

AN 8-PART DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Inquirers' Bible Course

Discover the truth about God, about Jesus,
and about you.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

Open your Bible. Look up the verses. Fill in the blanks. Ask the big questions.

Welcome!

Everyone has big questions: *Is there a God? Who is Jesus? What happens when we die? What is my life for?* This short course lets the Bible answer them for itself. There are eight studies. Take them one at a time, at your own pace.

1

READ

Work through the study and look up each verse in your own Bible.

2

FILL IN

Complete the blanks and write your answers in the spaces provided.

3

SUBMIT

Hand in your completed pages to receive the next study.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Get a Bible. We recommend the King James Version (also called the Authorised Version); the verses in this course are quoted from it.

Learn to read a Bible reference. Every book is divided into chapters, and every chapter into verses. **Genesis 1:1** means the book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1. The next verse is **Genesis 1:2**. A range such as **John 3:16-18** means verses 16 to 18.

What you will discover

1	Where Is the Truth Found? Why the Bible is the book you can trust
2	Knowing God Who God is, and what He is like
3	Jesus Christ: God and Man The identity and work of Jesus
4	The Life of Jesus Christ Prophecies, claims, miracles and promises
5	The Death of Jesus Christ Why He lived in order to die
6	The Resurrection of Jesus Christ The evidence that He is alive
7	The Necessity of Salvation Why we need to be rescued
8	Turning to Christ for Salvation How to respond today

1

STUDY 1 OF 8

Where Is the Truth Found?

The search for truth

The Search for Truth

The quest for truth has sometimes been called an endless quest. For hundreds of years, philosophers have been seeking the truth and have made many impressive observations, but have not found it. Someone has said, "The truth is really an ambition which is beyond us." Some even doubt that it exists at all, and would say, as Pontius Pilate said with indifference, "What is truth?" (John 18:38).

Thankfully, the truth we need has been revealed to us by God. God wants you to know it, because it is vital for both the present life and the next. It is the truth you need to make sense of your existence here, and to make good use of your life.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

— Matthew 7:7

"Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"

— Job 11:7

The truth you need cannot be found in philosophy, natural science or transcendental meditation. These may contain some facets of the truth, but they are insufficient to show you truths about God and His purpose for your life. God has revealed these things by writing them in a book called **the Bible**.



What Is the Bible?

66

books

40

writers inspired by God

1,600

years of writing (1500 B.C. – A.D. 100)

24,000+

New Testament manuscripts

2,000+

languages translated into

187

prophecies already fulfilled

1. It consists of **sixty-six books** written over a time span of 1,600 years (1500 B.C. – A.D. 100) by about forty writers who were inspired by God, its real Author.
2. It is divided into two parts:
 - a. **The Old Testament** – the first 39 books, which describe the origin of man, his need for a Saviour, and prophecies about His first coming. Most of it was originally written in Hebrew, with

some small portions in Aramaic.

- b. The New Testament** – the 27 books written about 400 years after the Old Testament was completed. They describe the life, teaching and purpose of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, at His first coming, His relevance to life, and prophecies about His second coming. It was written entirely in Greek.

II

How Was the Bible Written?

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

— 2 Timothy 3:16,17

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

— 2 Peter 1:21

- 1. A unique process.** The Spirit of God (also known as “the Holy Ghost”) came upon a human writer and moved him so that every word he wrote was from God. The Bible therefore does not consist of the ideas, opinions, beliefs and thoughts of mere men.
- 2. One consistent message.** Every part of the Bible was written by God through this same process working in 40 different writers from different backgrounds. The result is that every part is in full agreement with the other parts, from beginning to end.
- 3. No mistakes.** Since every word was from God, and God never makes a mistake, there are no errors in the Bible. Neither would God allow misleading or false information such as myths and legends in His book. You can trust completely in every word of it.
- 4. Six more evidences of God's authorship:**
 - a.** The Old Testament refers to itself as “the Word of God” 3,808 times and the New Testament, 525 times.
 - b.** There are about 187 prophecies in the Bible that have already been fulfilled. Some even predicted what name an individual would be given, hundreds of years before his birth.
 - c.** There are 180 recorded miracles in the Bible, including six instances when the dead were brought back to life.
 - d.** In the Old Testament alone there are at least 80 historical events corroborated by recently-discovered archaeological evidence. The Bible has been shown to be accurate in recording historical events, with no embellishments or exaggerated figures.
 - e.** The Bible has more ancient manuscript evidence than any ten pieces of classical literature combined – over 24,000 for the New Testament alone. Studies of manuscripts more than 2,000 years old show that the Bible has remained virtually unchanged since it was first written.
 - f.** Despite many campaigns since ancient times to destroy every copy of the Bible or distort its message, it has survived intact and is the most widely distributed and translated book in the world, available in over 2,000 languages.

