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Lesson 1

Security of the Believer

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Memory Verse: I Peter 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. (Liveth and abideth are simply, lives and abides. The word corruptible means something that can decay or die.)

Write the verse out; keep it on a small card or piece of paper. Read it over several times a day until it is firmly planted in your mind. Some people find it helpful to write the verse over many times. The repetition imprints it into your brain. Memorizing God’s Word is one way to help you live a holy life. Time spent in this way is time well spent.

Scripture reading: Read the 5 chapters of I John. C. I. Scofield says that it is a family letter from the Father to His “little children” who are in the world. Initial when completed. _____

Being secure in your salvation is very important. Many times we have heard babies cry for their mothers. They felt insecure; they could not be consoled and would not play or eat until they were in mother’s arms. A Christian needs to know that he is secure in God’s safe keeping, secure in Christ. This security brings victory. Security of the believer comes from the Godhead, the Trinity (the great three in one). It does not come from feelings, and it cannot come from religious works. Why? Because salvation is of the Lord!

I. Salvation, a lively hope with an inheritance in Heaven! Read I Peter 1:1-5 (chapter 1, verses 1-5) 3 times.

A. In I Peter 1:3, God the Father...according to _____
_____ hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the _____
_____.

Was it necessary that Christ died, was buried and rose from the dead? Absolutely yes!!! Read I Corinthians 15:1-4 and 12-19.

B. To what are we saved ? I Peter 1:4, To an _____
_____, and _____ and that _____
_____, reserved in _____ for _____...

Let’s summarize verse 4. Our salvation is a sure thing (secure). It is pure; it is forever. Oh, yes! It is heavenly, not earthly.

II. We are saved by faith and kept by God’s own power.

A. In verse 5 of I Peter 1, “We are kept by _____
_____ unto salvation...”

B. Ephesians 2: 8-9 “For by grace are ye saved _____
_____; and that not of _____: it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

C. Romans 10:17 “So then _____



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_____.”

See also John 10: 28 & 29.

*** The Power of Almighty God saves and keeps!**

III. Salvation cannot be destroyed, but your faith can be tested and tried.

A. Read I Peter 1:7 three times and then answer these questions.

1. Of what are your trials ?

2. Your trials are better than what? _____

3. Unto what might your trials be found? Unto _____

_____:

B. In I Peter 1:8, it tells us how we rejoice because we believe in Him and love Him, ...with _____

_____.

Note: Christ left us an example of how to behave when trials come. Read I Peter 2:21-23.

IV. Salvation is not temporary; it is not lost if we sin.

Read I John 1: 9-10 and 2:1-2. God calls the saved people his little children. He teaches us that we should not sin. Sin hurts our fellowship with the Heavenly Father. Each time we sin He says we must _____ our sins---verse 9. In the same verse, he also promises to do what? _____

_____ us from all

unrighteousness.

That restores the broken fellowship. You may be sure that the Heavenly Father never holds a grudge against any of His children. If you feel lost, perhaps it is broken fellowship because of sin. You need to confess that sin and turn from it.

V. Maybe you have completed this study, memorized the verse and you know in your heart you are really saved. Please consider these verses, thoughts and questions.

A. Romans 3:23

Who has sinned? _____ Write your name. _____

B. Romans 6:23a What is the payment of sin? _____

C. Romans 6:23b What is the cure for sin? ... _____ our Lord.

D. How does a person get the gift of salvation? Read Romans 10: 9 & 10 , John 3:16 and Luke 13:3. Believe, confess and repent. Make sure you are saved, then **rest in Him; you are secure.**

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Lesson 2

HOLY GOD - HOLY PEOPLE

Memory verse: I Peter 1: 15-16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; v16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Many of today’s society believe they may do anything they wish. They say, “No one has the right to judge.” They do not understand that we were made by a holy God who cannot have anything to do with unholiness or unrighteousness. He calls us to holy living in our new life in Christ. The word holy could be understood as being sacred. It involves being separated from all that is sinful, impure, or morally imperfect. In this lesson, we’ll see what the Bible has to say about holiness.

Scripture Reading: Mathew chapters 5,6 and 7. Read these chapters which cover the “*Sermon on the Mount*”, a sermon preached by Jesus. Initial when completed:_____

I. God is holy.

A. This verse asks a question. Exodus 15:11. “Who *is* like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who *is* like thee, _____ in _____, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?” The only answer is, that there is no one like God. There is no other who is perfectly holy.

B. In Psalm 99:9 we are told, “Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for _____ .
_____ .
Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we no longer have to worship God in a certain place, but

we still exalt our God. We lift him up as the one who is all holy. We worship a holy God.

II. God’s name is holy.

A. Fill in the words from the last line of Psalm 111:9 “... _____ and _____ is His _____.”

B. Isaiah 57:15 Says “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, _____ is _____; I dwell in the high and _____.”

C. Read Matthew 6:9 and Luke 11:2 and give the words used to describe his name _____ be _____

III. God is called holy and he is praised for being holy.

A. Read Isaiah 6:1-3 and tell what the seraphim cried out “... _____, _____, _____ is the _____ of _____ the whole earth is full of his glory.

B. What did God say about himself in Isaiah 43:14? Thus said the Lord, your redeemer, the _____ of _____.”

C. In Revelation 4:8 the four beasts said “ _____, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

D. In Revelation 6:10 the souls of them that were killed for the Word of God and their testimony cried out with a loud voice “...How long, O Lord, _____ and _____.”



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IV. God dwells in holiness and all that He does is holy.

A. Read Exodus 3:1-6. Even the _____ was holy because God was there.

B. Psalm 47:8 shows that God reigns in holiness. He sits upon the _____ of _____.

C. Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is _____ in _____ his _____, and _____ in _____ his _____."

Holy living for the Christian is not a means to keep our salvation. It is the way to please God and have his fellowship.

V. God wants His people to be holy. Finish the following verses to see just how important our holiness is to God.

A. Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and _____: _____.

(The word sanctify means set apart to holiness.) That is God's teaching in the Old Testament. The New Testament teaching has not changed.

B. I Thessalonians 4:7 says, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but _____." and I Peter 1: 15&16 states "But as He which hath called you is Holy, _____ in all manner of conversation (in all you do, your behavior); Because it is written be ye _____."

VI. Holy living fits your new life in Christ. God chose the saved to be holy before Him.

A. Ephesians 1:4 says that we were chosen that we should be _____ and _____ before Him in love (Last half verse 4). Praise Him because of His love. In the last day we will stand before Him and He will see us as holy through Jesus Christ and His shed blood.

B. Read Colossians 1:21 & 22. That is cause to rejoice! Ephesians 2:21 & 22 compare Christians to a _____ in the Lord.

VII. Holy living will not come automatically here on earth. Because of our earthly bodies, we must work at it.

A. Read Romans 12:1 and tell what we are urged to present our bodies as. "--- present your bodies a _____, _____, acceptable unto _____ (not acceptable to man)---" God tells us that this is reasonable service. It is only fair. He gave His Son for us. We need to leave the old unholy life and live a holy life now.

B. Holy living includes yielding to God and giving up old habits. It will mean taking off old ways and putting on new ways. Those involved in false religion and idol worship must separate themselves from it. On the next page is a set of Bible verses to match with their references. Those verses go along with this teaching.

VIII. A Christian who lives an unholy life cannot blame God. He can expect correction from God. If he continues to walk in sin he may have his life ended before his time!

A. Read James 1:13&14 and find



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something God cannot do.

(We cannot blame God for our wrong doing.)

B. We sometimes need to be rebuked and chastened (disciplined and corrected). Read Hebrews 12:5 to see who chastens his sons (children). The _____.

C. If we defile the temple of God (live immorally), what will God do? _____ See I Corinthians 3:17. And James 1:15 says that sin brings forth _____; also Romans 6:16 says we are _____ to whom we obey; whether of _____

Read the verses in **LIST 1** and place the letter by the reference that contains that thought in **LIST 2**.

LIST 1

1. II Corinthians 6:14-17 _____
2. II Timothy 2:19 _____
3. II Corinthians 7:1 _____
4. Romans 6:19 _____
5. I Thessalonians 3:12&13 _____
6. Colossians 3:12 _____
7. Ephesians 4:24 _____

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LIST 2

- A.** ---to the end he may stablish your heart unblameable in holiness.
- B.** ---even so yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
- C.** ---Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness
- D.** ---what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness...and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols.
- E.** ---*put on* the new man---
- F.** ---*put on*---holy and beloved---
- G.** ---The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.



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Lesson 3

Be An Example

Memory Verse: I Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

We have all heard statements like: “First impressions count most,” “His actions speak louder than his words,” “You can judge him by his friends,” “His reputation has gone before him.” What could people say about you? Our memory verse tells us to be an example of the believer and then gives us some areas in which people should be able to see that we are Christians; that we are His. Let’s take a look at each of these areas.

I. In word - our speech

A. I Thessalonians 2:4 says “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we _____; _____, which trieth our hearts.”

B. James 1: 19 states “Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be (3 things) _____; _____:”

C. Read Matthew 5:33-37 and finish this statement. “But let your communication (behavior) be, yea (yes), yea; nay (no), nay: for whatsoever _____.”

D. Your speech can deny the faith you claim.

1. When Peter wanted to be sure the people thought he was not with Jesus, he began to _____

_____... Matthew 26:74

2. Christ tells us not to deny Him.

Luke 12:9 says “ But he that _____ me _____ men shall be _____ the _____ ”

Thought: Your speech does tell others your beliefs; your speech speaks for you!!!

II. In conversation - this is an Old English word that means “actions” or “way of life.”

A. See Acts 4:13 “Now when they saw the _____ of Peter and John, and perceived that they were _____ and _____ men (not highly schooled) they _____ and _____ _____ of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

B. What did Joseph’s behavior show according to Genesis 39:3 ? His master saw that _____

C. David’s wise behavior earned him respect. Read I Samuel 18:5 and finish this verse. “... and Saul set _____

_____ and also in the sight of Saul’s servants.”

III. In charity (Godly love) - this love is an unselfish love It causes us to think and speak well of others. Godly love judges others kindly and desires to make them happy.

A. The Godly love, charity, is spoken of throughout the Bible. Read I Corinthians 13:4-8. Within these verses there are many



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descriptions of God's meaning of charity.

1. Charity _____ and is _____.
2. Charity _____ not
3. Charity _____ not _____, is not _____
4. Charity does not behave _____ unseemly, _____ not her own, is not _____, thinketh _____;
5. Charity rejoices not in _____, but _____ in _____;
6. Charity beareth _____ things, _____ all things, _____ all things.
7. Charity never _____:

Note: Verse 13 says that charity is even greater in God's sight than faith and hope!

B. Romans 12: 9 and 10 teaches us how we should behave in general and also how we should love other Christians. It says that we must love without

_____ (in truth, not putting on an act.) It says to abhor (hate) that which is _____ and to cleave to (hold on to) that

We are to be _____ one to another with _____; in honor _____;

We live righteously by His power. We can and we must love one another (other Christians) in true charity if we are to please God and have His full blessing on

our life.

True charity is of God, and for God, and through God. Philippians 4: 13 says "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

IV. In spirit - your mental disposition or your attitude

A. Read Genesis 50: 19-21 and complete this sentence about Joseph. And he _____, and spake (spoke) _____ unto them.

Joseph kept his attitude right throughout life. At age 17 he was a reliable worker for his father. He was trustworthy and obedient. However, extremely difficult events took place in Joseph's life. He could have become bitter, despondent, hateful and vengeful; he did not. Joseph remained faithful to God and kept a right attitude, a right spirit. The true events and their outcome are written in Genesis chapter 37 and chapters 39 through 47. Read these chapters. Joseph's life is a great example of living with a right spirit in spite of circumstances. It also shows God's blessing on that type of living.

B. Daniel was also a victim of circumstances. His people had continued in sin against God. Therefore they were caused to be taken over by an enemy country. Daniel, who was a young man, was taken by force to serve the king (Daniel 1:1-6). In Daniel 6:3, it says this about Daniel. "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes because



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an _____

 _____; and the king thought to set him
 over the whole realm.”

V. Of faith:

How can you be an example of the believer in faith: by taking God at His Word and acting on it no matter the cost; by trusting what God promises. God gave a whole chapter on the subject of faith in the book of Hebrews (chapter 11.) We will be using that chapter for this section.

A. What is faith? Verse 1: “Now faith is the _____ of _____
 _____ for, the _____
 of things _____.”

Verse 3: (Finish this statement) “Through faith we

 _____.”

B. The following are recordings of faith in the lives of many who have gone before us.

1. Verse 4. By _____ Abel offered unto God _____

_____, by which he _____
 _____ he was _____.”

2. Verse 7. By _____ Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear,

_____; by the

which he condemned the world, and became heir of the _____

3. Read verses 8-12 and name the two people (husband and wife) who’s faith was recorded here.

a. _____

b. _____

Read the rest of this chapter to see amazing examples of the price many paid for walking in faith.

