus
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YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Pray to receive Jesus into your life.
- Record your spiritual "birthday" here:
On _____ (month) ____ (day) _____ (year) I received Jesus into my heart to be my savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God and a new creation. I have begun a new life. Signature: _____
- Talk with the one taking you through this lesson or a pastor about being baptized. (Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:1-14)
- Get your own Bible if you do not have one. Begin reading one of the gospels (one of the first four books of the New Testament). Begin to do everything that Jesus commands.
- Memorize the *Steps to Peace with God*
- Practice sharing your testimony.
- Plan to attend a Lifegroup.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share this lesson with someone who is ready to be trained.