5. These are the amazing things we would expect from a book written entirely by God.

III Is the Bible Complete?

1. Some have claimed that God still continues to write new books, and that these should be added to the Bible, or even replace it.
2. But God Himself declared the Bible complete when He wrote the last book, about A.D. 96:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

— Revelation 22:18

3. The Bibles used in the Catholic church today have more than 66 books. The extra books, known as the Apocrypha, were included only within the last 400 years. They were not written by God and have no authority. The early church of the 1st to 3rd centuries A.D. declared that only the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments were to be received as the Word of God.
4. The only books that can become outdated and need replacement are books written by men. Unlike men, God is eternal and never changes, and the same must be true of the Bible He wrote. What He has written remains forever the same.

THE BIG PICTURE

- The Bible is worthy to be read, studied and believed as the truth from God Himself.
- The Bible is all you need in order to know all that God wants you to know.
- The Bible should be the most important book to you. It gives you the answers to life's questions.

Your Turn

Fill in the blanks after reading the study:

1. The Old Testament has _____ books, while the New Testament has _____ books.
2. The Bible has been shown to be fully _____ in its recording of historical events.
3. The Bible was completed at about the year A.D. _____.

1. If the whole truth of God is found only in the Bible, how should you regard it?

2. How should you regard all other books, in relation to the Bible?

3. Read each verse below and describe in your own words what it says about the way you should regard the Bible.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." **Psalm 119:105**

"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." **Deuteronomy 8:3**

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." **John 17:17**

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." **Romans 10:17**

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." **Matthew 24:35**



Your Next Step

- [] Complete this study and submit it to receive Study 2 – "Knowing God".
- [] Obtain a King James Version Bible for all future studies.
- [] Flip through your Bible. Notice the books, chapters and verses, and find Genesis 1:1.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

Psalm 19:1 (learn this for Study 2)

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 2: "Knowing God"

2

STUDY 2 OF 8

Knowing God

There is no knowledge greater than this

There is no knowledge that is greater than knowing God. Every man, woman and child has a basic need to know God personally, and God has made this possible by revealing Himself to us through the Bible. Those who sincerely seek to know God by reading the Bible will find Him. However, God is so great and infinite that He cannot be fully known in this present life. From the moment we begin to know God we have only started on a never-ending but ever-growing knowledge of God for eternity.

This increasing knowledge brings us into fellowship with Him, and gives rise to love for Him and obedience to Him. This is the purpose God intended for us when He created us:

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”

— John 17:3

“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”

— Jeremiah 9:23,24

I How Do We Know That God Exists?

1. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. It simply assumes it: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)
2. The existence of God is obvious to all who will listen to the testimony of creation: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)
3. Only fools refuse to believe that God exists: “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” (Psalm 14:1)
4. Many who do believe in God’s existence do not have the right ideas about Him. Some believe that:
 - a. God is an impersonal force.
 - b. God is in everything, and every person is a part of God.
 - c. There are many gods.
 - d. God has left us without any way of knowing Him.
 - e. God is found in a statue, a rock or a tree.
5. In the Bible, God Himself tells us what He is. **Look up each verse and fill in the blanks:**
 - a. **John 4:24** – God is a _____.