VI. In purity:

Throughout the Bible we find that God has required purity of his people in body, in mind, and in worship.

A. I John 3:2 and 3 is written to New Testament Christians. Verse 2 says that when he (Jesus) appears we shall be like Him. Verse 3 teaches that he who has this hope _____ himself even as _____.

B. Read Titus 2:12-14 and finish these statements.

1. ...we should live _____,
 _____ and _____
 in this present world...”

2. “...who (Jesus) gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from _____
 _____ and _____
 unto _____ a peculiar (unique and special) people _____ of _____.”

C. Purity of body, mind and spirit cannot be maintained if we join together with unbelievers in very close or binding relationships such as marriage and business co-ownership.



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Read II Corinthians chapter 6, verse 14 through chapter 7 verse 1 and fill in the blanks.

1. "Be ye not _____ with _____ ..."
2. "...for ye are the _____ of the _____."
3. "Wherefore _____ out _____, and be ye _____, saith the _____"
4. "...let us _____ from _____ all _____ of the _____ and _____, _____ in the fear of God."

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Lesson 4

The “Heavens”

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (Write the verse on a small card and keep it near you.

Read the verse

several times and try to say it without looking at the card. Write the verse out on a separate piece of paper. Do this two to three times a day until you can recall it easily. Save the card and review it from time to time.)

There are three places called heaven in the Bible. The first is the space of air and clouds just above the earth; the second is what we know as outer space; and the third is God’s own homeland! Deuteronomy 10:14 says “Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the earth also with all that therein is.”

As you begin, please remember to read all Scripture verses entirely. The lessons are prepared to help you to dwell on the scriptures.

I. In this section we’ll find things written in God’s Word about the first and second heavens.

A. These heavens were created by God; they belong to God. Genesis 1:1 states “In the beginning _____
_____.”

This subject is covered more fully in “Bible Basics” lesson #7.

B. Read Genesis 2:1 and note the word “heavens” is plural. This is the time when God designed the first and second heavens. The first heaven contains what four things found in Psalm 147:8, Isaiah 55:10 and Jeremiah 49:36.

_____, _____,
_____, _____

C. List the things God placed in the second heaven. Judges 5:20
The _____ in their _____ and in Genesis 1:16

Two _____.

D. One Hebrew word used to describe these heavens is “shamayim”, lofty, meaning the firmament which appears like an arch spread out above the earth. The Bible says that these heavens are built on

____ n _____ n _____
II Samuel 22:8; and _____ a_s
Job 26:11.

E. These heavens are vast in their size and function; they are the mighty works of Almighty God. One day, however, these heavens shall

“_____ with a _____
_____, and the _____
shall _____ with _____
_____.” II Peter 3:10

II. In this section we will view some of the truths found in God’s Word about the third Heaven, God’s homeland and the eternal home of the saved. This section was researched by a dear saint whose mate of many years had gone on to Glory a short time before. Having many other loved ones there also, the writer expressed that these findings brought great joy! We



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hope this study and the one that follows on future events, will also bring you joy.

A. Heaven is God’s homeland.

Read the following scriptures and fill in the words that speak of Heaven.

1. Matthew 12:50 “For whosoever shall do the will of _____ which is in _____...”

2. Luke 11:2 “...When we pray _____ which art in _____, hallowed be thy name.”

3. I Kings 8:30 “... and hear thou in _____ thy _____:...”

4. I John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in _____, the _____, the _____, and the _____: And these three are one.”

B. Heaven is where God’s throne is. Finish the statements or answer the questions from the following:

1. I Kings 8:32 “Then hear thou in _____ and do, and _____ thy _____,...”

2. Acts 7:49 “_____ is my _____, and earth is my footstool; what house will ye build for me saith the Lord:...”

3. Psalm 11:4 “The Lord is in His _____, The Lord’s _____: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.”

4. Read Matthew 19:28-29; Matthew 25:31-32; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 3:21 and John 5:22-23.

Who has been given the right to judge all men from God’s throne? _____

C. Heaven is the dwelling place of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Read these scriptures to see what He is doing in heaven now as well as what He will do in the future.

1. Ephesians 1:19-23 He is the head of the _____.

2. 1 Peter 3:22 “Who is gone into heaven, and is _____; angels and authorities and powers being made _____.”

Note: Jesus is not a mere man, He is not a created being as an angel. He is God.

3. Hebrews 7:24-26 Jesus stands eternally in an unchangeable _____ He is saving the souls of those who come to God by Him. He lives forever and makes _____ for them. (No

longer are there any sacrifices needed or atonements made on earth.) Romans 8:34 says that Jesus also makes intercession for who _____

Read through to the end of Chapter 8 and see how secure we are in the love of Jesus though we have tribulations here. He knows all things. He feels our hurts, and He loves us.

D. Heaven is the enduring home of all who die in Christ.

1. II Corinthians 5:6-9 According to these verses we are either at home in the body and _____ from the _____ or we are absent from the body and _____ with the Lord.

As Christians you need not feel uncertain or fearful about death for you will be with the Lord immediately.

2. If this body were destroyed, what does II Corinthians 5:1 say we have?



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3. In Psalm 116:15 we are assured of what? _____

4. Read the account of Nicodemus who came fearfully to see Jesus in John 3:1-16. Jesus foretold of his ascension to heaven from whence He came. What two words were used by Jesus to describe the duration of life for those who believe in Him?

_____ life and _____ life.

5. What does Hebrews 12:28 describe heaven as?

6. Jesus promised to prepare a place for us. John 14:2 reveals that there are many _____ in heaven, and He is making a place ready for us!!! The first two heavens and earth will pass away. The nations have passed away but God’s home, our eternal home, will never pass away.

E. Eye witness accounts of heaven and glimpses of glory.

1. In I Peter 5:10, To what are God’s children called?

2. Read II Kings 2:1& 11. Who was taken up to heaven?

_____ Who witnessed this amazing event? _____

This is an exciting chapter. We recommend you read through it before continuing this lesson.

3. One of the first deacons was

Stephen (Acts 6:1-7). In chapters 6 and 7, Stephen was brought before the council. There he testified of many events down through the ages when Jews refused to obey and follow God. He showed them that they were still rejecting Christ. Read Acts 7:54-60 and write out the three things that Stephen saw:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

As the heavens were opened, Stephen was sustained by seeing Jesus.

4. In Mark 1:9-11 what did John the Baptist see? _____

The Spirit of God came out of heaven to rest on Jesus. He heard the Father speak from heaven.

5. Read Revelation 1:1&2 and all of chapter 4. Answer the following questions found in those scriptures.

a. In the vision, he was seeing future events. Who was the man that saw a door opened in heaven? _____

b. Revelation 4:2&3 say that a _____ was set in _____ and one sat on the _____, and looking at him was like looking at beautiful gems.

c. What did he see around the throne? (Rev. 4:3) _____

d. What did he see before the throne ? (Rev.4:6) _____

In verses 8-11 of chapter 4, John saw and



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heard amazing things. He observed humble but intense worship, praise and adoration of Jesus. We will also be in His presence one day and be able to give Him praise. We who are His fellow heirs will have nothing to hinder our peace and joy. We who believe will forever be with the risen Savior!

e. In Ezekiel 1:1 the writer saw the heavens opened. Read Ezekiel 3:23. It speaks of the what of the Lord?

f. II Corinthians 12:4 What is heaven called? _____ Read the account of a repentant sinner on his way to glory in Luke 23: 39-43.

g. In Isaiah 11:10, we find God promising a glorious _____. No more struggles, grief, sorrow or pain.

There are events recorded in the Bible which have not yet taken place. One of those is the coming of the new heavens and of a new earth.

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Lesson 5

Coming Events

Memory verse: Revelation 21: 1
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth
were passed away; and there was no more
sea.

One day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. However, several events must first take place in God's timetable. The next major event that involves man is the **rapture**. That is when God's children will be called home and the **Tribulation** period will take place on the earth. After that, Christ will return to the earth for the second time. This is known as **The Second Coming** when the battle of **Armageddon** takes place (Revelation 20: 7&8) and Christ begins to rule and reign as King on the earth for the **Millennium** or the **Thousand Year Reign**. Following this will be one last war and the destruction of the now known first and second heavens, and this present earth. The **new heavens** and **new earth** including the **New Jerusalem** will replace the old sin ruined universe.

I. The Rapture (This is a descriptive term used for an event yet to come. It means "caught out".)

A. Jesus is coming for his saved ones. Jesus first came to earth as a sinless man to provide a pure blood sacrifice for the sins of man. The Old Testament taught the principle of cleansing through the applied blood. His chosen people, the Jews, understood that God would send the Savior, but they have rejected their Messiah, Jesus, as the Christ. Because of this, God turned to the rest of the world, who are called by Him, the

Gentiles. His Gospel has been going throughout the world since that time, and many have been saved. Once again, however, mankind as a whole are turning to their own ways and soon God's time of grace will end. He is coming for his saints, the true believers, the saved ones who are alive on the earth. Those who died in Christ will be raised bodily. All the saved will be given incorruptible bodies and go to be with the Lord forever.

Read the following verses and finish the statements :

1. John 14: 1- 4 " I go to _____
_____ for you ...I will
_____..."

2. Acts 1:11 "...this same
_____, which is taken up from
you into heaven shall so come in

_____.

3. Hebrews 9: 28 "So Christ was once
offered to bear the sins of many; and unto
them that look for him _____

_____ without sin unto salvation."
(Jesus will not come to bear our sins but to
take us home! That is victory!)

*Next, read these verses and mark true or
false. Note the verses where the answer is
found.*

Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

4. The souls of those who died in
Christ, He will be bringing with him.

T F

5. The dead in Christ have been
unconscious or in a state of soul sleep in an
unknown place. T F



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6. Only the bodies of deceased believers are in the grave. Their souls are abiding with Jesus. T F

7. Those of us who are alive will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

T F

I Corinthians 15:51 & 52, and Philippians 3:20 & 21

8. We will go into glory just as we are.

T F

9. The dead in Christ, as well as the living, will be changed. We will be given wings and be made into angels.

T F

10. We will be given incorruptible bodies, bodies that will not die. Our bodies; will be glorious. T F

Read I Corinthians 15:35-58. Initial when complete. _____... From what we have covered so far, tell when this final victory over death takes place for the Christian?

B. Christians should be ready at all times for the rapture. We need not despair for He is coming !

Read the verses and circle true or false for each statement that follows or fill in the blanks .

Matthew 24:36- 44, Revelation 22:7, I Corinthians 15:52

1. We will know ahead of time and can then better prepare to meet the Lord

T F

2. Our lives should always be right with God. We should be ready to meet Him at all times.

T F

II Peter 3:3-9

3. Satan has delayed Christ's coming .

T F

4. The Lord Jesus Christ is *not* wanting people to be damned eternally, therefore he is giving much time for repentance. But, just as he promised, he will come again!

T F

5. It has been so long since Jesus was first here that we can no longer believe he is coming.

T F

I John 2:28 & 3:2

6. "...and now little children, abide in him; that when _____, we may have confidence, and

_____."
_____."(I John 2:28)

7. "... when he _____ we shall be like him..." (3:2)

Revelation 22:12

8. " and behold _____; and my reward is with me..."

Titus 2:11-13

9. "...Looking for that _____, and the glorious _____ who gave himself for us."

II. The Tribulation period begins immediately following the Church age and will last seven years. It will be a time of one "worldism". There will be a one world ruler, a one monetary system and a one world religion. This will be a time when man totally rules, but when God's judgment will fall upon a Christ rejecting mankind! This section has an overview of that time.

A. *The Tribulation* is a time on earth such as man has never known. In the Scriptures He calls that time by several



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descriptive names. Give those names or descriptions.

1. Isaiah 2:12

The _____

2. Isaiah 34:8; 63:1-6

The Day of _____

3. Jeremiah 30:7

The Time of _____

4. Revelation 6:17

The Great _____

5. Daniel 12:1

The time of _____ such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:

6. Revelation 14:7

The hour _____

B. Some of the troubles that will plague the earth during this seven year period are revealed in the following Scriptures.

1. Revelation 6:4 What will be taken from the earth? _____
...that they should _____:

2. Revelation 6:8 speaks of death coming upon what portion of the earth?

3. Revelation 8:7 & 9

A third part of _____ will be burnt up and all _____.

A third part of sea creatures die and a third part of the _____ will be destroyed.

