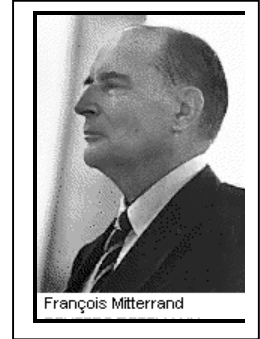


What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?

PREFACE

François Mitterrand was president of France from 1981-1995 (and a politician since 1946). When he learned that he would soon die of cancer, he withdrew from his re-election campaign against Jacques Chirac and retired from 49 years of politics. In an interview before his death, the 79-year old said, “I’ve done so much for France and for the world, and I’m proud of my political accomplishments. Only one thing troubles me: **that I did not invest enough time learning about God and what comes after death!**”



Perhaps he had read the words of Jesus: “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (*The Bible*, Mark 8:36)?

The primary message of our church is to proclaim how people can be saved from their sins and from Hell, and be reconciled to God. Most people, like Mitterrand, do not think about dying and what comes after death. Life is a vapor. We are all very busy and do not have time for God, but one day, in the winter of our lives, we will discover that we have made a big mistake by not seeking the Lord.

Through these lessons, you have a chance that the ex-president of France did not have! That is the chance to learn **what the Bible says about eternal life**. It is not our purpose to pressure you to change your religion, but simply to present facts so you can be informed and make your choice whether or not to obey the voice of the Lord.

Many times, religion is criticized because of religious hypocrites. Some religious people are indeed cultish or “holier than thou.” But will these kinds of things keep you away from God forever? The Devil would be happy with that! Our desire for you is that you won’t end up like Mitterrand, saying one day, “Oh, if I had only learned more about God and what will happen to me after I die”!

The purpose of these lesson is for you to discover not what people say about the Bible, but what the Bible says itself! When someone dies, they leave an inheritance based upon their written will. It doesn't matter what the children say about what they think they should inherit. What matters is what is written in the will! This study will not contain the opinions of men about the Bible; on the contrary, you will learn what the Bible says. This idea is exactly what Jesus said in John 5:39: "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me..*" Everyone should search the Scriptures, but most people don't know where to begin!

What theme could be better for a beginner than eternal life, which everyone wants! *What does the Bible say about eternal life?* Someone once said, "Never allow what you do not understand to distract you from you do understand." We are never bothered by what we don't understand, but by what we do understand! For example, "*Do ta duash të afërmin tënd si veten tënde*"! I understand that, and it challenges every fiber of my being!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Bible verse that corresponds to the related question below it.
2. Read the question carefully and re-read the Bible verse to find the answer to the question.
3. Check the box by the answer that you think is correct.

For example,

John 3:16—*Because Perëndia e deshi aq shumë botën, sa dha Birin e tij të onlylindurin, që, kushdo që beson në Të, të mos humbasë, Por të ketë jetën e përjetshme.*

According to **Nohn 3:16** (above), whom does God love and want to save?

- A specific group.
- The world.
- I'm not sure.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 1: Life and Death

Note: Read the Bible verse, then read the question and check the box beside the answer that seems correct according to the Bible verse.

Hebrews 9:27—*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*

1. According to **Hebrews 9:27** (above), will you die someday?
- Yes, it is appointed that I will die someday.
 - No, I will evade death.
 - I'm not sure.

Romans 5:12—*Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*
Romans 6:23—*The wages of sin is death.*

2. According to the Bible verse above, why will you die?
- Because God is cruel.
 - Because I have sinned against God.
 - I'm not sure.

Psalms 90:12—*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*
Deuteronomy 32:29—*O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!*

3. According to **Psalms 90:12** and **Deuteronomy 32:29** (above), is it good to think about life and death?
- No, it's a waste of time to think about death.
 - Yes, it is wise to consider my death, the great inevitable.
 - I'm not sure.

Psalm 90:9-10—*For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten (70); and if by reason of strength they be fourscore (80) years.*

4. According to **Psalm 90:9-10** (above), what is your life-expectancy?
- About 70-80 years.
 - I'm not sure.

James 4:14—*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

5. According to **James 4:14** (above), are you guaranteed 70-80 years of life?
- Yes, it's guaranteed.
 - No, I don't know when I will die.
 - I'm not sure.

Hebrews 9:27—*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*

6. According to **Hebrews 9:27** (above), what will happen after you die?
- I will be judged.
 - Nothing will happen.
 - I don't know.

Romans 14:12— *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

7. According to **Romans 14:12** (above), will you stand before God someday to give account of yourself?

- Yes, I will stand before God, like everyone else.
- No, I'll get an exemption.
- I don't know.

