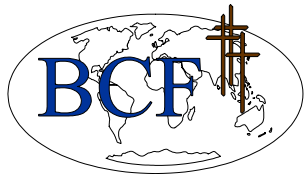


BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE FELLOWSHIP



Dear Student,

Welcome to Bible Correspondence Fellowship. I am pleased that you have enrolled in our correspondence course and are seeking to study God's Word. Our course work is divided into several sets of lessons. Some of the lesson sets correspond to a particular book of the Bible. Other lesson sets develop a topic. Each set varies in the number of lessons, so you may not get an entire set all at once. If we send you two or three lessons at a time, please complete and return them together. **Do not send them back separately!**

I have enclosed the Introductory lesson for you to complete and return. Once we have received the lesson back, it will be evaluated and returned to you with a completion certificate and the first lesson from our next set. Each time you finish an entire set, you will receive a certificate along with one or more lessons from the next set. A final completion certificate is awarded at the end to those who finish our entire course.

The Introductory lesson is designed to ensure every student has a clear understanding of the basics of salvation. Later lessons are more in depth. May God bless you in your studies!

Your brother in Christ,

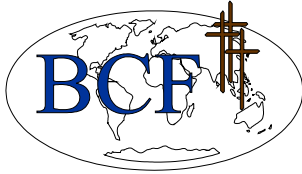
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INTRODUCTORY BIBLE LESSON



SECTION ONE

These lessons are designed to provide knowledge of the basic teachings of the Bible, as presented in the Gospel of John, the fourth book of the New Testament.

1. (John 6:67-69) Who was Jesus according to Peter in verse 69? _____

2. (John 1:29) What was Jesus called? _____

In Old Testament times God required that a lamb without spot or blemish be sacrificed to make atonement for the sins of the people. This was a type, or symbol, of the true Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) who came as a sinless substitute to die for our sins.

3. (John 3:16) What did God do because of his great love for mankind? _____

4. (John 3:16) What things are said about anyone who believes in God's Son? _____

5. (John 3:18) What is said about someone who does not believe in God's Son? _____

6. (John 1:10-11) Did the world know Christ and receive him? _____

7. (John 5:23) He who does not honor the Son of God does not honor whom? _____

8. (John 1:12) What do we become if we receive Christ and believe in his name? _____

9. (John 4:42) What did those who believe call Christ? _____

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15).

10. (John 6:37) What did Jesus say about anyone who would come to him? _____

Suppose you were to say to God, "Dear God, I am a sinner and condemned, I believe that Christ died for my sins. I accept your offer of forgiveness and now trust Christ as my Savior." If you come to Him in this way, will he forgive you your sins and save you? _____

11. (John 5:24) What does the believer possess? _____

12. (John 14:6) What three things does Christ call himself? (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____

"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all ..." (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

13. (John 19:18) In what manner was Jesus put to death? _____

14. (John 10:17-18) Was he the helpless victim of those who hated him, or did he willingly give his life to save others? _____

15. (John 15:13) Why did Jesus Christ lay down his life for us? _____

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God." (1 Peter 3:18)

16. (John 5:24) The one who hears and believes shall not come into _____, but is passed from _____ to _____

17. (John 2:19-22) Did Jesus foretell his resurrection from the dead? _____

18. (John 11:25) What two things did Jesus say about himself? I am the _____

The scriptures foretold the suffering and death of Christ, but they also foretold that he would rise from the dead. By his resurrection he conquered (defeated) death. All who believe are saved from spiritual death and have eternal life in him.

19. (John 20:25 and 20:29) The disciples were eyewitnesses that Christ was now alive. What did Jesus say about those who have not seen and yet believe? _____

20. (John 20:31) Why did John write and record the things in this book? _____

21. (John 10:28) Is eternal life a free gift, or is it something one can work for and earn? _____

POINT TO PONDER

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Have you received this gift? _____

MEMORY VERSE FOR SECTION ONE IS JOHN 3:16

SECTION TWO

This section sets forth the basics of the Gospel (good news) of the Grace of God, presenting the plan of salvation.