C. The unholy trinity is described in various places. Give the word used for each as found in these verses:

1. Revelation 19:19 speaks of the political leader as the _____.
And Revelation 11:7 again calls him

the _____. In I John 2:18 he is described as anti_____ which means "opposing Christ".

2. The religious leader is called the false _____.
Revelation 16:13

3. The spiritual power behind them is called the _____ in Revelation 13:2&4. In Revelation 20:2 it says plainly "...the dragon, that _____, _____, which is the _____, and Satan..."

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III. When the seven years are complete Jesus will come to earth once more. The return of Christ to the earth is called **The Second Coming**. Jesus Christ comes as **The King**. Israel will embrace Jesus as her Savior at last and a great victory will take place for them.

A. At the end of the seven years the nations of the world are gathered together to come against Jerusalem, the future capital of the world.

The verses below will describe that battle and the events that surround it:
Read Revelation 16: 12-16 and answer these questions:

1. Why is the Euphrates River dried up? _____

2. The dragon, the false prophet and the beast will be able to perform _____ . They will get the

_____ to gather them to the battle of that great day of _____ ...into a place called _____ in the

Hebrew language (the word means Megiddo, they will gather at Megiddo).
Read Zechariah 14:1-8 and answer the questions:

1. Who ultimately ruled in getting those nations to the battle? _____

2. What will take place in the city of Jerusalem that day? "...the city shall be _____, and the _____, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall _____,..."

3. Verse 3 says this: "Then shall the _____, and _____, as when He fought in the day of battle.

4. According to v.4, where will Jesus stand? _____

At the *Lord's Second Coming* He wears the name *King Of Kings and Lord Of Lords*. His coming is mentioned in Matthew 24:29&30; II Thessalonians 1:7 and Revelation 1:7.

Read those verses and answer the questions:

1. There shall be drastic changes in what 3 things? (Mat.24:29-30)

2. How many people will see Him? (Rev. 1:7) _____

3. What will the Lord Jesus bring with Him? (II Thessalonians. 1:7) _____

Read Luke 21:25 & 26. At this point in time in what condition will people on the earth be? _____

B. The nations are defeated. Christ takes His rightful place as King.

1. Jesus defeats the enemy by what means as found in this set of Scriptures: In Ezekiel 38: 19 & 20, He causes an _____.

In Ezekiel 38: 21, God will cause them to fight _____
Ezekiel 38: 22 And I will plead against him with _____ and with blood; ...and an overflowing _____,



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great _____, fire and _____.

2. Revelation 19: 17-21 The beast and the false prophet are cast alive into what? _____

IV. *The Thousand Year Reign*

A. Satan is bound how long as told in Revelation 20:2? _____

B. Jesus carries out an earthly reign a thousand years with whom? See Rev. 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath _____

_____ : ...”

C. The earth will know a thousand years of peace.

1. In Micah 4:3 God says that the nations shall _____

_____ : nation shall not _____

_____, neither shall they learn _____.

2. Isaiah 11:6-8 tells of the effect that Christ’s rule will have on the animals. The wolf also shall dwell with the _____ and the leopard shall lie down with the _____; and the calf and the _____ and the fatling together; and a little child shall _____ . And the cow and the _____ ; Their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat _____ like the _____. And a suckling child shall _____ on the _____ of the _____, and the weaned child shall _____ on the _____ den.

V. The last war and Satan’s last stand.

A. Read Revelation 20: 7-10 and answer the questions:

1. When will Satan be loosed?

When the _____ years are _____

2. Once again he will deceive the nations and gather them to what? _____

3. They will compass the camp of who? The _____. (And the beloved city.)

4. What will come down out of heaven? _____; who sent it? _____; what did it do? _____

5. What will God do to Satan? _____

How long will Satan be there? _____

B. The *Great White Throne Judgment* takes place at this time. This is when the unsaved are raised to be judged. Read Revelation 20: 11-15 and tell what happens to the unsaved and to death and hell.

VI. Just as God brought an end to the devil and his followers, so He will bring an end to this present, sin ruined world.

There will be a new heaven and new earth where only righteousness will dwell.

A. The old heavens and earth will come to an end. Read the verses and fill in the blanks.

II Peter 3: 10 & 12 “... the heavens _____ and the elements _____



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shall _____
 _____, the earth also and the works that
 are therein shall be _____. v10
 "...the heavens being on fire shall be
 _____, and the elements
 shall _____
 _____? v12

B. A New Heaven

1. What is God's promise to us in
 II Peter 3:13? We can look for _____

wherein dwelleth _____

2. Revelation 21: 1-4 is an eyewitness
 account by John. It speaks of the new
 heaven and the new earth. Placed in the new
 world will be a magnificent city where
 God's tabernacle (His presence) will be with
 man.

What five things will not be there?

- a. _____ b. _____
 c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

C. New Jerusalem is described for us.

1. Hebrews 11: 10&16. Who is the
 builder of this city? _____

2. Revelation 21:16. The city
 measures equally in what ways?
 _____,
 _____.

3. Revelation 21:18. The city wall is
 of _____. The city is pure
 _____ like unto pure glass.

4. Revelation 21:19&20. The
 foundations of the wall are decorated with
 all kinds of _____

5. Revelation 21:21. There are
 twelve gates to the city which are
 _____ This street is _____
 _____, as transparent glass.

6. Revelation 21:22. Why is there no
 temple there? _____

 _____.
 7. Revelation 21:23. Why will there not
 be a new sun and a new moon? _____

 _____,

 _____.

**God created man for fellowship. He is
 once again preparing for fellowship with
 man. That will be a glorious, wonderful
 day in the new heavens and new earth.**

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Lesson 6

Grieve Not The Holy Spirit Of God

Memory verse: “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby ye are saved unto the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

Scripture reading: Ephesians chapter 4 and Proverbs chapter 2. Initial when done _____

The children of God, those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior are reminded that they are capable of grieving God, thereby hindering their fellowship, hurting their testimony and suffering eternal loss of rewards. The opposite of grieving God is giving God full sway in your life, which yields precious rewards both now and for eternity.

I. God’s Word makes it clear that some of our actions after salvation can cause Him grief. He warns us not to walk as other Gentiles (The term Gentile speaks generally of the unsaved).

A. The following scriptures reveal God’s displeasure in the walk of the unsaved:

1. Ephesians 4:18 “Having the understanding darkened, being _____ from the _____ of _____ through the _____ that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:”

2. Ephesians 4:19 “Who being _____ have _____ over...”

3. Ephesians 2:2 “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the _____ of _____, according to the _____ of the _____ of the air (Satan), the _____ that now worketh in the _____ of _____:”

4. Ephesians 2:3 “...fulfilling the _____ of the _____ and of the _____

_____...” & Colossians 1:21 “...enemies in your _____ by _____,...”

B. God is not just displeased with the old behaviors but is grieved by them. The old nature is not in agreement with the new nature. Yielding to the old nature is sin. Continuing in sin will cause God’s Spirit though still indwelling, to be vexed (hurt, pained, displeased, grieved) as seen in Isaiah 63:10.

1. Ephesians 4:30 “And _____ not the _____ of _____ whereby ye (you) are _____ the day of _____.”

(God claimed you as his own when you accepted His payment, Jesus Christ, for your sin. He then sealed that transaction by placing His Spirit within you.)

2. I Thessalonians 5:19 _____ not the _____.

The Lord speaks to you from within to lead you His way. Allow Him to live fully within you; He cannot dwell with sin.

II Corinthians 11:2 says “For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

II. Things that grieve the Spirit are: sins of the mind, the desires of the heart and the actions of the body. Unless we walk in the Spirit, not yielding to the flesh, we are capable of any kind of unrighteousness: (Fill in the blanks or finish the statements.)

A. Sinning in your heart and mind grieve the Spirit.

1. Pride:



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Romans 12:3 "For I say, . . . not to _____ of _____ than he _____: but to think _____, according as God hath dealt to every man the _____ of _____." Galatians 6:3 "For if a man _____ to be _____, when he is _____, he _____ himself."

I Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that _____ he _____ take _____ lest he _____."

2. Doubt and faithlessness:

James 1:6-8 "But let him ask in _____, _____ For he that wavereth is like _____"

_____ For let not that man think that he shall _____ of the Lord. A _____ - _____ man is _____"

Luke 12: 28 & 29 "If then God so clothed the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more _____, O ye of _____? And seek not ye what _____, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of _____ mind."

Philippians 4:6 "Be _____ for _____;" (Do not be anxious or full of care.)

3. Disunity:

Romans 12:16 "Be of the same mind _____ Mind not _____, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not _____"

James 3:14 "But if ye have _____ _____, _____, _____."

B. Sinning with your body grieves the Spirit.

1. I John 2:15 & 16: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is _____ For all that is in the world, the _____"

_____ , _____ , ...is not _____, but is _____."

2. II Peter 2: 7-8 "And delivered just Lot, _____"

(for that righteous man dwelling among them, in _____, _____ his righteous soul _____ with their _____ ;)"

3. Galatians 5:19-21 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest (opened, clearly shown), which are these:

_____, and such like:"

4. James 4: 2 & 3 "Ye _____, and have not: ye _____, and _____ to have, and _____: ye fight and war yet ye have not, because _____ Ye ask, and receive not, because _____, that ye may _____."

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III. The following things will prevent you from grieving the Spirit:

A. Guarding your eyes

Psalm 101:3 "I will _____
_____;

I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."

What goes in through your eyes is in your mind and stays there!

B. Guarding your ears

Be careful what and who you are listening to, whether it be of man or of God:

Proverbs 12:1 "Whoso loveth _____,
_____;

_____ : but he that hateth reproof is brutish."

Proverbs 28:9 "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, _____
_____."

Ephesians 5:6&7 "Let no man _____
_____ : for because of these things _____
_____."

Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

From Mark 4:24 Jesus said "Take heed what ye _____ :"

As the eyes let information into the brain so do the ears. We listen to debates, music, religious speakers, radio talk shows, gossip and so on. A good test of whether it is acceptable to God is: If Jesus were with you, would you continue to listen?

C. Guarding your mouth

Proverbs 21:23 "Whoso _____
_____ his mouth and his tongue keepeth _____
_____."

Proverbs 29:11 "A fool _____
_____ : but a wise man

_____."
Colossians 4:6 "Let your speech be _____
_____, _____
_____, _____
_____."

Ephesians 4:29 " Let no _____
_____ proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of _____ (building up), that it may _____
_____."

James 5:12 "But above all things my brethren, swear not, _____,
_____, _____
_____ : but let your _____
_____ ; and _____, nay; lest ye fall _____."

D. Guarding the use of your hands

James 4:8 " ...Cleanse _____
ye _____."

Ephesians 4:28 & 29 "Let him that _____
_____ : but rather _____
_____, _____
_____, that he may have _____
_____."

E. Guarding your fellowship

I Corinthians 15:33 " Be not deceived: _____
_____, _____
_____."

(Bad companions pull you away from God.)

Psalm 1:1 " _____
_____, _____
_____, _____
_____."

F. Guarding your mind

Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt _____
perfect peace, _____"



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_____ : because he
 _____.” (Trust Him
 with all of your heart even when you cannot
 see how He can help.)

Philippians 2:5 Who’s mind are we to have?

 Philippians 4: 8&9 List the eight things
 found in this scripture that are safe to think
 on:

T _____, H _____, J _____,
 P _____, L _____, G _____ -
 R _____, V _____, P _____.

G. Serving the Lord

I Corinthians 15:58 “...be ye _____,
 _____,

_____ ,
 for as much as ye know that your labour is
 _____.”

You are expected to take
 responsibility in all of these areas of your life.
 Please read the following scriptures and initial
 that you have done so _____ : Galatians 5:
 16-21; Colossians 3: 5-11; II Corinthians 7:1;
 I Thessalonians 5: 14-24; II Corinthians
 13:11.

Note: Everything that you do in your
 Christian life is important to God and to your
 relationship with Him. Remember that you
 will either glorify Him and have good
 fellowship here on earth or you will grieve his
 Holy Spirit and bring sorrow to yourself. He
 will not tolerate continued sin in his children.
 Hebrews 12:6 & 7 states “ For whom the
 Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth
 every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure
 chastening , God dealeth with you as with
 sons; for what son is he whom the father
 chasteneth not?” John 10: 29 says that your
 Heavenly Father holds you safely in His hand.

We would do well to remember that Our
 Heavenly Father has two hands and can
 deliver a spanking any time we need it!