Mark 8:36—*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

8. According to **Mark 8:36** (above), what is more valuable: the riches and pleasures of this world, or the fate of your eternal soul?

- I value the eternal fate of my soul more than the things of this world.
- I value the things of this world more than my soul.
- I don't know.

Recap of the Lesson:

- We will all die someday because we have sinned—and we don't know when!
- After we die, we will stand before God to give account of ourselves.
- It's wise to think about our death and what comes thereafter.
- The whole world cannot be exchanged for your soul.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 2: Eternal Life and Eternal Death

Daniel 12:2—*And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

1. According to **Daniel 12:2** (above), does eternal life exist after death?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

Matthew 25:46—*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

2. According to **Matthew 25:46** (above), does everlasting punishment exist?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

Revelation 20:10—*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

3. According to **Revelation 20:10** (above), what is the name of the place of everlasting punishment?

- Heaven.
- The Lake of Fire.
- I'm not sure.

Luke 16:22-28— *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*

4. According to **Luke 16:22-28** (above), is Hell a real place?
- Yes. It's a terrible place of torment.
 - No, Hell is a figure of speech—an imaginary concept.
 - I'm not sure.
5. According to **Luke 16:22-28** (above), when the rich man discovered that he could not get out of Hell, what was his desire?
- That his family come to visit him.
 - That his family be solemnly warned to escape Hell.
 - I'm not sure.

Matthew 13:40-42— *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

6. According to **Matthew 13:40-42** (above), how do people enter into Hell?
- Angels gather them and cast them into Hell by force.
 - I'm not sure.

Revelation 20:14-15—*And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

7. According to **Revelation 20:14-15** (above), what decides whether or not the angels will throw you into the Lake of Fire?

- If I have been a good person, I will not be cast into the Lake of Fire.
- If my name is written in the Book of Life, I will not be cast into the Lake of Fire.
- I'm not sure.

Matthew 7:13-14—*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

8. According to **Matthew 7:13-14** (above), how many people will go to destruction?

- Nobody—everyone will find eternal life.
- Few people—most people will find eternal life.
- Many—only few people will find eternal life.
- Everyone—no one will find eternal life.
- I'm not sure.

1 John 5:13—*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.*

9. According to **1 John 5:13** (above), can you know that you have eternal life?

- Yes, the Bible says I can know—and I want to know!
- No, no one can know for sure in this life.
- I'm not sure.

Recap of the Lesson :

- We will be somewhere forever, either in eternal life or in the Lake of Fire.
- Few people will receive eternal life and many people will go to eternal destruction.
- We can escape the Lake of Fire only if our names are written in the Book of Life in Heaven.
- We can know for sure that we have eternal life.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 3: Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?

Proverbs 21:2—*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.*

Proverbs 30:12—*There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.*

1. According to **Proverbs 21:2** and **30:12** (above), what do most people think about themselves?

- That they are good, moral people.
- That they are filthy, immoral people.
- I'm not sure.

Isaiah 64:6—*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

2. According to **Isaiah 64:6**, what does God's Word say about our "righteousnesses" (our good deeds)?

- To God, they are like a sweet perfume.
- To God, they are like filthy rags (he is *that* much holier than we!).
- I'm not sure.

Romans 3:10—*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.*

3. According to **Romans 3:10**, how many people are righteous?

- Only I am righteous.
- No one.
- I'm not sure.

Romans 3:23—*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

4. According to **Romans 3:23**, are there any exceptions?

- No, all people are sinners, without exception.
- Yes, I, for example, have never sinned, at least not on purpose.
- I'm not sure.

Isaiah 59:2—*But your iniquities [sins] have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

5. According to **Isaiah 59:2**, what has happened between you and God because of your sins?

- My sins have caused a separation between me and God. I am far from God.
- Nothing has happened between us. I'm OK with Him and He's OK with me.
- I'm not sure.

1 John 3:4—*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression [infraction] of the law.*

6. According to **1 John 3:4**, what is sin?

- Sin is mainly murder, kidnapping, doing drugs, and the like.
- Sin is not only those things mentioned above, but also any infraction of God's law.
- I'm not sure.

Recap of the Lesson :

- Even though people think they are pretty good, they are morally filthy before God.
- No one is righteous because everyone has broken God's laws.
- As a consequence, everyone is "lost" or "separated from God."

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 4: The Ten Commandments

In Exodus 20, we find the Ten Commandments. There are many more than ten laws in the Bible, but let's let these ten serve as a quick analysis of your life:

Commandment 1: *Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3).*

1. The Bible commands us to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Is God really “first place” in your life? Have you obeyed the first commandment?

- Yes, I have always put God first in my life.
- No, I have failed to give God the role He deserves in my life.