- b. **Job 11:7-9** – The knowledge of God is as _____ as heaven, _____ than hell, _____ than the earth, and _____ than the sea. This means that He is **infinite**.
- c. **Psalms 90:2** – God has been in existence from _____ to _____. This means that He is **eternal**.
- d. **James 1:17** – With God is no _____, neither shadow of _____. This means that He **does not change**.
- e. **Exodus 3:14** – God said, “_____ that _____.” This refers to His eternal being.
- f. **Psalms 147:5** – Great is our Lord, and of _____: His _____ is infinite. These attributes are sometimes called His **omnipotence** and **omniscience** respectively.
- g. **Revelation 15:4** – Only God is _____. His _____ are made manifest. This means that God never does any wrong or evil (which we call “sin”) and must punish those who do.
- h. **Exodus 34:6** – God is _____ and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in _____ and _____.
- i. **Deuteronomy 6:4** – The Lord our God is _____ Lord.
- j. **Jeremiah 10:10** – The LORD is the _____ God, He is the _____ God.
- k. **Matthew 28:19** – Baptism is done in the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____. This means there are _____ persons within the Godhead, not three gods.

6. All the above may be summarised as follows:

WHO IS GOD?

- God is a **Spirit**, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.
- There is but **one only**, the living and true God.
- There are **three persons** in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

7. **Coming up:** in our later studies you will find out that God:

- a. Created you in His image and for His own pleasure.
- b. Cannot allow you to spend eternity in heaven because He cannot tolerate your sins.
- c. Loves sinners so much that He became a man in order to save them from their sins.
- d. Commands you to be saved, so that you may spend eternity with Him in heaven.



Your Next Step

- [] Complete the blanks in this study and submit it to receive Study 3 – “Jesus Christ: God and Man”.
- [] Memorise the verse below. Repeat it aloud a few times until you can say it from memory.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.”

Psalm 19:1

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 3: “Jesus Christ: God and Man”

3

STUDY 3 OF 8

Jesus Christ: God and Man

Fully God. Fully man.

I

The Identity of Jesus Christ

Who is Jesus Christ? Some people think He was just a Jewish carpenter who lived about 2,000 years ago. Others think He was a rebel who was executed for opposing the religious authorities of His time. Yet others regard Him only as a great prophet and teacher of moral truths. But what matters most is not what people think of Jesus Christ, but what the Bible reveals about Him.

1. Look up the following verses and fill in the blanks:

- a. **Isaiah 9:6** – Jesus, whose birth into this world is foretold here, is called “The mighty _____.”
- b. **Philippians 2:5-8** – Before Jesus came into this world as a man, He was in the form of _____.
- c. **1 Timothy 3:16** – Great is the mystery of godliness: _____ was manifested in the flesh.
- d. **John 1:1-3** – Jesus, referred to here as “the Word,” was with God in the beginning and was _____. All things were _____ by Him.
- e. **John 8:56-58** – Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, _____.” This is the same way God identified Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14 (see Study 2).
- f. **John 10:30-33** – Jesus said, “_____.” The Jews then wanted to stone Him because they understood He was claiming to be _____.
- g. **John 14:8-10** – Jesus said that anyone who sees Him sees the _____.

2. Summarise what these verses tell you about who Jesus is, in your own words:

3. Some have objected that God could never become a man like us. **How do we know Jesus was a real man**, and not just God in a visible form, or an angel?

- a. **Hebrews 2:14-17** – Forasmuch as the children are partakers of _____ and _____, He also Himself likewise _____ of the same. He took not on Him the nature of _____, but the _____ of _____.
- b. **John 4:6,7** – Jesus was _____ with His journey, and asked a woman of Samaria for a _____.
- c. **Matthew 4:2** – After fasting for 40 days, Jesus was _____.

d. **Matthew 8:24** – Jesus was _____ in the boat.

THE CONCLUSION

From these verses it becomes clear that Jesus was not half God and half man, but **fully God and fully man**.

II The Work of Jesus Christ

Since Jesus is both God and man, He is able to do the following:

- a. **Be God's perfect revelation of Himself to us.** In John 14:6 He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."
- b. **Be our perfect representative before God.** He can act fully on our behalf. According to 1 John 2:1, "... if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
 - i. He has **taken the punishment** for our sins on our behalf: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18)
 - ii. He has also **lived a sinless, righteous and holy life** on our behalf: "For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21; see also John 8:46, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5.)

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

— 1 Timothy 2:5

This work of revealing God to man and representing man before God is the work of Jesus Christ as our **Mediator**. The result is that Jesus Christ **reconciles** sinners to God:

"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."