IV. Living in the Spirit of God will have very
 definite effects such as those found in the
 following scriptures:

Galatians 5:22 & 23 “But the fruit of the spirit
 is _____, _____, _____,

_____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____,

_____ : against such _____
 _____.”

Romans 8:6 “For to be _____
 _____ ; _____

_____ _____.”

In closing may we encourage you with
 Paul’s admonition from Philippians 3:13 & 14
 “...this one thing I do, forgetting those things
 which are behind, and reaching forth unto
 those things which are before, I press toward
 the mark for the prize of the high calling of
 God in Christ Jesus.”

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Lesson 7

The Walk Of The Believer

Memory verse: II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The walk, lifestyle of the believer, should be one of growth that produces change. It is filled with challenge.

The walk of the believer is compared to running a race. The runner must prepare himself. He must endure, press on, and finish the race in order to receive a reward. The Christian who runs the race of life will receive a reward.

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4-6

Initial when complete: _____

I. The walk of the believer is one of growth

A. Growth requires food. Spiritual growth comes from spiritual food - the Word of God.

1. I Peter 2:2 "As newborn babes desire the _____:"

This scripture is given to the *new* Christian.

2. II Peter 3:18 is a general command to all believers. "but _____ in _____ and in the _____ of our _____"

_____ To him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

Knowledge of him comes through the written word.

3. Carnality hinders spiritual growth. Carnality is the earthly nature of man apart from God's influence. It is therefore, prone to sin and opposed to God. The following Scriptures are a rebuke to Christians who were not living godly lives growing spiritually as they should. Read I Corinthians 3:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14. These folks are called _____ (v.13) And are accused of still needing what? _____

_____. A growing Christian should be able to _____ others (v.12).

II. The walk of the believer is a type of warfare.

A. Our Commander and Leader

1. Of what is Jesus the head? Colossians 2:9-10 _____

_____. While the President of the United States is commander and chief of all American military, Jesus is commander and chief of all that are in heaven and earth.

2. I Timothy 1:17 proclaims that our leader is "...the _____, _____, the only _____ ..." and is due _____ and _____ for ever and ever. In Revelation 19:16 He had written on his vesture (robe) and thigh, _____ of _____ and _____ of _____.

B. Our armor, as listed in Ephesians 6, is pictured by using the pieces of armor used by soldiers in the time of Paul's writings. We must have every part of God's given armor in place in order to stand through all attacks by the enemy.

1. Ephesians 6:14 tells you to have your _____.

If you do not take the time to study and know God's Word you will be weak and unable to stand, feeble in your legs.

2. Ephesians 6:14 further says to have on the _____

_____. This speaks of the imputed righteousness of Christ. If we are living in unconfused sin, the devil has an opportunity to defeat us in service and victorious living. If he haunts us with past sins or present failures, we need only remember I John 1:9, Romans 5:18-19 and II Corinthians 5:2. (Please read these.) The breastplate covers the heart and the lungs.

I Thessalonians 5:8 calls it the breastplate of _____. You need not be broken hearted nor heavy hearted over yourself,



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and you must not be hard hearted toward others.

3. Ephesians 6:15 speaks of having your feet shod with _____

_____. The feet and lower legs were protected by greaves (guards for the shin and top of the foot).

Obedience to the gospel and a readiness to carry it forth to others is shown here.

4. How important is your faith in God?

a. Ephesians 6:16 tells us to take the _____ . It says above _____. God is showing us that with faith in Him, His promises, and His power to carry them out, you will be able to quench _____

_____. Your faith can make quick work of the actions and accusations of Satan.

b. Hebrews 11:1 explains faith as the _____ , the _____ .

This simply means that you already believe that God will supply what you cannot see in *all* areas of life. Your faith in God is proof to God that you trust Him, and it is noticeable to others. It drives Satan back and encourages others to trust.

c. The examples of faith in other Christians are an encouragement to us. You had faith unto salvation as did those in Acts 16:25-33. Can the God who saved you, guide and care for you from salvation to glory? _____

Read the following scriptures and initial when completed, You may wish to note these in the front or back of your Bible as a reminder of the steadfast, worshipful faith of others.

Job 13:15-18 Faith through physical suffering and personal loss of material possessions and loved ones

Acts 16:25 Faith through persecution

II Corinthians 11:24-28 Faith to endure hardships for the furtherance of the gospel

I Kings 17:2-16 God sustained his prophet and also an ordinary person who's faith was placed in Him.

II Kings 4:1-7 A helpless person sustained

Mark 12:42-44 Faith that God will meet the needs

I John 5:4 Not our holiness, not our power, not our good living, not our abstaining, not our good works, but FAITH Initial _____

5. Ephesians 6:17a tells us to take the **h** _____ of **s** _____ , or as shown in I Thessalonians 5:8 we put on this for a helmet, _____. We have the hope of defeating every adversary, and rising above every difficulty through the blood of the Lamb. This trust in God's salvation protects our minds from Satan's doubt, just as a helmet protects the head from a blow.

6. Ephesians 6:17b Exhorts us to use the _____ , which is _____ .

The word of God, which came by the Spirit (II Peter 1:21), has the power, when spoken in times of temptation and trial, to cut into shreds the snares of the Devil.

Note: Armor is chiefly for the front. A good soldier never turns his back, never runs from the enemy, or he will be struck in the back, dubbed a coward, and bring his name into disgrace.

C. Our Prayer

1. To properly use the shield of faith, to stand true always, you must be in prayer for yourself and for others. Some pray much for full time workers and others. We sometimes call them *prayer warriors*.

a. How does Ephesians 6:18 say that you should pray? _____

_____, and watching thereunto with _____ and _____



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b. Matthew 26:41 teaches us to watch and pray. Why? _____

_____ the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the _____.

2. How effective is the prayer of a righteous man?

a. James 5:16b It _____

_____ .
The verse says, a *righteous man*. Be careful to stay right with God.

b. II Corinthians 10:12b says "...but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves _____."

Note: Prayer was so important to Jesus that he began his earthly ministry in prayer: (Luke 3:21) continued in prayer (Luke 10:21); and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34). His Heavenly ministry was begun in prayer; "I will" (John 14:16); is continuing in prayer (Hebrews 7:25 and I Timothy 2:5); and therefore, even as did his disciples, we also need to cry out, "Lord, teach us to pray!" His ministry today is prayer because he makes intercession for us. *Prayer is talking to God!*

D. The opposing army and their leader:

1. I Peter 5:8 discloses the purpose of the devil. "Be sober, be vigilant (alert); because your adversary the devil, as roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

II Corinthians 4:4 calls him the _____

2. His army is made up of fallen angels, demons, and wicked spirits. The Bible describes it in Ephesians 6:12. "We wrestle not against _____,

_____ , but against _____ ,

_____ , against _____ ,

_____ ; _____

in high places.

See also II Corinthians 11:14&15.

3. Artillery of the enemy. Identify those found in the following scriptures (Use a descriptive word.)

a. Job 12:16b speaks of _____

b. Isaiah 8:12&13 _____

of man instead of God. Read also Acts 5:27-29 and Phillipians 1:28.

c. I Thessalonians 3:5 speaks of Satan's _____.

d. Genesis 3:1 Satan causes us to _____ God's exact Word. He still uses this tactic today by saying "it would be better translated this way".

e. Luke 13:16 Afflictions of the _____.

III. The walk of the believer is compared to a race and to competing in other sporting events.

A. In I Corinthians 9:24-27, the teaching is that we should run the race to receive the _____. In the competitions meant by Paul only one could win the prize, but as a Christian we will receive an _____,

v 25.

The way to run a good race as a Christian is seen in v. 27. As Paul says, you must keep under your _____. That means to keep your fleshly appetites in control, and to keep yourself properly exercised in things that build you up. In the spiritual realm, that would be, as we have shared before, Bible study, prayer, right fellowship, work and so on.

B. In Phillipians 3:14 we read "I press toward the _____ for the _____ of the _____."

_____ .
Adam Clarke's Commentary explains, "...I



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pursue along the line.’ This is a reference to the white lines that marked the ground in the stadium, from the starting place to the goal, on which the runners were obliged to keep their eyes fixed; for they who transgressed or went beyond this line did not run lawfully and were not crowned, even though they got first to the goal...”.

C. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. As at the Olympics, there are spectators (thousands watching), so your Christian life has spectators. In Hebrews 12:1 we are told to lay aside two things: _____, and _____.

Yes, we strive to live godly lives to please the Lord but Hebrews 12:1 also says that we are compassed about by a great _____ (Perhaps those mentioned in chapter 11 are cheering us on. Consider angels as in II Kings 6:17, and others who are all around us on earth.)

Are you sometimes impatient, short fused, disgusted with trying? Never give in and sin. Never give up living Godly. Verse one also warns that the race will require

p_____. The one to whom you should look, and pattern yourself after, is Jesus. Please write out verse three. _____

_____. You must keep your eyes on Him, and reach toward His goals! He looked forward to **j**____ v.2. You can too, for that is what lies ahead for the victorious Christian.

D. The Christian life as compared to wrestling:

1. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we get into a _____ match. Our opponents, however, are not flesh and blood but are described as

p_____.

p_____, rulers of the _____, spiritual _____ in _____.

2. Since it is a spiritual struggle, you must learn to be spiritually strong and spiritually wise. Where does our strength come from according to these verses:

a. Colossians 1:10&11 Through the _____.

b. Philippians 4:13 Through _____.

c. Luke 22:43 If needed, God will send an _____.

3. Read also I Peter 5:10 which shows that during this wrestling match you may suffer, but after suffering, He will _____

_____, _____, _____.

To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN!

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Lesson 8

The Work Of The Believer

Memory Verse: Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.

The Work of the believer includes **service**, **sacrifice**, and **submission**. Jesus' works are our pattern to follow. Righteous works will be rewarded.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12

Initial when complete: _____

I. The works of Jesus Christ, our example.

A. Jesus came to earth in service, serving His Father and serving man. He humbled Himself to serve.

1. John 4:34 says that Jesus comes from His Father, to do His _____

2. Our memory verse says that he came not to _____ but to m_____ (serve).

B. He sacrificed His exalted life.

1. John 17:5 says that he was with the _____ before _____. He left _____ to be born in a stable.

2. His adoptive father, Joseph, was not a rich man. He was simply an average working man, a C_____. Matthew 13:55

3. Jesus learned that trade and worked with his hands to earn a living prior to his three-year ministry. In Mark 6:3, he is also called the _____. Remember, we are speaking of God Himself. Read Psalm 24:7-10 and give the description used five times for Jesus. The _____ of _____. See also Revelations 19:16

C. He sacrificed earthly comforts and common pleasures.

1. At an early age Jesus left the gathering

of family and friends that He might be_____. Read Luke 2:41-49. How old was he then? _____.

2. In Matthew 8: 19 & 20 Jesus told the scribe that the foxes have _____, and the birds of the air have _____, but the Son of man hath not _____. In other words, He had no _____ of his own.

3. In John 4:31-34, Jesus declares "I have _____. He put his heavenly work ahead of regular meals. Read the account of a miracle in Mark 9:14-29. Jesus spent time _____ and _____.

4. Jesus labored to reach the multitudes. He sacrificed privacy and rest as He ministered to the sick, guided the apostles, prayed earnestly, and preached often. Just a few examples follow:

a. Luke 4:15 And He _____, being glorified of all.

b. Luke 4:31band _____.

c. Luke 4:38 & 39 And He arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house...What did he do there? _____.

d. Luke 4:40 Now when _____, all they that had any sick with divers diseases _____; and he _____, and healed them.

e. Luke 4:42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and _____, and _____, that He should not depart from them.

f. Luke 4:44 And he _____



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g. Luke 6:12 & 13 And it came to pass in those days, that he _____, and continued _____,

_____ . And when it was day, he _____ disciples: and of them he _____ of whom also he named apostles;

h. Luke 6:17 & 18 And he came down with them ... and a great _____ out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre, and Sidon, which came to _____; and they that were _____: and they were _____.

i. Mark 6:30 & 31 And the _____, and told Him all things, _____ . And _____, come ye yourselves apart _____, _____: for there were many coming and going, and _____

_____. Notice that these apostles were prepared to go out on a preaching/ missionary tour. Read Mark 6:7-13. Jesus had been training them and teaching them besides His other ministering and preaching. May our lives be challenged to serve more sacrificially in light of all that Jesus did.

5. His ultimate sacrifice as put forth in Philippians 2:7 & 8 was: "But made himself of no _____, and took upon himself _____ and was made into the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man , He _____

_____ .

D. He practiced submission.

1. As a child he was _____ . (Speaking of His parents) Luke 2:51

2. He was submissive to His heavenly father. In Matthew 26:39, Jesus prays, "...not as I will, but _____ . And in v. 42, "...thy _____ . See also Hebrews 10:7 and Matthew 27:53-54.