Commandment 2: *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them (Exodus 20:4-5).*

2. Have you ever honored a statue or icon, maybe a “saint” like Mary or Peter? Or do you, perhaps, believe in a “God” that doesn't exist—one that fits your lifestyle and won't judge your sins like the Bible says?

- Yes, I have honored images, either physical ones or a “god” of my own imagination—not the God of the Bible. According to the Bible, I'm an idolater.
- No, I've never honored a religious image, nor have I crafted a “god” in my mind; I know and worship the true God exclusively.

Revelation 21:8—*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

3. According to **Revelation 21:8** (above), where do idolaters go when they die?

- To Heaven.
- To the Lake of Fire, which is the “second death.”
- I don’t know.

Commandment 3: *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain (Exodus 20:7).*

4. Have you ever used God’s name as a curse word, perhaps when you were angry or frustrated? That is called blasphemy. Have you broken the third commandment?

- Yes, I have used my Creator’s name in vain. I’m a blasphemer.
- No, I have never committed this sin.

Commandment 4: *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8).*

5. God wants you to set aside one day per week to honor Him. Do you do this regularly?

- Yes, every week.
- No, I work all week and take time for myself on the weekends.

Commandment 5: Honour thy father and thy mother (Exodus 20:12).

6. Have you always honored your parents? (Don't forget the wild years of your youth! You may have forgotten, but God doesn't.)

- Yes, always. I have never dishonored them.
- No, there were times when I deceived them or shamed them (sometimes they didn't even find out—but God knew).

Commandment 6: Thou shalt not kill (Exodus 20:12).

7. Have you ever murdered anyone?

- Yes, I'm a murderer.
- No, I've never committed a murder.

1 John 3:15—*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

8. The Bible says in **1 John 3:15** that hatred is the same as murder. Have you ever hated anyone? Have you “murdered,” not with a weapon, but with your hatred or your words?

- Yes, I have hated and the Bible calls me a murderer.
- No, I have never hated anyone.

Commandment 7: Thou shalt not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14).

9. Have you ever had sex outside of marriage? Jesus said, “whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (**Matthew 5:28**). Have you ever committed this sin?

- No, I have never committed adultery. I have never lusted after a man or woman. Neither have I ever taken pleasure in seeing a movie, magazine, or website featuring sexual sins.
- Yes, I am guilty of adultery, at least in my eyes and heart.

Revelation 21:8—*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

10. According to **Revelation 21:8** (above), where do whoremongers go after they die?

- To Heaven.
- To the Lake of Fire, which is the “second death.”
- I don’t know.

Commandment 8: *Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15).*

11. Have you ever stolen anything, regardless of its value? From a store, from the office, from the government, from your parents, from your employer, from the industries of music, gaming, movies, or computer software?

- Yes, I have stolen (in other words, I am a thief).
- No, I have never stolen anything in all my life.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10—*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

12. According to **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** (above), will thieves inherit the kingdom of God?

- No, the Bible says “No.”
- Yes, the kingdom of God will be filled with thieves.
- I don’t know.

Commandment 9: *Thou shalt not bear false witness (lie) (Exodus 20:16).*

13. Have you ever lied?

- Yes, I have lied (in other words, I'm a liar).
- No, I have never lied, not even now with this answer.

Revelation 21:8—*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

14. According to **Revelation 21:8** (above), where do liars go after they die?

- To Heaven.
- To the Lake of Fire, which is the “second death.”
- I don't know.

Commandment 10: *Thou shalt not covet (Exodus 20:16-17).*

15. We are not allowed to desire anything that belongs to someone else—not his wife, her husband, their house, their car, their riches—not anything! Have you ever done this?

- Yes, I have desired things that belong to other people (in other words, I am covetous).
- No, I have always been totally content with what God has given me. I never complain, dream about winning the lottery, or enjoy shows about the “lifestyles of the rich and famous.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10—*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

16. According to **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** (above), will covetous people inherit the kingdom of God?

- No, the Bible says “No.”
- Yes, the kingdom of God will be filled with covetous people.
- I don’t know.

James 2:10—*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

17. According to your answers to questions 1-16 and according to **James 2:10** (above), are you guilty? On the day of judgment, if God is lenient and judges you only by these ten commands (instead of all the laws in the Bible), will you be guilty or innocent?

- Guilty. I have broken the law of God.
- Innocent. I have obeyed these ten laws all throughout my life.
- I don’t know.

Recap of the Lesson :

- There are many laws, but The Ten Commandments are well known.
- No one honest can say that they have always kept The Ten Commandments.
- Those who break the law of God are guilty before Him and will not enter eternal life, but will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

**But don’t stop now!
Good news is on the way!
Move to the next lesson!**

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 5: God's Wish for You

Romans 1:18—For the wrath [extreme anger] of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

1. According to **Romans 1:18**, what is God extremely angry about?

- About my ungodliness and unrighteousness.
- About everyone else's ungodliness and unrighteousness.
- Both of the above are true.

