



“The Pilgrim’s Progress” An Introduction

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Colossians 1:28

John Bunyan – a non-conformist preacher in the late 1600's in England. He was saved as an adult and began to preach the gospel without the authorization of the Anglican church. He was imprisoned for a total of 10-13 years for his unwillingness to conform to the apostate Anglican church. Two books which influenced him during his time in jail were his *Bible* and *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*.

Pilgrim’s Progress – A book about the salvation, sanctification & glorification of a sinner. It was written in the form of an allegory which depicted a man traveling from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

Pilgrim’s Journey – from this world to heaven. Here is a walk through the chapters of *The Pilgrim’s Progress* with the main lesson contained in each chapter.

Salvation – *Lessons Along the Path to Salvation*

1. City of Destruction – fleeing my sinful condition
2. Obstinate & Pliable – discouragement from others
3. Christian & Pliable – phoney “Christian” goes along for awhile
4. Slough of Despond – sin viewed too heavily
5. Worldly-Wiseman – sin viewed too lightly
6. Town of Morality – can moral living save me?
7. Wicket-gate – gate entrance to salvation
8. House of the Interpreter – ministry of the Holy Spirit
9. Place of Deliverance – deliverance from burden of sin at Calvary

Christian Life – *Lessons Between Salvation and Heaven*

10. Simple, Sloth & Presumption – soul-winning effort fails (unconcern)
11. Formalist & Hypocrisy – soul-winning effort fails (try a different way)
12. Hill Difficulty – Christian life is difficult
13. Timorous & Mistrust – assurance of salvation lost

14. Lion-sized Opposition – opposition when joining a church
15. Palace Beautiful – a beautiful church family
16. Valley of Humiliation & Apollyon – conquered by pride
17. Valley of the Shadow of Death – defeated by despair; Christianity's enemies (pagan & pope – Islam & Catholicism)

18. Faithful – a friend for the journey
19. Talkative – professing, but not saved, “Christian”
20. Evangelist – visiting with their pastor
21. Vanity Fair – the world is a place of entertaining worldliness; Faithful martyred, Christian meets a new friend (Hopeful)
22. Mr. By-Ends – a self-centered hypocrite seeks acceptance
23. Silver Mine at Hill Lucre – for the love of money
24. Monument to Lot's Wife – a reminder of ignoring God's instructions
25. Giant Despair & Doubting Castle – so easy to stray, hard to return

26. Delectable Mountains – a refreshing church family
27. Ignorance – witnessing to someone with no knowledge of salvation
28. Turn-Away from Town of Apostasy – watching an apostate go to hell
29. Little-Faith – encounter with a defeated Christian
30. Snared by Flatterer – flattery leads to spiritual pride and entrapment
31. Atheist – meeting an open mocker of religion

32. Enchanted Ground – so close to heaven yet the drowsy soul ceases to watch and be vigilant
33. Beulah Land – sweet peace & confidence at the doorstep of heaven
34. River of Death – dealing with the struggle of death

35. Welcomed into Heaven – home at last!
36. End of Ignorance – sad sight of going to hell from the gate of heaven



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