3. He was submissive to earthly authorities. Read Matthew 17:24 -27 and Mark 12:13-17. Jesus paid T _____ money. He submitted to C _____' s rule. The written Word later commands us to be subject to the higher powers as seen in Romans 13:1-7 (Please read). In I Peter 2: 13-17 the written Word (Remember that Jesus is the Word) speaks of the same submission to e _____ o _____ of man, and ends in h _____ the k _____.

II. Our work as followers of Jesus Christ and as future citizens of heaven should be a servant's work.

A. God claims us as His servants for now and forever. We are not to become enslaved by man or by money.

1. I Corinthians 7:23 shows that we are His when He says "Ye _____; be not _____ .

(Do not become enslaved to others so as not to be able to serve, honor and obey the One who redeemed you.)

2. Colossians 3:23 states inclusively "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, _____;"



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3. In Revelation 22:1-5, God showed John the throne of God and the Lamb (Jesus), and His servants serving Him. What does verse 5 say we will be doing? _____

4. God admonishes us not to waste our lives getting rich and famous.

a. In Matthew 6:24 What does God say about being enslaved to money? You cannot serve _____ and you cannot serve _____. While being rich is not a sin, highly exalting men of wealth is a sin. See James 2:1-9. What is a wealthy person told to do in I Timothy 6:17-19? Be not _____, nor trust in _____... that they _____, that they be _____.

b. Read Luke 12:13-21 About what did Jesus say to take heed?

He teaches us that our life *does not consist of* _____.

_____ The last verse teaches us to be rich _____

c. **Read** the following verses and **initial when done**: Psalm 52; Proverbs 23:5; Proverbs 30:7-9; Jeremiah 9:23-24 and I Timothy 6: 7-11. _____

d. In Luke 12:34, Jesus said, “For where _____, there will _____.”

e. I Timothy 6:10 literally says that the *love of money* is what? _____

f. Instead of exalting ourselves we are to glorify _____ in _____, and in _____, which are God’s. I Corinthians 6:20

g. II Corinthians 10:17-18 says this: “But he that glorieth, let him _____ For not he that _____.

h. As stated in Philippians 2:7, how much reputation did Jesus take on? _____

i. I Corinthians 3:18 & 19 warn against being wise in _____. (Any knowledge or learning gained that goes against the Bible is foolishness, and will be dealt with by God one day.)

j. Romans 12:16 warns against minding _____. It makes a clear statement in the last sentence: “Be not _____.”

Note: As children of the King we are already rich eternally. Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. See II Corinthians 8:9 We are already famous as children of the King!

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Continued:

B. God is your rightful master but you have the choice to serve him and receive rewards, or to live to the flesh, and lose God's blessings.

1. Paul says in Romans 12:1

"I _____ (beg) you therefore brethren, by the _____, that ye _____ (give them over) a living _____,..."

2. When Joshua was near to death, his last charge to the people of God was a stern warning concerning service. Read Joshua 24:1-29. Initial when done. _____ What does verse 15 say about service?

"...Choose _____;..."

3. Rewards are ahead for the faithful believer/ servant.

a. Luke 12:34 speaks of our rewards as _____.

b. In Genesis 15:1, God calls Himself an _____ to Abraham.

c. In Luke 6:27-38, Jesus sets down a pattern of behavior for us. What kind of reward will this life bring? _____

d. Read Matthew 10:41-42. Though you may not be a prophet (preacher) you will receive a _____'s _____ simply by supporting him (a preacher) in his need. You will share in the reward given to a _____ man as you receive (uphold or help) him. Even giving a cup of water to a little one in the name of a disciple (as representing Jesus) will be rewarded! See also I Corinthians 3:8.

e. In Revelation 22:12, Jesus said, "And behold, I come quickly; and my _____ is _____, to give

_____ man according as _____."

f. Proverbs 11:18 assures us that we will have a sure reward for _____.

g. Read Psalm 19:7-11 and list the five things of God that we are to keep.

And in keeping of them there is _____.

h. Crowns are a part of the rewards God has for the believers. Name the crowns He speaks of in the following verses:

II Timothy 4:8 Of _____ This crown is for those who look forward anxiously to Christ's return.

James 1:12 and **Revelation 2:10** Of _____ which is given to those who suffer for the name of Christ.

I Peter 5:4 Of _____ which is for those who faithfully teach and preach God's Word.

I Corinthians 9:25 An _____ crown. This crown is for those who "run a good race" in the Christian life.

I Thessalonians 2:19 In this verse, Paul even considered the souls of those he led to Christ as his crown of rejoicing.

Are you endeavoring to lead others to a saving knowledge of Christ?

4. Read I Corinthians 3:10-17

a. What does v.10 warn of? _____

b. What will try or test our works? _____

c. If anything remains after that God promises what? _____



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d. Verse 15 shows what about a Christian who lived for himself? "... he shall _____..." He will go to glory ashamed; empty of rewards, with nothing to give back.

e. A Christian who shamefully uses his or her body, and will not stop, will be taken in an early death. Verse 17 warns "... _____";

Note: Here is a great verse to encourage you as you serve Him- I Corinthians 15:58.

C. Service that is truly "to the Lord" must have pure motivation; the servant is to have a right attitude.

1. Solomon was admonished by his father, King David this way: I Chronicles 28:9 "...serve him _____ and with _____";

2. In Romans 7:6 we find that we are not bound to serve to the letter of the law. How do we now serve? _____

3. Even in our earthly service we are given direction as to how to serve. What does God tell us about that in Colossians 3:22? Not with _____, as _____; but in _____.

Here is some good advice. Keep your motives pure; keep on even when you are misunderstood; keep things in focus. **You belong to the King!**

D. It is considered an honor to be the servant of God, our service is not, and never will be that of lowly slaves. As we serve God faithfully, He in turn, blesses and honors us. Because he saved us, we live for him.

1. In Joshua 1:1-2, God called Moses: The _____ of the _____ and *my* _____. *God was greatly pleased with Moses' life in service to Him. You might ask yourself, "Can God be pleased with my service*

to Him?"

2. In Genesis 26:24 we find God blessing Isaac. For whom did God say He is doing this?

3. Read John 12:23-26 Jesus said "...if any man serve me, him will _____." (last line)

4. Read Romans 14:17-18 and finish this statement: "For he that in these things serveth _____ is _____, and _____ of men."

5. I Corinthians 3:9 says "For we are _____: While we are not working for our salvation, we *are* working *for* the Lord and *with* the Lord.

6. Revelation 7:15 speaks of people in heaven serving him before the throne. It says that he shall _____. (Last line) See also Revelation 22:3

Note: Our service to the Lord is the outworking of our adoration for Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, our God! II Corinthians 5:15 says it this way, "And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

E. As believers, our work toward one another should also be that of servants.

1. Galatians 5:13 tells us to serve _____ by _____.

2. Read Philippians 2:1-7 and finish the last phrase of verse three. "...let each _____." And let who's mind be in you? _____

3. We are to be submissive, also, to one another as seen in the following verses. Read them and write to whom we are to submit: Ephesians 5:21 _____ Ephesians 5:22 _____



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I Peter 2:13 _____

I Peter 5:5 _____

Hebrews 13:17 _____

Ephesians 6:1 _____

III. The work of the believer includes worship and praise.

A. John 4:23 True worshipers worship the Father in _____
...for the Father _____

B. Philippians 3:3 tells that we who are saved (circumcised in heart, not the flesh as were those under the law) are those who worship God _____, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, having no confidence in _____.

C. Paul and Silas were in prison for preaching the gospel, but out of their hearts came songs of what? _____ Acts 16:25

D. In I Peter 4:11 Peter tells us who is to be praised; _____.

E. Hebrews 13:15 puts it this way: "By Him therefore let us offer the _____,
_____,
that is, _____.

IV. The believer's work includes being representatives of heaven and of the true and living God.

In II Corinthians 5:20 God tells us that we are His _____. Read Proverbs 13:17, and consider what kind of representative you are being. Our life should bring good will from our heavenly home to this world!

V. The believers work should be open before the world. It should have an effect on the unsaved world.

A. Read Matthew 5:14-16
What does God say that we are in verse 14?

Do not hide your Christianity, but rather let it shine forth so that men may see your good works and _____.

B. What did the king say to Daniel as he was cast into the lion's den in Daniel 6:16b

C. Acts 4:13 When they realized that these men were not highly educated but spoke boldly they took knowledge of them that _____.

VI. The work of the believer is to be guided and sustained by prayer. **Read** the following scriptures and **initial** when done. Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:6; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 5:44; I Thessalonians 5:17; I Timothy 2:8 and James 5:15-16 _____ Initial

VII. The work of the believer includes spreading the Gospel.

A. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What two words summed up Jesus last command to his apostles? _____ And then in Acts 5:28, of what did the council accuse them? _____

B. Even persecution should not stop us from witnessing. As seen in Acts 8:4, what did the early church do when they were persecuted? They went _____
_____.



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VIII. The work of the believer, also known as the work of faith, is sometimes openly victorious. At other times we may suffer for our work of faith. We may even be called upon to give our life for Christ. But that is shared by Christ (Philippians 2:7-8), and by the followers of Christ in ages past.

A. Read Philippians 1:28-30. What two things are given to us in the behalf of Christ?

B. In Hebrews 11:24-26 we see that Moses chose to _____ with the _____ of _____. He loved the Lord so much that he counted even the reproach of Christ to be greater riches than the _____.

Please read also Hebrews 11:30-40.
In closing, please read Romans 13: 8-14.

However difficult life may become, the beauty and wonder of a new life in Christ should ever be displayed in the work of the believer.

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Lesson 1

Security of the Believer

Memory verse: I Peter 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. (Liveth and abideth are simply, lives and abides. The word corruptible means something that can decay or die.)

Write the verse out; keep it on a small card or piece of paper. Read it over several times a day until it is firmly planted in your mind. Some people find it helpful to write the verse over many times. The repetition imprints it into your brain. Memorizing God’s Word is one way to help you live a holy life. Time spent in this way is time well spent.

Scripture reading: Read the 5 chapters of I John. C. I. Scofield says that it is a family letter from the Father to His “little children” who are in the world.

Initial when completed. _____

Being secure in your salvation is very important. Many times we have heard babies cry for their mothers. They felt insecure; they could not be consoled and would not play or eat until they were in mother’s arms. A Christian needs to know that he is secure in God’s safe keeping, secure in Christ. This security brings victory. Security of the believer comes from the Godhead, the Trinity (the great three in one). It does not come from feelings, and it cannot come from religious works. Why? Because salvation is of the Lord!

I. Salvation, a lively hope with an inheritance in Heaven! Read I Peter 1:1-5 (chapter 1, verses 1-5) 3 times.

A. In I Peter 1:3, God the Father...according to HIS ABUNDANT MERCY hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.

Was it necessary that Christ died, was buried and rose from the dead? Absolutely yes!!! Read I Corinthians 15:1-4 and 12-19.

B. To what are we saved? I Peter 1:4, To an INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, and UNDEFILED and that FADETH NOT AWAY, reserved in HEAVEN for YOU...

Let’s summarize verse 4. Our salvation is a sure thing (secure). It is pure; it is forever. Oh yes! It is heavenly, not earthly.

II. We are saved by faith and kept by God’s own power.

A. In verse 5 of I Peter 1, “We are kept by THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH unto salvation...

B. Ephesians 2: 8-9 “For by grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that not of YOURSELVES : it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

C. Romans 10:17 “So then FAITH COMETH BY



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HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

See also John 10: 28 & 29.

*** The Power of Almighty God saves and keeps!**

III. Salvation cannot be destroyed, but your faith can be tested and tried.

A. Read I Peter 1:7 three times and then answer these questions.

1. Of what are the trials?

YOUR FAITH.

2. Your trials are better than what? **GOLD**

3. Unto what might your trials be found? Unto **PRAISE AND HONOR AND GLORY** :

B. In I Peter 1:8, it tells us how we rejoice because we believe in Him and love Him, ...with **JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY**

Note: Christ left us an example of how to behave when trials come. Read I Peter 2:21-23.

IV. Salvation is not temporary; it is not lost if we sin.

Read I John 1: 9-10 and 2:1-2. God calls the saved people his little children. He teaches us that we should not sin. Sin hurts our fellowship with the Heavenly Father. Each time we sin He says we must **CONFESS** our sins---verse 9. In the same verse, he also promises to do what? **FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO**

CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness.

That restores the broken fellowship. You may be sure that the Heavenly Father never holds a grudge against any of His children. If you feel lost, perhaps it is broken fellowship because of sin. You need to confess that sin and turn from it.

V. Maybe you have completed this study, memorized the verse and you know in your heart you are really saved. Please consider these verses, thoughts and questions.