2 Peter 3:9—*The Lord is ... longsuffering (patient) to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

2. According to **2 Peter 3:9** (above), does the Lord want you to perish in Hell?

- Perhaps.
- No, He does not. He is angry at my sin, but still is patient with me.
- I'm not sure.

3. According to **2 Peter 3:9**, what must you do in order not to perish?

- I must go complete religious education.
- I must repent (turn from my own way).
- I'm not sure.

Ezekiel 33:11—*As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"*

4. According to **Ezekiel 33:11**, does God receive pleasure when sinners die?

- Yes, He can't wait to send sinners to Hell.
- No, not at all.
- I'm not sure.

5. According to **Ezekiel 33:11**, what must a sinner do in order to live?

- Turn from his own way (repent).
- Talk to a priest or pastor.
- I'm not sure.

1 Timothy 2:4—*God "will have [desires] all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth".*

6. According to **1 Timothy 2:4**, what is God's desire?

- That many people perish in the Lake of Fire.
- That all people be saved.
- I'm not sure.

Romans 2:4—*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

7. According to Romans 2:4, God is good. How is His goodness demonstrated to you?

- His goodness leads me to repentance (changing my path).
- His goodness lets me continue in my sinful path as long as I want.
- I'm not sure.

Acts 17:30—*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.*

8. According to **Acts 17:30**, who needs to repent?

- Criminals, murderers, kidnappers, and especially politicians.
- God has commanded all men everywhere to repent (that includes me).
- I don't know.

9. According to **Acts 17:30** (above), when is God commanding you to repent?

- He is commanding me to turn from my own way NOW.
- He may ask me to turn from my own way later.
- I'm not sure.

Isaiah 55:6-7—*Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

10. According to **Isaiah 55:6-7**, when will the Lord have mercy upon you?

- When I pay the sin tax.
- When I forsake my way and my thoughts, seek the Lord, and return to Him.
- I don't know.

11. According to **Isaiah 55:6-7** (above), when should you seek the Lord?

- Several days before I die.
- Now, while he may be found and while He is near.
- I don't know.

Acts 17:30-31—God “now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained” [Jesus].

12. According to **Acts 17:30-31**, why should you repent now?

- Because my friends have “found religion” and I want to, as well.
- Because I will be judged one day for sure—and only God knows when.
- I don’t know.

2 Corinthians 6:2—God says, “I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured [helped] thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

13. According to **2 Corinthians 6:2**, when is the best day of salvation?

- Behold, NOW!
- Later.
- I don’t know.

Recap of All Lessons:

- We will die one day because we have sinned.
- After death we will stand before God to give account of ourselves.
- We will be somewhere forever, either in eternal life or in the Lake of Fire.
- We can escape the Lake of Fire only if our names are written in the Book of Life in Heaven.
- We can know—even now—that we have eternal life.
- Noone is righteous because he has broken God’s law. Noone can say honestly that he has kept even The Ten Commandments.
- God is extremely angry at our sins.
- Consequently, everyone is separated from God (lost) and is guilty before Him.
- Everyone deserves Hell, but God does not want us to perish in Hell.
- We must turn from our ways (repent) to be saved.
- God is good and leads us to repentance.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 6: How Much Does God Love You?

John 3:16-17— *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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

1. According to **John 3:16-17** (above), whom does God love and desire to save?

- A specific group.
- The whole world.
- I'm not sure.

2. According to **John 3:16-17**, why did the Son of God (Jesus) come to the world?

- To save the world.
- To condemn the world.
- I'm not sure.

1 Timothy 1:15—*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

3. According to **1 Timothy 1:15**, whom did Christ Jesus come to save?

- Religious people.
- Sinners.
- I'm not sure.

Romans 5:8, 10—*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

4. According to **Romans 5:8, 10**, what is so surprising about God’s love for us?

- Jesus Christ died for us when we were His friends.
- Jesus Christ died for us when we were His enemies!
- I’m not sure.

Hebrews 9:22—*Without shedding of blood is no remission [cancellation of sins].*

5. According to **Hebrews 9:22**, can your sins be forgiven or “cancelled” without the shedding of blood?

- Absolutely not.
- Perhaps.
- I’m not sure.

Hebrews 10:4—*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

1 John 1:7—*The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

6. According to **Hebrews 10:4** and **1 John 1:7**, whose blood can cleanse you from all your sin?

- The blood of animal sacrifices.
- Only the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son.
- I’m not sure.