— Romans 5:10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Through His death on your behalf, you can have **forgiveness of all your sins**. Through His perfect, sinless life, you can be regarded as righteous and holy enough to fellowship with God. Through Him, it is now possible for you to **know God personally**!



Your Next Step

- [] Complete the blanks in this study and submit it to receive Study 4 – “The Life of Jesus Christ”.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 4: “The Life of Jesus Christ”

4

STUDY 4 OF 8

The Life of Jesus Christ

Prophecies, claims, miracles and promises

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin in Bethlehem. His birth was honoured by shepherds, angels and wise men, but soon after, His mother and foster father took Him to Egypt to escape the wicked attempt of the king of Israel to have Him killed. When this king died, He was brought to the town of Nazareth, where He grew up.

He probably lived as a carpenter until the age of thirty, when He was inaugurated as the long-expected Messiah. He then journeyed through Israel, confirming His identity by His miracles and teachings. At the same time, He prepared a group of twelve men to continue His work after He left this world.

He submitted Himself to become the victim of a cruel plot in which He was arrested, falsely charged, unjustly sentenced and then executed by being nailed to a wooden cross, suffering a most excruciating death. Although He was securely buried, He emerged alive and well after three days, just as He had predicted. He then went back to heaven, promising to return to this world one day.

The life of Christ can be studied from several aspects:

I Prophecies About His Life

Look up each verse in your Bible and write down the aspect of Christ's life that was prophesied.

Isaiah 7:14 – (about 700 B.C.) → fulfilled in Matthew 1:18,23

Micah 5:2 – (about 700 B.C.) → fulfilled in Matthew 2:1,6

Hosea 11:1 – (about 710 B.C.) → fulfilled in Matthew 2:14,15

Zechariah 9:9 – (about 500 B.C.) → fulfilled in John 12:13,14

Psalms 41:9 – (about 1000 B.C.) → fulfilled in Mark 14:10

Psalms 22:1,7,8,16,18 – (about 1000 B.C.) → fulfilled in Matthew 27:46,43,35

Isaiah 53:4-6 – (about 700 B.C.) → fulfilled in 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24

Psalms 16:10 – (about 1000 B.C.) → fulfilled in Acts 2:31

These are only a few of the many prophecies in the Old Testament which Jesus fulfilled.

II

His Claims

Describe in your own words what claims Jesus made in each of these verses:

Matthew 28:18

John 14:6

Mark 13:31

Matthew 16:15-17

John 20:28,29

III

His Miracles

Give a short title to the miracle described in each set of verses:

Matthew 9:27-31

Luke 7:11-17

Luke 9:10-17

Matthew 8:23-27

John 6:16-21

IV

His Promises

What needs did Jesus promise to meet in these verses?

John 14:27

Matthew 11:28

John 10:10

IN SUMMARY

- His **life** fulfilled all the prophecies God had given about the coming Messiah and Saviour of the world.
- His **claims** were straightforward claims that no one could deny.
- His **miracles** were unprecedented and demonstrated His power over nature, men and spirits.
- His **promises** showed that He is the answer to man's need for life, peace and spiritual rest.

Now that you have studied the life of Jesus, it is up to you to respond to His question: **“Who do you say that I am?”**



Your Next Step

- [] Complete this study and submit it to receive Study 5 – “The Death of Jesus Christ”.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

John 14:6

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 5: “The Death of Jesus Christ”

5

STUDY 5 OF 8

The Death of Jesus Christ

He lived in order to die

I He Lived in Order to Die

Look up the following verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **Romans 8:3** – Jesus died in order to be an offering for _____.
2. **John 10:17,18** – No man took the life of Jesus away from Him. He laid it down of _____.
3. **Matthew 17:22,23** – Jesus told His disciples beforehand that He was going to be _____ into the hands of men, and they will _____ Him and He will be _____ on the third day.

THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus had the power to easily escape death if He had chosen to. But He came for the specific purpose of suffering a cruel death at the hands of men, in order that He might **take sin away**.