A. Romans 3:23

Who has sinned? **ALL** Write your name. _____

B. Romans 6:23a What is the payment of sin? **DEATH**

C. Romans 6:23b What is the cure for sin? ... **JESUS CHRIST** our Lord.

D. How does a person get the gift of salvation? Read Romans 10: 9 & 10, John 3:16 and Luke 13:3 . Believe, confess and repent. Make sure you are saved, then **rest in Him; you are secure.**

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Lesson 2

HOLY GOD - HOLY PEOPLE

Memory verse: I Peter 1: 15-16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; v16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Many of today’s society believe they may do anything they wish. They say, “No one has the right to judge.” They do not understand that we were made by a holy God who cannot have anything to do with unholiness or unrighteousness. He calls us to holy living in our new life in Christ. The word holy could be understood as being *sacred*. It involves being separated from all that is sinful, impure, or morally imperfect. In this lesson, we’ll see what the Bible has to say about holiness.

Scripture Reading: Matthew chapters 5,6 and 7. Read these chapters which cover the “*Sermon on the Mount*”, a sermon preached by Jesus. Initial when completed: _____

I. God is holy.

A. This verse asks a question. Exodus 15:11. “Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, **GLORIOUS** in **HOLINESS**, fearful in praises, doing wonders?” The only answer is, that there is no one like God. There is no other who is perfectly holy.

B. In Psalm 99:9 we are told, “Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for **THE LORD OUR GOD IS HOLY.**” Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we no longer have to worship God in a certain place, but

we still exalt our God. We lift him up as the one who is all holy. We worship a holy God.

II. God’s name is holy.

A. Fill in the words from the last line of Psalm 111:9 “ ... **HOLY** and **REVEREND** is His **NAME.**”

B. Isaiah 57:15 Says “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, **WHOSE NAME** is **HOLY**; I dwell in the high and **HOLY PLACE** ...”

C. Read Matthew 6:9 and Luke 11:2 and give the words used to describe his name **HALLOWED** be **THY NAME** .

III. God is called holy and he is praised for being holy.

A. Read Isaiah 6:1-3 and tell what the seraphim cried out “... **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** is the **LORD** of **HOSTS** the whole earth is full of his glory.”

B. What did God say about himself in Isaiah 43:14 Thus said the Lord, your redeemer, the **HOLY ONE** of **ISRAEL...**”

C. In Revelation 4:8 the four beasts said “**HOLY HOLY HOLY**, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

D. In Revelation 6:10 the souls of them that were killed for the Word of God and their testimony cried out with a loud voice “...How long, O Lord, **HOLY** and **TRUE...**”



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IV. God dwells in holiness and all that he does is holy.

A. Read Exodus 3:1-6. Even the **GROUND** was holy because God was there.

B. Psalm 47:8 shows that God reigns in holiness. He sits upon the **THRONE** of **HIS HOLINESS**.

C. Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is **RIGHTEOUS** in **ALL** his **WAYS**, and **HOLY** in **ALL** his **WORKS**."

Holy living for the Christian is not a means to keep our salvation. It is the way to please God and have his fellowship.

V. God wants His people to be holy. Finish the following verses to see just how important our holiness is to God.

A. Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and **BE YE HOLY: FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.**

(The word sanctify means set apart to holiness.) That is God's teaching in the Old Testament. The New Testament teaching has not changed.

B. I Thessalonians 4:7 says, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but **UNTO HOLINESS**." and I Peter 1: 15&16 states "But as He which hath called you is Holy, **SO BE YE HOLY** in all manner of conversation (in all you do, your behavior); Because it is written be ye **HOLY FOR I AM HOLY.**

VI. Holy living fits your new life in Christ. God chose the saved to be holy before Him.

A. Ephesians 1:4 says that we were chosen that we should be **HOLY** and **WITHOUT BLAME** before Him in love (Last half verse 4). Praise Him because of His love. In the last day we will stand before Him and He will see us as holy through Jesus Christ and His shed blood.

B. Read Colossians 1:21 & 22. That is cause to rejoice! Ephesians 2:21 & 22 compare Christians to a **HOLY TEMPLE** in the Lord.

VII. Holy living will not come automatically here on earth. Because of our earthly bodies, we must work at it.

A. Read Romans 12:1 and tell what we are urged to present our bodies as. "--- present your bodies a **LIVING SACRIFICE**, **HOLY**, acceptable unto **GOD** (not acceptable to man)---" God tells us that this is reasonable service. It is only fair. He gave His Son for us. We need to leave the old unholy life and live a holy life now.

B. Holy living includes yielding to God and giving up old habits. It will mean taking off old ways and putting on new ways. Those involved in false religion and idol worship must separate themselves from it. On the next page is a set of Bible verses to match with their references. Those verses go along with this teaching.

VIII. A Christian who lives an unholy life cannot blame God. He can expect correction from God. If he continues to walk in sin he may have his life ended before his time!

A. Read James 1:13&14 and find



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something God cannot do.

GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN.

(We cannot blame God for our wrong doing.)

B. We sometimes need to be rebuked and chastened (disciplined and corrected). Read Hebrews 12:5 to see who chastens his sons (children). The **LORD**.

C. If we defile the temple of God (live immorally), what will God do?

DESTROY See I Corinthians 3:17. And James 1:15 says that sin brings forth **DEATH**; Also Romans 6:16 says we are **SERVANTS** to whom we obey; whether of **SIN UNTO DEATH, OR OBEDIENCE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Read the verses in list one and place the letter by the reference that contains that thought in list two.

LIST 1

1. II Corinthians 6:14-17 **D**
2. II Timothy 2:19 **G**
3. II Corinthians 7:1 **C**
4. Romans 6:19 **B**
5. I Thessalonians 3:12&13 **A**
6. Colossians 3:12 **F**
7. Ephesians 4:24 **E**

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LIST 2

- A. ---to the end he may stablish your heart unblameable in holiness...
- B. ---even so yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness
- C. ---Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness
- D. ---what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness...and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols.
- E. ---put on the new man---
- F. ---put on---holy and beloved---
- G. ---The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.



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Lesson 3

Be An Example

Memory verse: I Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

We have all heard statements like: “First impressions count most,” “His actions speak louder than his words,” “You can judge him by his friends,” “His reputation has gone before him.” What could people say about you? Our memory verse tells us to be an example of the believer and then gives us some areas in which people should be able to see that we are Christians, that we are His. Let’s take a look at each of these areas.

I. In word - our speech

A. I Thessalonians 2:4 says “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we **SPEAK NOT; AS PLEASING MEN, BUT GOD,** which trieth our hearts.”

B. James 1: 19 states “Wherefore my beloved brethren , let every man be (3 things)

SWIFT TO HEAR
SLOW TO SPEAK
SLOW TO WRATH.”

C. Read Matthew 5:33-37 and finish this statement. “But let your communication (behavior) be, yea (yes), yea; nay (no), nay; for whatsoever **IS MORE THAN THESE COMETH OF EVIL.”**

D. Your speech can deny the faith you claim.

1. When Peter wanted to be sure the people thought he was not with Jesus, he began to **CURSE AND**

TO SWEAR... Matthew 26:74

2. Christ tells us not to deny Him. Luke 12:9 says “ But he that **DENIETH** me **BEFORE** men shall be **DENIED BEFORE** the **ANGELS OF GOD.”**

Thought: Your speech does tell others your beliefs; your speech speaks for you!!!

II. In conversation... this is an Old English word that means “actions” or “way of life.”

A. See Acts 4:13 “Now when they saw the **BOLDNESS** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were **UNLEARNED** and **IGNORANT**

men (not highly schooled) they **MARVELLED** and **THEY TOOK KNOWLEDGE** of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

B. What did Joseph’s behavior show according to Genesis 39:3? His master saw that **THE LORD WAS WITH HIM AND THAT THE LORD MADE ALL THAT HE DID TO PROSPER IN HIS HAND.**

C. David’s wise behavior earned him respect. Read I Samuel 18:5 and finish this verse. “... and Saul

SET HIM OVER THE MEN OF WAR, AND HE WAS ACCEPTED IN THE SIGHT OF THE PEOPLE,

and also in the sight of Saul’s servants.”

III. In charity (Godly love) -this love is an unselfish love. It causes us to think and speak well of others. Godly love judges others kindly and desires to make them



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A. The Godly love, charity, is spoken of throughout the Bible. Read I Corinthians 13:4-8. Within these verses there are many descriptions of God's meaning of charity.

1. Charity SUFFERETH LONG and is KIND.
2. Charity ENVIETH not
3. Charity VAUNTETH not ITSELF is not PUFFED UP.
4. Charity does not behave ITSELF unseemly, SEEKETH not her own, is not EASILY PROVOKED, thinketh NO EVIL;
5. Charity rejoices not in INIQUITY, but REJOICETH in TRUTH;
6. Charity beareth ALL THINGS, BELIEVETH ALL things, HOPETH all things, ENDURETH all things.
7. Charity never FAILETH:

Note: Verse 13 says that charity is even greater in God's sight than faith and hope!

B. Romans 12: 9 and 10 teaches us how we should behave in general and also how we should love other Christians. It says that we must love without DISSIMULATION (in truth, not putting on an act.) It says to abhor (hate) that which is EVIL and to cleave to (hold on to) that WHICH IS GOOD. We are to be KINDLY AFFECTIONED one to another with BROTHERLY LOVE; in honor PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER ; We live righteously by His power. We can and we must love one another (other Christians) in true charity if we are to

please God, and if we are to have His full blessing on our life.

True charity is of God, and for God, and through God. Phillipians 4: 13 says "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

IV. In spirit... your mental disposition or your attitude.

A. Read Genesis 50: 19-21 and complete this sentence about Joseph.
And he COMFORTED THEM, and spake (spoke) KINDLY unto them.

Joseph kept his attitude right throughout life. At age 17 he was a reliable worker for his father. He was trustworthy and obedient. However, unbelievably bad events took place in Joseph's life. He could have become bitter, despondent, hateful and vengeful; he did not. Joseph remained faithful to God and kept a right attitude, a right spirit. The true events and there outcome are written in Genesis chapter 37 and chapters 39 through 47. Read these chapters. Joseph's life is a great example of living with a right spirit in spite of circumstances. It also shows God's blessing on that type of living.

B. Daniel was also a victim of circumstances. His people had sinned greatly against God and therefore they were caused to be taken over by an enemy country. Daniel, who was a young man was taken by force to serve the king (Daniel 1:1-6.) In Daniel 6:3 it says this about Daniel. "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes because an



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EXCELLENT SPIRIT WAS FOUND IN HIM; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.”

V. Of faith.

How can you be an example of the believer in faith?, By taking God at his word and acting on it no matter the cost; by trusting what God promises. God gave a whole chapter on the subject of faith in the book of Hebrews (chapter 11.) We will be using that chapter for this section.

A. What is faith? Verse 1. Now faith is the **SUBSTANCE** of **THINGS HOPED** for, the **EVIDENCE** of things **NOT SEEN**. Verse 3. (Finish this statement) Through faith we **UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD, SO THAT THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN WERE NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR.**

B. The following are recordings of faith in the lives of many who have gone before us.

1. Verse 4. By **FAITH** Abel offered unto God **A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE THAN CAIN**, by which he **OBTAINED WITNESS THAT** he was **RIGHTEOUS**,...

2. Verse 7. By **FAITH** Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, **PREPARED AN ARK TO THE SAVING OF HIS HOUSE**; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the **RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH.**

3. Read verses 8-12 and name the two people (husband and wife) who's faith was recorded here.

a. **ABRAHAM**

b. **SARAH**

Read the rest of this chapter to see amazing examples of the price many paid for walking in faith.

VI. In purity... Throughout the Bible we find that God has required purity of his people in body, in mind, and in worship.

A. I John 3:2 and 3 is written to New Testament Christians. Verse 2 says that when he (Jesus) appears we shall be like Him. Verse 3 teaches that he who has this hope **PURIFIETH** himself even as **HE IS PURE**.

B. Read Titus 2:12-14 and finish these statements.

1. "...we should live **SOBERLY**, **RIGHTEOUSLY** and **GODLY** in this present world..."

2. "...who (Jesus) gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from **ALL INIQUITY** and **PURIFY** unto **HIMSELF** a peculiar (unique and special) people **ZEALOUS** of **GOOD WORKS**."

C. Purity of body, mind and spirit cannot be maintained if we join together with unbelievers in very close or binding relationships such as marriage and business co-ownership.

Read II Corinthians chapter 6, verse 14 through chapter 7 verse 1 and fill in the blanks.

1. "Be ye not **UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER** with



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UNBELIEVERS ...”