John 1:29—*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

7. According to **John 1:29**, what is Jesus called and what does He do?

- He is called the Lamb of God and He takes away the sin of the world.
- He is called John and He preaches well.
- I'm not sure.

2 Corinthians 5:21—*For he hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

8. According to **2 Corinthians 5:21**, what did Jesus become for you?

- He was made sin, that I might be made righteous.
- He was made a sinner.
- I'm not sure.

Galatians 3:13—*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.*

9. According to **Galatians 3:13**, what was Jesus made for you?

- We was made a curse for me, so that I would not have to be cursed.
- I'm not sure.

1 Peter 3:18—*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*

10. According to **1 Peter 3:18**, what was Jesus made for you?

- He was made to be my substitute, suffering in my place.
- He was made to be a martyr—a touching historical figure.
- I'm not sure.

Isaiah 53:5-6—Jesus “*was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*”

11. According to **Isaiah 53:5-6**, why was Jesus bruised and wounded? Why was He crucified?

- Because of my transgressions and iniquities (sins).
- Because His enemies were more powerful than He.
- I don't know why.

Ephesians 2:13-14—*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace.*

12. According to **Ephesians 2:13-14**, how can you get near to God and have peace with Him?

- By the blood of Christ.
- Through my efforts to be a better person.
- I'm not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- God loves us and wants us to be saved from eternal punishment and from the consequences of sin.
- We cannot be saved without the shedding of blood, that is, sin must absolutely be paid for.
- Jesus was sacrificed in our place, as our substitute. He shed His blood and suffered our punishment.
- Only Jesus can take away our sins and appease God's wrath, making peace between us and God.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 7: Being Born Again

John 3:1-7—*There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, “Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”*

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.”

Nicodemus saith unto him, “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?”

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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

1. According to **John 3:1-7** (above), do you think Nicodemus understood the concept of being “born again”?

- Yes, he understood immediately that Jesus was talking about spiritual birth.
- No, he didn't understand; he thought that being “born again” was being born again from his mother's womb!
- I'm not sure.

2. According to **John 3:1-7**, what must happen for you to see the kingdom of God?

- I must be born again—not physically, but from the Holy Spirit.
- I must go to church every Sunday.
- I'm not sure.

3. According to the words of Jesus in **John 3:1-7**, is the new birth a requirement if someone wants to go to Heaven?

- Yes, it's absolutely necessary.
- No, there are many ways to Heaven.
- I'm not sure.

John 8:44—*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.*

1 John 3:10—*In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil.*

4. According to **John 8:44** and **1 John 3:10** (above), two families (with two fathers) are mentioned. What are they?

- The family of the devil and the family of God.
- I'm not sure.

John 1:12-13— *But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

5. According to **John 1:12-13**, are all people the children of God automatically, or must you BECOME a child of God?

- We are all God's children from the moment of our physical birth.
- No, the Bible says we must BECOME children of God.
- I'm not sure.

6. According to **John 1:12-13**, how do you BECOME a child of God?

- By being born in a good religious family.
- By receiving Jesus personally and believing on His name.
- I'm not sure.

7. According to **John 1:12-13**, what or who gives you the right to become a child of God?

- My blood line (my family heritage).
- My willpower and human efforts.
- God Himself.
- I'm not sure.

1 Peter 1:3—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

8. According to **1 Peter 1:3**, how does God “beget us again” (make us “born again”)?

- According to His abundant mercy.
- By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Both are correct.

John 3:16—*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

9. When children are born, they receive “mortal” or expiring life, because they will all die one day. According to **John 3:16** (above), what kind of life do you get when you are “born of God”?

- Eternal life.
- Better life.
- I’m not sure.

Luke 10:20—*Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*
Philippians 4:3—*And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.*

10. When a child is born, his name is registered in official books of the state. According to **Luke 10:20** and **Philippians 4:3**, where are the names of those “born of God” registered?

- They get registered in church.
- They get registered in the “Book of Life” in Heaven!
- I’m not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- There are two spiritual families: the family of the devil and the family of God.
- No one can enter the family of God by his own will or on the basis of his earthly family, but must be reborn by the Spirit of God.
- If someone is not born again, he cannot go to Heaven.
- We can be born again when we receive Jesus, believing on His name for our salvation.
- Those who are born again receive eternal life. Their names are written in the Book of Life.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 8: Believe on Jesus Christ and the Gospel

John 14:6—*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

1. According to **John 14:6**, how many ways are there to go to the Father?

- There is only one way: Jesus.
- There are many ways, the important thing is to believe in God.
- I'm not sure.

