

Lesson 1

BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

(ASSURANCE OF SALVATION)

Every Christian can have the assurance that a right relationship exists between himself and God. Without this confidence, it is impossible for one to experience true happiness and fulfilment in life.

The moment that you, as an act of faith, receive Jesus Christ into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, He comes in. This is what He promises in Rev. 3:20.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him and he with me.”

i. Have you received Christ into your life in this way?

ii. If so, where is Christ right now in relation to you?

iii. On the Basis of Revelation 3:20, how do you know that Christ is in your life?_____

Now that you have Christ in your life, you have established a personal relationship with Him.

You have now become a true Christian. You do not become a true Christian by living a good life or by being born into a Christian family. The word “Christian” means “Christ in one,” that is, Christ in you. The Bible tells us that many things happen when Christ comes to live in you.

A NEW RELATIONSHIP

1. What does the resurrection prove to us about Jesus Christ? (Rom. 1:4)

2. Who is Jesus Christ? (1 John 5:20)

3. What would be the result for us if Christ had not risen from the dead? (1 Cor. 15:13-17)

4. a. What did you become when you received Christ? (John 1:12)

- b. Since other Christians also have the same Father (God), what is your relationship to them?

5. a. Is salvation the reward for a man's good works? (Eph 2:8,9)

- b. How is salvation obtained?

6. a. Have you received forgiveness for your sins? (Colossians 1:13,14)

- b. How many of your sins were forgiven?

7. a. Will Christ ever leave you? (Heb. 13:5)

b. Since Christ has promised never to leave you, how many times do you have to invite him into your life?

A NEW LIFE

1. Read 1 John 5:11-13

2. Where is eternal life found?

3. If a person has Christ in his life, what kind of life does he have?

4. a. Can a person know that he has eternal life right now? (1 John 5:13)

b. Do you know that you have eternal life?

c. How do you know?

A NEW ADVENTURE

1. Now that you have Christ in your life, what have you become? (II Cor. 5:17)

2. What can separate you from Christ? (Rom. 8:38, 39)

3. Who can take you away from Christ? (John 10:27-29)

KEY QUESTION:

If you were to die tonight, how sure are you that you would spend eternity with God?

0.....25.....50.....75.....100%

CONCLUSION

1. On the basis of this study, what are some of the things that you know are true in your life right now?

2. Would you like to thank God right now for what He has done for you? Thanking God demonstrates faith!

SUGGESTED READING

Read the John chapter 3.

ANSWERS

- i. Yes
- ii. He is in my heart.
- iii. I know Christ is in my life because He promised to come in.

A New Relationship

1. The resurrection proves to us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
2. Jesus Christ is God and eternal life.
3. If Christ has not risen from the dead, our preaching is useless, our trust in God is empty, worthless, hopeless, and the apostles were all liars.
4. a. I became a child of God.
b. Other Christians are my brothers and sisters.
5. a. Salvation is not the reward for man's good works.
b. Salvation is obtained through faith in Jesus Christ.
6. a. Yes, I have received forgiveness for my sins.
b. All my sins (past, present and future) were forgiven.
7. a. Christ will never leave you.
b. Sincerely once.

A New Life

2. Eternal life is found in Jesus Christ
3. He has eternal life.
4. a. Yes, a person can know that he has eternal life.
b. Yes, I know that I have eternal life.
c. Because Jesus promised it in His word to those who have received Him.

A New Adventure

1. I have become a new creature.
2. Nothing can separate me from Christ.
3. No one can take me away from Christ.