II The Events of His Death

Read: Matthew 26:36–27:54 · Mark 14:26–15:39 · Luke 22:39–23:47 · John 18:1–19:37

1. **The garden.** Just after His last supper with His disciples, Jesus went to a garden to pray. There He was arrested, having been betrayed by one of His disciples. Through the rest of the night He was mocked, blindfolded, beaten and treated with contempt. He was also put on trial and falsely accused of blasphemy.
2. **The trials.** The next morning the Jews brought Him to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, demanding His execution on the false charge of opposing the authority of the Roman empire. Pilate sent Him to king Herod, who mocked Him with sarcastic contempt before sending Him back. Pilate tried in vain to release Jesus because he could not justify executing Him, but in the end he gave in to the Jews' demands. He had Him scourged with whips, and ordered His crucifixion.
3. **The mockery.** The Roman soldiers stripped Him and mocked Him as 'king' by placing a 'crown' woven from thorns on His head. They spat on Him and beat Him on the head, then forced Him to carry a large wooden cross to Golgotha. Along the way He collapsed under its weight and someone was forced to help carry it.
4. **The cross.** Jesus was nailed to the cross at His wrists and feet, and raised up, so that His whole body was suspended by the nails for about six hours. Despite that, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). After He died, a soldier thrust a spear into His side.

III

The Love Revealed in His Death

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **Romans 5:7,8** – “For scarcely for a _____ will one die: yet peradventure for a _____ some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet _____, Christ died for us.”
2. **John 15:13** – “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man _____ for his friends.”
3. **1 John 4:10** – “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and _____ to be the propitiation for our sins.”

IV

The Results of His Death

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **Isaiah 53:4-6** – “Surely He hath borne _____, and carried _____: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for _____, He was bruised for _____: the chastisement of _____ was upon Him; and with His stripes _____ . All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the _____ of us all.”
2. **1 Peter 2:24** – Jesus “bare _____ in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should _____ unto righteousness.”
3. **Hebrews 10:10** – “By the which will we are _____ through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
4. **Hebrews 9:26** – “He appeared to _____ by the sacrifice of himself.”
5. **1 John 1:7** – “the blood of Jesus Christ his Son _____ from all sin.”
6. **Colossians 1:14** – “In whom we have _____ through His blood, even the _____ of sins.”
7. **Colossians 1:20** – “And, having _____ through the blood of His cross, by Him to _____ all things unto Himself.”

THE CONCLUSION

Christ, in His death, fully satisfied the demands of God's justice.



Your Next Step

- [] Complete the blanks in this study and submit it to receive Study 6 – “The Resurrection of Jesus Christ”.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 6: “The Resurrection of Jesus Christ”

6

STUDY 6 OF 8

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The central fact of Christianity

The resurrection is the central tenet of Christianity. Everything we believe stands or falls with it. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 that if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, then our faith is empty, we are still in our sins, and those who have died believing in Him have all perished. So important is Christ's resurrection in the whole of history that many scholars have debated it, and volumes of books have been written about it. Yet to this day, no one has been able to successfully disprove it.

A former chief justice of England, Lord Darling, said:

"In its favour as a living truth there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is true."

— Lord Darling

Let us study the facts and eyewitness accounts of the resurrection of Jesus.

I Jesus Was Dead and Buried

Some claim that Jesus only appeared to have risen, and that all that happened is that He fainted on the cross and was revived in the tomb. **Look up these verses and list the people who knew that Jesus had died:**

Mark 15:39

Luke 23:48,49

John 19:33,34

His body was taken down from the cross, bound with linen wrappings and embalming spices, and laid in a new tomb hewn out of rock. A large stone was rolled against the entrance. At the request of the Jewish authorities, Pilate gave orders for the tomb to be securely sealed and guarded, so that none of the disciples would be able to steal His body and then claim that Jesus had resurrected.

II

Jesus Was Raised from the Dead

1. Read Matthew 28:2-4 and 11-15 and describe what happened, in your own words:

2. Look up these verses and **list all the people who saw Jesus alive:**

John 20:14-18

Luke 24:13-33

John 20:26-31

Luke 24:34

John 20:19-20

1 Corinthians 15:6

Could all of them have been seeing a ghost? Why or why not?