1 Timothy 2:5—*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

2. According to **1 Timothy 2:5**, who is the mediator between you and God?

- Of the following: Jesus, Mary, St. Peter, my priest, my rabbi, my imam, my pastor, or my bank account.
- Only Jesus.
- I'm not sure.

Acts 4:12—*Neither is there salvation in any other [than Jesus]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

3. According to **Acts 4:12**, can you be saved apart from Jesus?

- No, I can only be saved through Jesus.
- Yes, I think I can be saved through someone or something else.
- I'm not sure.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11— *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

4. According to **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**, how can unrighteous people be washed, sanctified, and justified?

- In the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God.
- With a lot of counseling and effort.
- I'm not sure.

John 6:47—Jesus said: *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”*

5. According to **John 6:47**, what must you do to have eternal life?

- I must pray five times or more each day.
- I must believe on Jesus.
- I'm not sure.

John 11:25-26— *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

6. According to **John 11:25-26**, what must you do in order to live forever?

- I need to become a pastor, nun, monk, or priest.
- I need to believe in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life.
- I'm not sure.

Acts 16:30-31—*And brought them out, and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

7. According to **Acts 16:30-31** (above), what must you do to be saved?

- I need to confess my sins to a priest.
- I need to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (my whole family needs to do this!).
- I’m not sure.

Ephesians 2:8-9—*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

8. According to **Ephesians 2:8-9**, we are saved by the gift of God’s grace. But how do we actually receive the gift of salvation from sin and Hell?

- Through my good works.
- Through faith.
- I’m not sure.

Mark 1:14-15—*Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

9. According to **Mark 1:14-15**, what must you do since “the kingdom of God is at hand”?

- I should fast.
- I must repent (turn from my thoughts and ways) and believe the Gospel.
- I’m not sure.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4—*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

10. According to **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**, we can be saved by believing the Gospel. What exactly is “the Gospel” that we must believe?

- That Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again!
- I’m not sure.

Romans 1:16—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.*

11. According to **Romans 1:16**, why should you not be ashamed of the Gospel?

- Because the Gospel is modern and popular.
- Because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation from sin and the Lake of Fire.
- I’m not sure.

John 3:18—*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

12. According to **John 3:18**, when do people who don’t believe on Jesus become condemned?

- They are condemned already.
- Later.
- I’m not sure.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10—*When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.*

13. According to **1 Thessalonians 1:7-10**, what will happen to those who do not obey the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

- Nothing. It's no big deal if I don't obey the Gospel.
- Jesus will take vengeance upon me in flaming fire. I will be punished with everlasting destruction and will be forever away from God's presence and glory.
- I'm not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- Jesus is the only Savior. Without Him, there is no salvation.
- We are not saved from sin and Hell through our own good works, but through faith in the Gospel of Christ.
- “The Gospel” is that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again from the dead. The Gospel is the power of God which saves us.
- In order to be saved, we must repent and believe on Jesus, especially His death, burial, and resurrection.
- If we do not obey this Gospel in this life, we will be separated from God forever, and eternally punished.
- Those who do not believe this are already condemned.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 9: True Faith

Romans 3:20, 28— *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin ... therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law*

1. According to **Romans 3:20, 28**, what do you think?

- I can be justified by the works of the law.
- I can only be justified by faith.
- I'm not sure.

Ephesians 2:8-10—*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

2. According to **Ephesians 2:8-10**, what do you think?

- I can be saved on the basis of my good works.
- I can be saved only through faith, but I am saved for the purpose of doing good works (“walking in good works”).
- I'm not sure.

James 2:14-17— *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

3. According to **James 2:14-17** (above), there are two kinds of faith. What are they?

- Faith which is accompanied by works and faith which has no works.
- Faith which profits and faith which doesn't profit.
- Living faith and dead faith.
- Faith which saved and faith which does not save.
- All of the above.

James 2:18—*Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*

4. According to **James 2:18**, how is true faith shown?

- By a person's words.
- By a person's works.
- I'm not sure.

James 2:19-20—*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

5. According to **James 2:19-20**, is it enough to believe that there is one God and to tremble in fear of God?

- Yes, that's enough. You can go to Heaven that way.
- No, that's not enough, because the devils do those things and are condemned. I must have living faith, not dead faith.
- I'm not sure.

6. According to **James 2:19-20**, is it possible for someone to believe intellectually in the existence, power and works of God, without believing from your heart so that God can take charge of your life?

- Yes, it's possible, since the demons believe!
- No, it's impossible.
- I'm not sure.

Mark 7:6-7— *He answered and said unto them, “Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.’ Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*

7. According to **Mark 7:6-7**, do you think it’s possible for you to say you believe, without really believing in your heart?