2. “for ye are the **TEMPLE**
of the **LIVING GOD.**”

3. “Wherefore **COME** out
FROM AMONG THEM,
and be ye **SEPERATE,** saith the
LORD...”

4. “...let us **CLEANSE**
OURSELVES from
all **FILTHINESS** of the
FLESH and **SPIRIT,**
PERFECTING **HOLINESS**
in the fear of God.”

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The “Heavens”

Memory verse: II Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (Write the verse on a small card and keep it near you. Read the verse several times and try to say it without looking at the card. Write the verse out on a separate piece of paper. Do this two to three times a day until you can recall it easily. Save the card and review it from time to time.)

There are three places called heaven in the Bible. The first is the space of air and clouds just above the earth; the second is what we know as outer space; and the third is God’s own homeland! Deuteronomy 10:14 says “Behold the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the earth also with all that therein is.”

*** As you begin, please remember to read all Scripture verses entirely. The lessons are prepared to help you to dwell on the scriptures.**

I. In this section we’ll find things written in God’s Word about the first and second heavens.

A. These heavens were created by God; they belong to God. Genesis 1:1 states “In the beginning **GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.**”

This subject is covered more fully in “Bible Basics” lesson #7.

B. Read Genesis 2:1 and note the word “heavens” is plural. This is the time when God designed the first and second heavens. The first heaven contains what four things found in Psalm 147:8 , Isaiah 55:10 and Jeremiah 49:36.

RAIN, **SNOW,**
CLOUDS, **WINDS**

C. List the things God placed in the second heaven. Judges 5:20

The **STARS,** in their **COURSES** and in Genesis 1:16

Two **GREAT LIGHTS.**

D. One Hebrew word used to describe these heavens is “shamayim”, lofty, meaning the firmament which appears like an arch spread out above the earth.

The Bible says that these heavens are built on **FOU** n **DATIO** n **S**

II Samuel 22:8;

and **PILL** a **R** s Job 26:11.

E. These heavens are vast in their size and function; they are the mighty works of Almighty God. One day, however these heavens shall

“PASS AWAY with a **GREAT NOISE,** and the **ELEMENTS** shall **MELT** with **FERVENT HEAT,...”** II Peter 3:10

II. In this section we will view some of the truths found in God’s Word about the third Heaven, God’s homeland and the eternal home of the saved.

This section was researched by a dear saint who’s mate of many years had gone on to Glory a short time before. Having also many other loved ones there the writer expressed that these



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findings brought great joy! We hope this study and the one that follows on future events will also bring you joy.

A. Heaven is God’s homeland.

Read the following scriptures and fill in the words that speak of Heaven.

1. Matthew 12:50 “For whosoever shall do the will of MY FATHER which is in HEAVEN...”

2. Luke 11:2 “...When we pray OUR FATHER which art in HEAVEN, hallowed be thy name.”

3. I Kings 8:30 “... and hear thou in HEAVEN THY DWELLING PLACE:...”

4. I John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in HEAVEN, the FATHER, the WORD, and the HOLY GHOST: And these three are one.”

B. Heaven is where God’s throne is. Finish the statements or answer the questions from the following:

1. I Kings 8:32 “Then hear thou in HEAVEN and do and JUDGE thy SERVANTS...”

2. Acts 7:49 “HEAVEN is my THRONE and earth is my footstool; what house will ye build for me saith the Lord:...”

3. Psalm 11:4 “The Lord is in His HOLY TEMPLE The Lord’s THRONE IS IN HEAVEN: His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men.”

4. Read Matthew 19:28& 29; Matthew 25:31&32; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 3:21 and John 5:22&23. Who has been given the right to judge all men from God’s throne? JESUS (OR

CHRIST, OR THE SON)

C. Heaven is God’s dwelling place of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Read these scriptures to see what he is doing in heaven now as well as what he will do in the future.

1. Ephesians 1:19-23 He is the head of the CHURCH.

2. 1 Peter 3:22 “Who is gone into heaven, and is ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; angels and authorities and powers being made SUBJECT UNTO HIM.”

Note: Jesus is not a mere man, he is not a created being as an angel. He is God.

3. Hebrews 7:24-26 Jesus stands eternally in an unchangeable PRIESTHOOD. He is saving the souls of those who come to God by Him. He lives forever and makes INTERCESSION for them. (No longer are there any sacrifices needed or atonements made on earth.) Romans 8:34 Says that Jesus also makes intercession for who US (THE SAVED) Read through to the end of Chapter 8 and see how secure we are in the love of Jesus though we have tribulations here. He knows all things, he feels our hurts: He loves us.

D. Heaven is the enduring home of all who die in Christ.

1. II Corinthians 5:6-9 According to these we are either at home in the body and ABSENT from the LORD or we are absent from the body and PRESENT with the Lord. As Christians you need not feel uncertain or fearful about death for you will be with



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the Lord immediately.

2. If this body were destroyed what does II Corinthians 5:1 say we have?

A BUILDING OF GOD, A HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS.

3. In Psalm 116:15 we are assured of what? **THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS IS PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT.**

4. Read the account of Nicodemus who came fearfully to see Jesus, in John 3:1-16. Jesus foretold his resurrection back to heaven from whence He came. What two words were used by Jesus to describe the duration of life for those who believe in Him?

ETERNAL life and **EVERLASTING** life.

5. What does Hebrews 12:28 describe heaven as?

A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED.

6. Jesus promised to prepare a place for us. John 14:2 reveals that there are many **MANSIONS** in heaven, and He is making a place ready for us!!! The first two heavens and earth will pass away; nations have passed away but God’s home, our eternal home, will never pass away.

E. Eye witness accounts of heaven and glimpses of glory.

1. In I Peter 5:10 What are God’s children called to?

HIS ETERNAL GLORY

2. Read II Kings 2:1& 11. Who was taken up to heaven?

ELIJAH Who witnessed this amazing event? **ELISHA**

This is an exciting chapter. We recommend you read through it before continuing this lesson.

3. One of the first deacons was Stephen (Acts 6:1-7). In chapters 6 and 7, Stephen was brought before the council where he testified of many events down through the ages when Jews refused to obey and follow God. He showed them that they now reject the Christ. Read Acts 7:54-60 and write out the three things that Stephen saw

- a. **THE GLORY OF GOD**
- b. **JESUS AT HIS RIGHT HAND**
- c. **THE HEAVENS**

OPENED

As the heavens were opened Stephen was sustained by seeing Jesus.

4. In Mark 1:9-11 What did John the Baptist see? **THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE**

The Spirit of God came out of heaven to rest on Jesus. He heard the Father speak from heaven.

5. From Revelation 1:1&2 and Chapter 4 answer the questions.

a. Who saw a door opened in heaven? **JOHN** In the vision he was seeing future events. (Revelation4:1)

b. Rev.4: 2&3 say that a **THRONE** was set in **HEAVEN** and one sat on the **THRONE**. And looking at him was like looking at beautiful gems.

c. What did he see around the throne? v.3 **A RAINBOW**



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d. What did he see before the throne (Rev. 4:6)? **A SEA OF GLASS.**

In Verses 8-11 of chapter 4, John saw and heard amazing things. He observed humble but intense worships, praise and adoration of Jesus. We will also be in His presence one day and be able to give Him praise. We who are His fellow heirs will have nothing to hinder our peace and joy. We will forever be with the one who died that all who believe might have eternal life.

e. In Ezekiel 1:1 the writer saw the heavens opened. Read Ezekiel 3:23. It speaks of the what of the Lord?

GLORY

f. II Corinthians 12:4 What is heaven called? **PARADISE** Read the account of a repentant sinner on his way to glory on his way to glory in Luke 23: 39-43.

g. In Isaiah 11:10 We find God promising a glorious **REST**. No more struggles, no more grief, sorrow or pain.

There are events recorded in the Bible which have not taken place yet. One of those is the coming of new heavens and of a new earth.

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Memory verse: Revelation 21: 1
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth
were passed away; and there was no more
sea.

One day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. However, several events must first take place in God's timetable. The next major event that involves man is the **rapture**. That is when God's children will be called home and the **Tribulation** period will take place on the earth. After that, Christ will return to the earth for the second time. This is known as **The Second Coming** when the battle of **Armageddon** takes place (Revelation 20: 7&8) and Christ begins to rule and reign as King on the earth for the **Millennium** or the **Thousand Year Reign**. Following this will be one last war and the destruction of the now known first and second heavens, and this present earth. The **new heavens** and **new earth** including the **New Jerusalem** will replace the old sin ruined universe.

I. The Rapture (This is a descriptive term used for an event yet to come. It means "caught out".)

A. Jesus is coming for his saved ones: Jesus first came to earth as a sinless man to provide a pure blood sacrifice for the sins of man. The Old Testament taught the principle of cleansing through the blood applied. His chosen people, the Jews understood that God would send the Savior but they have rejected their Messiah, Jesus, as the Christ. Because of this, God turned to the rest of the world who are called by Him, the Gentiles. His

Gospel has been going throughout the world since that time and many have been saved. Once again, however, mankind as a whole are turning to their own ways and soon God's Day Of Grace will end. He is coming for his saints, true believers, the saved ones who are alive on the earth. Those who died in Christ will be raised bodily. All the saved will be given incorruptible bodies and go to be with the Lord forever.

Read the following verses and finish the statements :

1. John 14: 1- 4 " I go to
PREPARE A PLACE
for you ... I will **COME AGAIN...**"

2. Acts 1:11 "...this same
JESUS, which is taken up from
you into heaven shall so come in
LIKE MANNER AS YE
HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO
HEAVEN."

3. Hebrews 9: 28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him **SHALL HE**
APPEAR THE SECOND TIME
without sin unto salvation." (Jesus will not come to bear our sins but to take us home! That is victory!)

*Next read these verses and mark true or false. Note the verses where the answer is found. Read **I Thessalonians 4:13-18.***

4. The souls of those who died in Christ, He will be bringing with him.

T **F**

5. The dead in Christ have been unconscious or in a state of soul sleep in an unknown place.

T **F**



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6. Only the bodies of deceased believers were in the grave. Their souls were abiding with Jesus. T F

7. Those of us who are alive will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

T F

I Corinthians 15:51 & 52, and Philippians 3:20 & 21

8. We will go into glory just as we are.

T F

9. The dead in Christ as well as the living will be changed. We will be given wings and be made into angels.

T F

10. We will be given incorruptible bodies, bodies that will not die. Our bodies will be glorious.

T F

Read I Corinthians 15:35-58. Initial when complete..... From what we have covered so far tell when this final victory over death takes place for the Christian?

THE RAPTURE/ RESURRECTION

B. Christians should be ready at all times for the rapture. We need not despair for He is coming !

Read the verses and circle true or false for each statement that follows or fill in the blanks .

Matthew 24:36- 44, Revelation 22:7, I Corinthians 15:52

1. We will know ahead of time and can then better prepare to meet the Lord

T F

2. Our lives should always be right with God. We should be ready to meet Him at all times.

T F

II Peter 3:3-9

3. Satan has delayed Christ's coming .

T F

4. The Lord Jesus Christ is *not* wanting people to be damned eternally therefore he is giving much time for repentance. But, just as he promised, he will come again!

T F

5. It has been so long since Jesus was first here that we can no longer believe he is coming.

T F

I John 2:28 & 3:2

6. "...and now little children, abide in him; that when HE SHALL

APPEAR, we may have confidence, and NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING." (2:28)

7. "... when he SHALL APPEAR we shall be like him..."(3:2)

Revelation 22:12

8. " and behold I COME QUICKLY; and my reward is with me..."

Titus 2:11-13

9. "...Looking for that BLESSED HOPE, and the glorious APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST who gave himself for us."

II. The Tribulation period begins immediately following the Church age and will last seven years. It will be a time of "one worldism". There will be one world ruler, one monetary system and one world religion. This will be a time when man totally rules but when God's judgment will fall upon Christ rejecting mankind! This section has an overview of that time.

A. *The Tribulation* is a time on earth such as man has never known. In the Scriptures He calls that time by several descriptive



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names. Give those names or descriptions.

1. Isaiah 2:12

The **DAY OF THE LORD**

2. Isaiah 34:8; 63:1-6

The Day of

THE LORD'S VENGEANCE

3. Jeremiah 30:7

The Time of **JACOB'S TROUBLE**

4. Revelation 6:17

The Great **DAY OF HIS WRATH**

5. Daniel 12:1

The time of **TROUBLE** such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:

6. Revelation 14:7

The hour **OF HIS JUDGMENT**

B. Some of the troubles that will plague the earth during this seven year period are revealed in the following Scriptures.