1. (Romans 3:10-11) Give three ways that mankind is described.
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 2. (Romans 3:14-18) What further things are said of man's condition?
 - (1) verse 14 _____
 - (2) in verse 16 _____
 - (3) in verse 17 _____
 - (4) in verse 18 _____
 3. (Romans 3:19) God gave the Law so that the entire world would _____
 4. (Romans 3:20) By the law we are made conscious of what? _____
 5. (Romans 3:23) What does God say about everyone? _____

 6. (Romans 5:8) What way did God provide for us to be saved? _____
 7. (Romans 5:10) We were God's enemies but we may be reconciled to God. How is this accomplished? _____
- Note: Reconcile describes the purpose of Christ's death on the cross. The natural man is opposed to God, and separated from him. Christ's death on the cross was the supreme sacrifice. It reconciled us to God, making us acceptable to him. When we accept Christ as our savior, we are no longer tarnished with sin but washed clean by the blood of Christ. We are now members of the Body of Christ.
8. (Romans 6:23) What are the wages of sin? _____ What is the gift of God? _____
Through whom does this gift come? _____
 9. (1 Timothy 1:15) What is the faithful saying in this verse? _____

10. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) These verses give us the basic truths of the gospel that Paul preached. Write out these verses using your own words. _____

11. (2 Thessalonians 1:8) Upon whom will vengeance and judgment come? _____

12. (2 Thessalonians 1:9) What is the penalty? _____
13. (Revelation 20:15) What is the final judgment of those who reject Christ? _____
14. In question eight we saw that eternal life is a gift of God. This agrees with the first part of Ephesians 2:8 that says, _____
15. (Ephesians 2:8-9) We are saved by grace, and it is through _____
16. (Romans 5:1) If you have believed in Christ, what do you now have? _____
17. (Romans 8:35-39) What can separate us from Christ's love? (Circle the right answer.)
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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Supernatural powers | (2) Distress |
| (3) Death | (4) Tribulation |
| (5) Persecution | (6) Nothing |
18. (Romans 10:13) What promise did God make to us? _____

19. (1 Timothy 2:5) Who is the only mediator between God and men? _____
20. (1 Timothy 2:6) What did the Lord Jesus do for all? _____

MEMORY VERSE FOR SECTION TWO IS ROMANS 5:8

SECTION THREE

In section two we had many Bible verses concerning God's plan of salvation. After we have received Christ as Savior, we need to know the blessings and privileges we now have as sons in the family of God.

1. (John 1:12) Those who receive Christ are given the power (authority) to become _____

2. (John 3:7) Jesus said that to become a son in God's family _____
In John 3:5-8 everyone who is born again is born of the _____
3. (Galatians 4:6) What has God done because we are sons? _____
4. (Romans 8:16) The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are _____

5. (Ephesians 4:30) What has God done to assure us that we belong to him? _____

6. (Ephesians 1:6) We read that we are accepted in the beloved (that is, Christ, the beloved Son of God). In verse seven what two things do we also have because we are in Christ?
(1) _____ (2) _____
7. (Ephesians 2:19) To what group of people does the believer belong? _____
8. (1 Corinthians 6:11) What three things has God done for the Christians?
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

Note: The word *sanctified* means “set apart to God,” or “set apart for God’s use.” So in this verse we are cleansed of sin and set apart to God, or sanctified. One who is sanctified is called “a saint.” In the Bible all believers are called “saints.”

9. (Hebrews 10:10) How does God sanctify us? _____

10. (1 Corinthians 6:11) Here we find the word *justified*, to declare just, or righteous before God. According to Romans 3:24, how are we justified? _____
11. (Romans 3:28) We are justified by _____ without (apart from) _____
12. (Romans 4:5) What words show that we cannot be justified by works? _____

13. (Romans 4:3) Why was Abraham counted righteous (justified)? _____
14. (Romans 8:1) What does this verse say about those that are in Christ Jesus? _____

15. (Romans 8:2) The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from _____
16. (John 5:24) The believer shall not come into _____, but is passed from _____ into _____
17. (Romans 8:35, 38-39) We read that all the things mentioned cannot separate us from what? _____

18. (1 Corinthians 6:19) We have seen before that the Holy Spirit lives in each believer. Therefore, your body is the _____
19. (1 Corinthians 6:20) We should glorify God in our bodies and spirits because we _____

20. (1 Peter 1:18-19) What was the price paid for our souls? _____

Redeemed — how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever I am.
Fanny J. Crosby

MEMORY VERSE FOR SECTION THREE IS ROMANS 8:1

SECTION FOUR

This section has many references about the Bible, why it is true, and why it is important for us to know what it says. The Bible is called “the Word of God,” and is also referred to as “the Scriptures.”

1. (John 17:17) What did Jesus say about God’s word? _____
2. (John 10:35) The Lord also affirmed that there is absolutely no error in the Bible by saying,

3. (1 Thessalonians 2:13) These believers heard Paul preach, and how did they receive the word?