- It is totally possible!
- It is impossible.
- I don’t know

Matthew 7:21-23—Jesus said: *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I profess unto them, ‘I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’”*

8. According to **Matthew 7:21-23**, is it possible to be very religious, to go to church, to speak often about Jesus, but still be far from Him and unsaved?

- It is indeed possible!
- It is not possible.
- I don’t know.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10—*For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

9. According to **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10**, why did the Thessalonians turn from idols?

- To serve the living and true God.
- To secure fame and riches.
- I’m not sure.

2 Corinthians 5:17—*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

10. According to **2 Corinthians 5:17**, what will happen if you repent and believe on Jesus with all your heart?

- My life will be the same, more or less.
- My life will change completely, because I will become a “new creature.”
- I’m not sure.

Luke 6:44—*For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.*

Ephesians 5:8-9—*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth).*

11. According to **Luke 6:44** and **Ephesians 5:8-9**, what serves as evidence that someone is in the light?

- The person’s words.
- The person’s “fruit.”
- I’m not sure.

Luke 9:23-24—*And he [Jesus] said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.*

12. According to **Luke 9:23-24**, how should you follow Jesus?

- With dreams of an easier and more lucrative life on earth.
- With great commitment, denying myself and “losing” my life for Jesus’ sake.
- I’m not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- We can be saved only through living faith in Jesus, but we can't be saved through dead faith.
- Anyone can say that they believe in Jesus, but the proof is in a changed life that does good works for the glory of God.
- Our good works are not the condition to be saved, but the evidence and fruit of true salvation:
 - Not: "Faith + Fruit = Eternal Life"
 - But: "Faith = Eternal Life + Fruit"
- The reason God saves us is in order to serve Him!
- When someone believes on Jesus, he will follow Him with commitment!

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 10: Do Not Be Ashamed!

Romans 10:11—*For the scripture saith, “Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”*

1. According to **Romans 10:11**, when you believe on Jesus with all your heart, will you be ashamed of Him? Will you believe secretly?

- Yes.
- No.
- I don't know.

Acts 4:18-20—*And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*

2. According to **Acts 4:18-20**, should true believers be quiet about what has happened to them?

- Yes, it's better to keep our faith quiet—it's a personal matter.
- No, it's impossible to not speak about Jesus, since He has done so much for us!
- I don't know.

John 1:40-42—*One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.*

3. What did Andrew do right after his decision to follow Jesus?

- He turned his back on his family.
- He found his brother and took him to Jesus.
- I don't know.

John 1:43-45—*The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.*

4. What did Philip do right after his decision to follow Jesus?

- He turned his back on his friends.
- He found a friend and told him about Jesus.
- I don't know.

Acts 17:32-34—*And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed.*

5. According to **Acts 17:32-34**, how do people react when they hear about the death and resurrection of Jesus?

- Some mock, some want to hear more later, and some believe and join the other believers.
- Everyone listens and believes.
- I don't know.

Matthew 10:32-33—*Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."*

6. If you decide not to confess Jesus publicly, but deny Jesus publicly, what does Jesus say about you?

- No problem—God will understand how I am affected by peer-pressure.
- Jesus will deny me before the Father.
- I don't know.

Matthew 10:34-37—Jesus continued, “*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*”

7. According to **Matthew 10:34-37**, is it possible that your family will disapprove of your decision to turn to Jesus?

- No, that's impossible.
- Yes, that's possible! In fact, many people may resent my decision to follow Jesus. But I should love Jesus more than anyone else, including my family.
- I don't know.

1 Corinthians 1:18—*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

8. According to **1 Corinthians 1:18**, why would unbelievers be so opposed to your decision to believe on Jesus?

- Because the preaching of the cross is foolish.
- Because the preaching of the cross seems foolish to them.
- I'm not sure.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4—*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world [the devil] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

9. According to **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**, why can't unbelievers understand that the preaching of the cross is the power of God?

- Because they are blinded by the devil and need the light of the Gospel.
- Because God doesn't want them to understand.
- I'm not sure.

John 15:20—Jesus said: “Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”

2 Timothy 3:12—Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

1 Peter 3:17-18—For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins.

10. According to the Bible verses above, is it possible to suffer when you begin to believe on Jesus and live a life of godliness?

- No, everyone will be happy about my new lifestyle.
- Yes, the Bible assures me of this.
- I'm not sure.

Matthew 5:11-12— *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

11. According to **Matthew 5:11-12**, how should you respond if someone mocks you and persecutes you because of your faith in Jesus?

- I should go back to my old ways and fall away from God.
- I should rejoice, because I will be rewarded in Heaven for this.
- I'm not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- True faith in Christ should not be hidden or ashamed, but with a desire to share my faith with others, especially my family and friends.
- People react differently to the Gospel—some accept, some mock, and some will listen again later.
- Some people persecute believers, because they are still spiritually blind and see the preaching of the cross as foolishness (and threatening).
- Consequently, believers will suffer for Jesus and for righteousness, but will be rewarded in Heaven.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 11: Can I Receive Eternal Life Now, or Later?