3. Not surprisingly, the enemies of Jesus were silent and could not refute the fact that He had risen, because of:
- a. The evidence of His empty tomb and grave clothes.
 - b. Their inability to produce the dead body of Jesus to prove He was still dead.
 - c. The increasing number of eyewitnesses of the resurrected Jesus.
 - d. The new power and boldness seen in the formerly despondent disciples.
4. Forty days after He was resurrected, Jesus returned to the place of glory which He had in heaven from eternity. **God's love** was shown in the death of Jesus, **God's power** in His resurrection, and

God's glory in His ascension.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

— John 17:5

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

— Acts 1:9

III Why the Resurrection Matters

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57** – _____ is swallowed up in victory. . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our _____.
2. **2 Corinthians 4:14** – He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up _____ also by Jesus, and shall present _____ with you.
3. **Romans 6:5** – if we have been planted together in the _____ of His _____, we shall be also in the _____ of His _____.

IV What Is Jesus Doing Now?

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **John 14:2,3** – "In My Father's house are many _____. . . . I go to _____ for you."
2. **Romans 8:34** – "It is Christ . . . who also _____ for us."
3. **John 14:23** – "If a man love me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will _____ unto him, and _____ with him."



Your Next Step

- [] Complete the blanks in this study and submit it to receive Study 7 – “The Necessity of Salvation”.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“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.”

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 7: “The Necessity of Salvation”

7

STUDY 7 OF 8

The Necessity of Salvation

Why we need to be rescued

We need salvation because we are sinners. We are destined to suffer the punishment for all our sins in hell – a place of great eternal torment. We also need salvation from the present state of misery that sin has caused in our lives and in the world. But most of all, we need salvation from our state of **separation from God**, who is our creator and sustainer. To understand all this, we need to go back and see what happened at the very beginning...

I God's Perfect Creation

Look up the verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **Genesis 1:27** – “God created man in _____ image, in the image of _____ created He him; male and female created He them.”
2. **Genesis 1:31** – “And God saw every thing that He had _____, and, behold, it was _____.”
3. **Revelation 4:11** – “. . . Thou hast created all things, and for _____ they are and were created.”

Man was specially created in the image of God to fulfil a unique role that no other creature could: **to glorify God and to enjoy fellowship with Him forever**. To fulfil this role, man needs to:

- a. **Love God** – “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine _____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)
- b. **Be holy before God** – “Ye shall therefore be _____, for I am holy.” (Leviticus 11:45)
- c. **Glorify God by subduing His environment** – “Thou madest him to have _____ over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet.” (Psalm 8:6)

II Man's Persistent Rebellion

1. But man failed to fulfil this role. The first man and woman that God created disobeyed Him. **Romans 5:12** – “Wherefore, as by one man _____ into the world, and death by _____; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have _____.”
2. **Sin is disobeying God**, whether by:
 - a. Doing something God forbids (sins of commission), or by
 - b. Failing to do something God commands (sins of omission).
3. Because of this first sin, the whole human race became sinful. **Romans 3:23** – “For _____ have _____, and come short of the glory of God.”
4. **Name the sin** described in each of the following verses:

Genesis 4:8

Genesis 12:12,13

Judges 17:4,5

1 Kings 16:30-33

1 Kings 21:5,6

Matthew 5:22

Matthew 5:28

Matthew 6:5

5. Man sins abundantly against God in his thoughts, words and deeds. Instead of doing what pleases God, he does what pleases himself. This sinful nature is evident in every man, woman, boy and girl, even from birth:
- a. **Psalms 51:5** – “Behold, I was shapen in _____; and in _____ did my mother conceive me.”
 - b. **Ecclesiastes 7:20** – “For there is not a just man upon earth, that _____, and _____.”
 - c. **Romans 3:10-12** – “There is _____ righteous, no, _____: There is _____ that understandeth, there is _____ that seeketh after God. They are _____ gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is _____ that doeth good, no, _____.”

III**Sin's Awful Results**

1. Since God is holy and cannot tolerate sin, man is separated from God. Being separated from God, the source of his being and life, man becomes subject to physical and spiritual death: his body grows old and dies, and his spirit or soul spends eternity in hell.
2. **Hebrews 9:27** – “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the _____.”
3. **Mark 9:47,48** – “And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into _____: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”
4. **What judgment did sin bring** in each of these passages?