4. (Romans 10:17) In order to have faith what must we hear? _____
5. (1 Peter 1:23) We are _____ by the incorruptible word of God.
6. (1 Peter 1:25) The word of the Lord _____
7. (1 Peter 2:2) What should we desire in order to grow in spiritual knowledge? _____

8. (Acts 17:11) Those to whom Paul was preaching received the word with readiness of mind. They then did what? _____
9. (Acts 20:32) What is able to build us up in our spiritual knowledge? _____
10. (2 Timothy 3:15) The Holy Scriptures are able to make us _____
11. (2 Timothy 3:16) We know that God caused men to write the exact words he wanted written because the first part of this verse says _____
12. The same verse lists four things for which the scripture is profitable:
(1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____
13. (2 Peter 1:21) How does this verse show that the Holy Scriptures are from God? _____

14. (Ephesians 6:17) The Word of God is called _____
15. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) The apostle Paul often quoted the scriptures to ensure the truth of the gospel he preached. What three things did he say happened “according to the scriptures”?
- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
16. (Romans 4:3) Here is a quote from the Old Testament scriptures. Why was Abraham counted righteous? _____
17. (Ephesians 1:13) This verse says when you hear the word of truth and believe, you are what? _____
18. (Romans 15:4) Two reasons why the scriptures were written are:
- (1) _____
- (2) _____
19. In the New Testament the Word of God is given several different names. Some of these are:
- (1) Philippians 2:16 Word of _____
- (2) Acts 13:26 Word of _____
- (3) Colossians 3:16 Word of _____
- (4) Romans 10: 8 Word of _____
- (5) 2 Corinthians 5:19 Word of _____

Have you invited Christ into your life to be your Savior? ____ YES ____ NO

Check what are you depending on to save you:

- ____ (1) Church membership?
- ____ (2) Baptism?
- ____ (3) Keeping the Ten Commandments
- ____ (4) Doing good works?
- ____ (5) Christ alone?

MEMORY VERSE FOR SECTION FOUR IS PSALM 119:11

SECTION FIVE

In the previous sections we considered Bible verses that taught us about salvation, the Word of God, and our position as justified, sanctified sons of God. This section is largely concerned with our Christian life and walk. God has made provision for us to live in His will and have victory over sin.

Two important facts that every Christian must know are:

- (1) Since he is born of the Spirit, he now has a new nature, and
- (2) This new nature is in conflict with the old nature, often referred to as “the flesh.”

1. (Romans 7:18) What did Paul say about the flesh? _____
2. (Romans 8:7) What two things are said about the carnal (fleshly) mind?
(1) _____ (2) _____
3. (2 Corinthians 5:17) The new nature is sometimes referred to as “a new creation.” What is the result of being a new creation (creature) in Christ? _____
4. (Galatians 2:20) The new man is Christ living in the believer. As Paul said, “...Christ lives in me.” (1John 4:4) This enables us to overcome the old nature because “. . . greater is _____

5. (Ephesians 4:24) What is said of this new creation (new man)? _____

6. (Ephesians 4:25-31) Since we are a new creation in Christ, we are told some things we should not do. What are they?
(1) (verse 25) _____
(2) (verse 28) _____
(3) (verse 29) _____
(4) (verse 30) _____
(5) (verse 31) _____
7. (Romans 12:2) It is God’s desire that we not be conformed to this evil world, but that we should

8. (Titus 2:11-12) What does verse 12 teach us concerning how we should live? _____

9. (Galatians 5:19-23) This passage contrasts the work of the flesh with the work of the Holy Spirit in us. List nine things that are the fruit of the Spirit (verses 22-23):
(1) _____ (2) _____

- (3) _____ (4) _____
 (5) _____ (6) _____
 (7) _____ (8) _____
 (9) _____

10. (Galatians 5:14, Read Mark 12:31, Romans 13:9-10) These verses speak of the importance of loving your neighbor. Why is love so important? _____

11. Many times the Christian's life, or moral conduct, is called his "walk". In the following verses how are we supposed to walk (live)?
 (Galatians 5:25) _____
 (Romans 13:13) _____
 (2 Corinthians 5:7) _____
 (Ephesians 5:2) _____
 (Colossians 1:10) _____
12. (Galatians 5:16) If we walk in the Spirit, what is the result? _____

13. (Ephesians 6:10) Where will we get strength for the warfare against sin and Satan? _____

14. (Colossians 3:17) What does this verse say about whatever we do? _____

15. (Colossians 3:22-24) The apostle Paul describes God's will for servants (employees). In verse 23, what should be our attitude in our work? _____
16. (Colossians 4:2) What does this verse tell us about prayer? _____
17. (1 Thessalonians 4:3) What is God's will concerning our moral life? _____

18. (Romans 12:19) Why should we not avenge ourselves (seek revenge)? _____

19. (2 Corinthians 6:14) Oxen are yoked (harnessed) together so they can work as a team. Why are we not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers? _____

20. (2 Corinthians 5:20) Because God has reconciled us through Christ, we desire that others be reconciled to Him. Therefore we are called _____

