

## **Lesson 2: SALVATION**

### **“What happened when I got Saved?” & “What is My new relationship to God?”**

Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, it is very unlikely that you understand the true significance of what has happened in your life. The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place and how your decision has affected your basic relationship to God.

#### **I. There are only two spiritual families in the world.**

##### **A. The Devil’s family.**

1. *John 8:44 **Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

*John 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with **my Father:** and ye do that which ye have seen with **your father.***

2. You enter the family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. Genesis 5:3 shows that descendants of Adam are born in Adam’s image and likeness, which is that of a fallen sinner.

*Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, **and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image;** and called his name Seth:*

3. You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam. *Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*
4. Romans 5:12 also states that as a result of your sin you were sentenced to die.

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*I Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

##### **B. God’s family**

1. *John 1:12-13 But as many as received him (that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior), to them gave he power to become the sons of*

*God (your entrance into God's family), 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 (it is not a physical birth), but of God. (it is a spiritual birth).*

2. You also enter God's family by birth: but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father. *John 3:3 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.*

Man is made up of three parts, Body, Soul & Spirit. The body is our physical shell, our Soul is who we are, and our Spirit is how we communicate with God. Before I was saved I was spiritually dead. The direct result of Sin is the blocked communication or fellowship with God. *(see the handout)*

3. This new birth puts you into God's family in exactly the same way your physical birth puts you into your father's family. You are now a son of God by birth.
4. As a result of your new birth, you have inherited God's divine nature, and you now have eternal life. Your spiritual link is restored to God.

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

*John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

*I John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

## **II. Being in God's family separates you from the devil's family.**

- A. Your body is now the temple of the Holy Ghost. God's Holy Spirit lives inside you. *I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

We are to take care of our bodies because they are the New Testament temple. In the Old Testament it was punishable by death to desecrate the temple. Aren't we doing the same by Drinking, Smoking, watching or listening to trash. If we for the briefest of moments realized the Holiness of God and the extreme of our blaspheming by desecrating His temple we would repent and beg God not to punish us. Living separated lives is not optional!

- B. II Corinthians 6:14-18 commands the believer to maintain a difference between himself and the unsaved.

*II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

- C. The new life is perfectly summarized for you in *II 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. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

1. At the moment of your salvation, your old nature died and was buried with Christ. What arose out of the grave was something completely different from what went into the grave. You became a new creature with a new nature!

*Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

*Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

2. Upon your salvation, however, you did not receive a new body or a new mind. That will be our future glory.

*Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

3. Because our bodies (flesh) and our minds remember what we used to do, and how we used to think, they constantly seek to pull us toward sin.
4. That is why Paul tells us that we must “mortify” or kill the deeds of our body and “put off” the sins of the mind.

*Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

*Colossians 3:8-9 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*

### **III. What is my relationship with God now?**

A. He is your Heavenly Father, and you are His Child.

*I John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

B. Now that you are saved, God no longer deals with you as a sinner, He deals with you as a son.

C. That relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and a son.

1. A good father loves and cares for his son. *I Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*
2. A good father protects his son. *Matthew 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*
3. A good father provides for his son. *Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*
4. A good father guides and teaches his son. *John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*
5. A good father helps his son. *Psalms 46:1 To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*
6. A good father encourages his son. *Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*
7. A good father disciplines his son. *Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom*

*he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

8. A good father feeds his son. *Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*
  9. A good father has a plan for his son. *Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
- D. A good father will NEVER do anything to purposely hurt his son. He will only do those things that will help him grow and mature into the young man he wants him to be. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way, only His ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err, God never makes a mistake in His dealings with His sons.

*Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

#### **IV. Basic questions**

- A. Will I sin after I am saved?

YES, you still have a body of flesh. *Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

- B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my father?

God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you as a son. *Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure*

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C. What should I do when I sin?

Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you.

*I John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

*Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*

## QUESTIONS

1. Who are the two spiritual fathers mentioned in *John 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.* Give a scripture reference to support both answers.
  - A.
  - B.
2. How does an individual enter the devil's family?
3. How does an individual enter into God's family?
4. Why are people sentenced to die after their physical or first birth?
5. List three verses that promise you eternal life.
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.

6. List two reasons why a Christian in God's family is different than a non-Christian in the Devil's family.
  - A.
  - B.
7. Briefly explain why we still struggle to resist sin, even though we have become a new creature with a new nature.
8. What does Paul tell us to do to give us our personal victory against the pull toward sin?
9. God now deals with you as His \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Your new relationship with God can be seen through the earthly father and child relationship. List nine ways God deals with you as His child.
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  - D.
  - E.
  - F.
  - G.
  - H.
  - I.
11. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he expect from God?
12. According to I John 1:9, when we confess our sins to God, then He will \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness.
13. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

**Note:** In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

- All mankind is part of one large family of God.
  - All mankind must earn their way to Heaven.
  - All mankind can get to heaven through any way they choose.
  - If there is such a thing as sin, it must be confessed to another man or a church leader.
- From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false, and why.