Genesis 6:13, 7:17-23

Genesis 18:20, 19:24,25

Exodus 11:5-7

Leviticus 10:1,2

Numbers 11:1

Numbers 16:30-33

Numbers 21:5,6

5. God has all this time endured the sins of the world, but a time is coming when He will destroy all sin, saving only those whose sins have been forgiven through Jesus Christ.

THE CONCLUSION

Man is in desperate need of salvation from the judgment God must bring upon him for his sins. The only way you can be saved is by turning to **Jesus Christ**. He is God's only provision for you to be saved from your sins.



Your Next Step

- [] Complete the blanks in this study and submit it to receive the final study – Study 8, “Turning to Christ for Salvation”.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Submit this study to receive Study 8: “Turning to Christ for Salvation”

8

STUDY 8 OF 8

Turning to Christ for Salvation

Your response to the truth

YOUR JOURNEY SO FAR

1

Truth

2

God

3

Jesus

4

Life

5

Death

6

Resurrection

7

Salvation

I

What Should I Do Now?

1. It is not enough just to **know** these things. What you know now must lead you to turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.
2. It is impossible to save yourself by trying to live a good life, doing good works, or even by attending church regularly. God's Word says that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags . . ." (Isaiah 64:6).
3. There is no other way you can be saved.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

— Acts 4:12

II

How Do I Turn to Jesus Christ?

To turn to Jesus you must:

- a. Repent of your sins.** "God . . . now commandeth all men every where to _____." (Acts 17:30)
This means changing your attitude toward sin, admitting that you are a sinner according to God's standard of holiness, not your own.
- b. Believe in Jesus.** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) This means fully entrusting the salvation of your soul to Jesus alone.
- c. Receive Jesus.** "But as many as _____ Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12) This means personally asking Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour and entering into a permanent relationship with Him.

III

Will Jesus Really Save Me?

He will, if you believe with all your heart (Acts 8:37). Jesus Himself said this. **Fill in the blanks:**

1. **John 6:37** – "All that the Father giveth Me shall _____ to Me; and him that _____ to Me I will in no wise _____."

2. **Matthew 11:28,29** – “_____ unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____. Take My yoke upon you, and _____ of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find _____ unto your souls.”
3. **Isaiah 45:22** – “_____ unto Me, and be ye _____, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”

IV Can I Wait Until Later?

It is dangerous to postpone your salvation, because you cannot tell what will happen to you. **Read each passage and answer the question:**

Luke 12:16-20 – What did God say to the rich fool?

Luke 13:1-5 – What did Jesus tell the people regarding the recent events of unexpected deaths?

James 4:14 – What is the realistic way of regarding your life?

Isaiah 55:6 – When should we seek the Lord?

2 Corinthians 6:2 – When is the accepted time for salvation?

Luke 13:24-28 – Why were many not able to enter in?

Revelation 1:7, 22:20 – Will people be able to turn to Christ when He returns?

“He who provides for this life, but takes no care of eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.”

— Tillotson

Do not delay your salvation any longer.
Will you turn to Jesus Christ right now?

YES ()

NO ()

V If You Have Just Turned to Jesus...

1. Read John 3:36 and John 5:24. **What does God's Word say you now have**, if you have turned to Jesus for salvation?

2. **Let someone know** that you have turned to Christ (see Romans 10:10,11). Your willingness to confess that you now believe in Christ shows that you have really believed.
3. Realise that you have just taken the **first step** in your new life as a Christian. You must now grow to know the Lord, love Him and serve Him more and more. You need to:
 - a. **Read through your Bible** (1 Peter 2:2). Begin with the Gospel of John, then the book of Romans.
 - b. **Be nurtured by a church** (Hebrews 10:24,25; Ephesians 4:11-16). Please contact us if you would like to attend Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. We will ensure that you receive the spiritual nurture you need.

→ Your Next Step

- [] Complete this study and submit it.
- [] Memorise the verse below.

MEMORISE THIS VERSE

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23

Say it aloud 3 times: () () ()

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Congratulations on completing the course! Submit this final study.