1 John 5:13—*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.*

1. According to **1 John 5:13** (above), can you know that you have eternal life?

- Yes, the Bible says I can know—and I want to know!
- No, no one can know for sure in this life.
- I'm not sure.

John 5:24—Jesus said: “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*”

2. According to **John 5:24**, when someone believes in God according to Jesus’ word, he “is passed from death unto life.” Does this sound like a finished work?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

Ephesians 2:5—*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).*

3. In **Ephesians 2:5**, notice the expressions “hath quickened us” and “ye are saved.” What do you think?

- Salvation is something that has already happened.
- Salvation is something that can only happen someday in the future.
- I'm not sure.

Ephesians 2:13—*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

4. In **Ephesians 2:13**, do the expressions “now, in Christ Jesus” and “are made nigh” refer to an experience that has already happened?

- No.
- Yes.
- I’m not sure.

1 John 3:2 —*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

5. **1 John 3:2** says: “now are we the sons of God”. Is this a present reality or is it a future event?

- A present reality.
- A future event.
- I’m not sure.

Ephesians 5:8—*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.*

1 Peter 2:9-10—*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

6. The above verses talk about passing from darkness into light. What do you think?

- I can pass from darkness into light only later in eternity.
- I can pass from darkness into light even now, right here on earth.
- I’m not sure.

Recap of the Lesson:

- We can know that we have eternal life now in this life.
- We can draw near to God through the blood of Jesus, right now in this life.
- We can become the children of God, right now in this life.
- We can pass from darkness into light, right now in this life.

What Does The Bible Say About Eternal Life?
Lesson 12: What Must I Do To Be Saved?

James 4:6-7—*God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God.*

Luke 18:11-14—*The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

1. According to verses above, must you be proud or humble in order to be saved?

- I must be proud.
- I must humble myself and beg for God's mercy, like this publican.
- I'm not sure.

Romans 3:12, 23—*They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one ... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

James 2:10—*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

1 John 1:8—*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

2. Read the above verses. Do you confess that you are a sinner and guilty before God?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

Matthew 10:28—*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

3. Read the verse above. Do you fear God, who is able to send you to Hell because of your sin?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

Matthew 11:28-30—Jesus said: *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

3. Do you feel burdened and weary from your sin and from this world? Does your soul desire rest?

- Yes.
- No.
- I'm not sure.

4. According to **Matthew 11:28-30** (above), what does Jesus require if you desire His rest from your burden of sin?

- Jesus requires me to stay where I am.
- Jesus requires me to COME to Him.
- I'm not sure.

Isaiah 55:7—*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

5. Read the verse above. Are you ready to repent, that is, to forsake your way and thoughts, and to return to the Lord?

- Yes, I am ready right now.
- No, I cherish my sins too much and can't forsake them.
- I'm not sure.

John 3:16—*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

6. Read **John 3:16** (above). Do you believe in the Son of God, Jesus? Do you believe that He died for you and was resurrected? Do you believe that you can receive eternal life only through Him?

- Yes, I believe these things with all my heart.
- No, I need to think about it some more.
- I'm not sure.

Romans 10:8-13— *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed ... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

7. Twice in the verses above, we read the phrase “shall be saved.” According to **Romans 10:8-13**, what specifically must you do to be saved?

- I must confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, believe in my heart that Jesus was resurrected, and I must also call upon the name of the Lord. Three things: confess, believe, and call out!
- I'm not sure.

8. According to **Romans 10:8-13** (above), “*the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart.*” Do you desire to be saved today, even now?

No, I don't want to be saved now.

Yes, I can't resist the Lord Jesus for one more moment! I want Him to save me right now!

If you have said YES, you can call out to the Lord Jesus right now. You can speak with Him and He will hear. You can pray in your own words or pray the “sinner's prayer” written below:

O God, be merciful to me a sinner!

I am lost.

I confess that I have broken your laws; I'm so far from you!

But, oh, how weary I am from the burden of my sin! I want to be forgiven! I don't want to be afraid of death and Hell anymore.

I don't have the power to change myself, but I know you can change me.

Today I confess the Lord Jesus Christ—and I'm not ashamed of Him!

Today I believe with all my heart that Jesus died for my sins, was buried and arose from the dead with great power. I believe He shed His blood as my substitute.

I call out with all my heart, begging you to save me!

I humble my heart before you and ask you—please give me eternal life, please receive me into your family, so I can be with you forever!

Thank you! Amen.