1. Revelation 6:4 What will be taken from the earth? **PEACE**
...that they should

KILL ONE ANOTHER:

2. Revelation 6:8 speaks of death coming upon what portion of the earth? **FOURTH PART**

3. Revelation 8:7 & 9

A third part of **TREES** will be burnt up and all **GREEN GRASS.**

A third part of sea creatures die and a third part of the **SHIPS** will be destroyed.

C. The unholy trinity is described in various places. Give the word used for each as found in these verses:

1. Revelation 19:19 speaks of the political leader as the **BEAST**

And Revelation 11:7 again calls him

the **BEAST**. In I John 2:18 he is described as anti **CHRIST** which means "opposing Christ".

2. The religious leader is called the false **PROPHET**
Revelation 16:13

3. The spiritual power behind them is called the **DRAGON** in Revelation 13: 2&4. In Revelation 20:2 it plainly says "...the dragon, that **OLD SERPENT,** which is the **DEVIL,** and Satan..."

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III. When the seven years are complete Jesus will come to earth once more. The return of Christ to the earth is called *The Second Coming*. Jesus Christ comes as *The King*. Israel will embrace Jesus as their Savior at last and a great victory will take place for them.

A. At the end of the seven years the nations of the world are gathered together to come against Jerusalem, the future capital of the world.

The verses below will describe that battle and the events that surround it:

Read Revelation 16: 12-16 and answer these questions:

1. Why is the Euphrates river dried up?
TO MAKE A WAY FOR THE KINGS OF THE EAST

2. The dragon, the false prophet and the beast will be able to perform

MIRACLES. They will get the **KINGS OF THE EARTH AND THE WHOLE WORLD** to

gather them to the battle of that great day of **GOD ALMIGHTY** ...into a place called **ARMAGEDDON** in the Hebrew language. (The word means Megiddo. They will gather at Megiddo.)

Read Zechariah 14:1-8 and answer the questions:

1. Who ultimately ruled in getting those nations to the battle? **GOD** v.2

2. What will take place in the city of Jerusalem that day? "...the city shall be **TAKEN**, and the **HOUSES RIFLED**, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall **GO FORTH INTO CAPTIVITY**,..."

3. Verse 3 says this: "Then shall the **LORD GO FORTH**, and **FIGHT AGAINST THOSE NATIONS**, as when He fought in the day of battle.

4. According to v.4 where will Jesus stand? **ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES**

At the *Lord's Second Coming* He wears the name *King Of Kings and Lord Of Lords*.

His coming is mentioned in Matthew 24:29&30; II Thessalonians 1:7 and Revelation 1:7.

Read those verses and answer the questions:

1. There shall be drastic changes in what 3 things? (Mat.24:29-30)

SUN MOON STARS

2. How many people will see Him? (Rev. 1:7) **EVERYONE**

3. What will the Lord Jesus bring with Him? (II Thessalonians. 1:7) **HIS ANGELS**

Read Luke 21:25 & 26. At this point in time what condition will people on the earth be in? **DISTRESS OF NATIONS WITH PERPLEXITY. MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR... ETC.**

B. The nations are defeated. Christ takes His rightful place as King.

1. Jesus defeats the enemy by what means as found in this set of scriptures:

Ezekiel 38:19 & 20 He causes an **EARTHQUAKE**.

Ezekiel 38: 21 God will cause them to fight **AGAINST ONE ANOTHER**

Ezekiel 38: 22 And I will plead against him with **PESTILENCE** and with blood; ...and an overflowing **RAIN**,



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great **HAILSTONES**, fire and **BRIMSTONE**.

2. Revelation 19: 17-21 The beast and the false prophet are cast alive into what? **LAKE OF FIRE**

IV. *The Thousand Year Reign*

A. Satan Is bound how long as told in Revelation 20:2 **1,000 YEARS**

B. Jesus carries out an earthly reign a thousand years with whom? See Rev. 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath

PART IN THE

FIRST RESURRECTION

(Read also I Thessalonians 4:16&17)

C. The earth will know a thousand years of peace.

1. In Micah 4:3 God says that the nations shall **BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS** : nation shall not **LIFT UP A SWORD AGAINST NATION**, neither shall they learn **WAR ANY MORE** .

2. Isaiah 11:6-8 tells of the effect that Christ's rule will have on the animals. "The wolf also shall dwell with the **LAMB** and the leopard shall lie down with the **KID** ; and the calf and the **YOUNG LION** and the fatling together; and a little child shall **LEAD THEM** . And the cow and the **BEAR SHALL FEED**; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat **STRAW** like the **OX**. And a suckling child shall **PLAY** on the **HOLE** of the **ASP**, and the weaned child shall **PUT HIS HAND** on the **COCKATRICE** den."

V. The last war and Satan's last stand.

A. Read Revelation 20: 7-10 and answer the questions:

1. When will Satan be loosed?

When the **THOUSAND** years are **EXPIRED**

2. Once again he will deceive the nations and gather them to what?

BATTLE

3. They will compass the camp of who? The **SAINTS** (And the beloved city.)

4. What will come down out of heaven? **FIRE**; who sent it? **GOD**; what did it do? **DEVOURED THEM**

5. What will God do to Satan?

CAST HIM INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE .

How long will Satan be there?

FOR EVER AND EVER

B. The *Great White Throne Judgment* takes place at this time. This is when the unsaved are raised to judged. Read Revelation 20: 11-15 and tell what happens to the unsaved and to death and hell. **CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE**.

VI. Just as God brought an end to the devil and his followers so He will bring an end to this present sin ruined world.

There will be a new heaven and new earth where only righteousness will dwell.

A. The old heavens and earth will come to an end. Read the verses and fill in the blanks.

II Peter 3: 10 & 12 "...the heavens **SHALL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE** and the elements



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shall MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be BURNED UP. v10
 "...the heavens being on fire shall be DISSOLVED, and the elements shall MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT? v12

B. A New Heaven

1. What is God's promise to us in II Peter 3:13? We can look for NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, wherein dwelleth RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2. Revelation 21: 1-4 is an eyewitness account by John. it speaks of the new heaven and the new earth. Placed in the new world will be a magnificent city where God's tabernacle (His presence) will be with man. What five things will not be there?

DEATH SORROW CRYING PAIN TEARS

C. New Jerusalem is described for us.

1. Hebrews 11:10&16. Who is the builder of this city? GOD

2. Revelation 21:16. The city measures equally in what ways?

LENGTH, BREADTH, HEIGHT.

3. Revelation 21:18. The city wall is of JASPER The city is pure GOLD like unto pure glass.

4. Revelation 21:19&20. The foundations of the wall are decorated with all kinds of PRECIOUS STONES.

5. Revelation 21:21. There are twelve gates to the city which are PEARLS. This street is PURE GOLD, as transparent glass.

6. Revelation 21:22. Why is there no temple there? THE LORD GOD

ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE.

7. Revelation 21:23. Why will there not be a new sun and a new moon? THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT, AND THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT THEREOF.

God created man for fellowship. He is once again preparing for fellowship with man. That will be a glorious, wonderful day in the new heavens and new earth.

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Lesson 6

Grieve Not The Holy Spirit Of God

Memory verse: “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby ye are saved unto the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

Scripture reading: Ephesians chapter 4 and Proverbs chapter 2. Initial when done _____

The children of God, those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior are reminded that they are capable of grieving God, thereby hindering their fellowship, hurting their testimony and suffering eternal loss of rewards. The opposite of grieving God is giving God full sway in your life, which yields precious rewards both now and for eternity.

I. God’s Word makes it clear that some of our actions after salvation can cause Him grief. He warns us not to walk as other Gentiles (The term Gentile speaks generally of the unsaved).

A. The following scriptures reveal God’s displeasure in the walk of the unsaved:

1. Ephesians 4:18 “Having the understanding darkened, being ALIENATED from the LIFE of GOD through the IGNORANCE that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:”

2. Ephesians 4:19 “Who being PAST FEELING have GIVEN THEMSELVES over...”

3. Ephesians 2:2 “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the COURSE of THIS WORLD, according to the PRINCE of the POWER of the air (Satan), the SPIRIT that now worketh in the CHILDREN of DISOBEDIENCE :”

4. Ephesians 2:3 “...fulfilling the DESIRES of the FLESH and of the

MIND...” & Colossians 1:21 “...enemies in your MIND by WICKED WORKS.”

B. God is not just displeased with the old behaviors but is grieved by them. The old nature is not in agreement with the new nature. Yielding to the old nature is sin. Continuing in sin will cause God’s Spirit though still indwelling, to be vexed (hurt, pained, displeased, grieved) as seen in Isaiah 63:10.

1. Ephesians 4:30 “And GRIEVE not the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD whereby ye (you) are SEALED UNTO the day of REDEMPTION .”

(God claimed you as his own when you accepted His payment, Jesus Christ, for your sin. He then sealed that transaction by placing His Spirit within you.)

2. I Thessalonians 5:19 QUENCH not the SPIRIT .

The Lord speaks to you from within to lead you His way. Allow Him to live fully within you; He cannot dwell with sin.

II Corinthians 11:2 says “For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

II. Things that grieve the Spirit are: sins of the mind, the desires of the heart and the actions of the body. Unless we walk in the Spirit, not yielding to the flesh, we are capable of any kind of unrighteousness: (Fill in the blanks or finish the statements)

A. Sinning in your heart and mind grieve the Spirit.

1. Pride



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Romans 12:3 “For I say,...,...., not to THINK of HIMSELF MORE HIGHLY than he OUGHT TO : but to think SOBERLY, according as God hath dealt to every man the MEASURE of FAITH.” Galatians 6:3 “For if a man THINK HIMSELF to be SOMETHING, when he is NOTHING, he DECEIVETH himself.”

I Corinthians 10:12 “Wherefore let him that THINKETH he STANDETH take HEED lest he FALL.”

2. Doubt and faithlessness

James 1:6-8 “But let him ask in FAITH, NOTHING WAVERING. For he that wavereth is like A WAVE OF THE SEA DRIVEN WITH THE WIND AND TOSSED. For let not that man think that he shall RECEIVE ANYTHING of the Lord. A DOUBLE - MINDED man is UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS.”

Luke 12: 28 & 29 “If then God so clothed the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more WILL HE CLOTHE YOU , O ye of LITTLE FAITH ? And seek not ye what YE SHALL EAT , or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of DOUBTFUL mind.” Philippians 4:6 “Be CAREFUL for NOTHING ;” (Do not be anxious or full of care.)

3. Disunity

Romans 12:16 “Be of the same mind ONE TOWARD ANOTHER Mind not HIGH THINGS, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not WISE IN YOUR OWN CONCEITS .”

James 3:14 “But if ye have BITTER

ENVYING AND STRIFE IN YOUR HEARTS , GLORY NOT, AND LIE NOT AGAINST THE TRUTH .”

B. Sinning with your body grieves the Spirit.

1. I John 2:15 & 16: “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is NOT IN HIM . For all that is in the world, the LUSTS OF THE FLESH, AND THE LUST OF THE EYES ...is not OF THE FATHER , but is OF THE WORLD .”

2. II Peter 2: 7-8 “And delivered just Lot, VEXED WITH THE FILTHY CONVERSATION OF THE WICKED: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in SEEING AND HEARING , VEXED his righteous soul FROM DAY TO DAY with their UNLAWFUL DEEDS ;)”

3. Galatians 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest (opened, clearly shown), which are these: ADULTERY, FORNICATION, UNCLEANNES, LASCIVIOUSNESS, IDOLATRY, WITCHCRAFT, HATRED, VARIANCE, EMULATIONS, WRATH, STRIFE, SEDITIONS, HERESIES, ENVYINGS, MURDERS, DRUNKENNESS, REVELLINGS, and such like:”

4. James 4: 2 & 3 “Ye LUST , and have not: ye KILL , and DESIRE to have, and CANNOT OBTAIN : ye fight and war yet ye have not, because YE ASK NOT . Ye ask, and receive not, because YE ASK AMISS , that ye may CONSUME IT UPON YOUR LUSTS .”



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III. The following things will prevent you from grieving the Spirit:

A. Guarding your eyes

Psalms 101:3 “I will SET NO WICKED THING BEFORE MINE EYES; I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” (What goes in through your eyes is in your mind and stays there!)

B. Guarding your ears

Be careful what and who you are listening to, whether it be of man or of God:

Proverbs 12:1 “Whoso loveth INSTRUCTION, LOVETH KNOWLEDGE; but he that hateth reproof is brutish.”

Proverbs 28:9 “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION.”

Ephesians 5:6&7 “Let no man DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS; for because of these things COMETH THE WRATH OF GOD UPON THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.”

From Mark 4:24 Jesus said “Take heed what ye HEAR.”

As the eyes let information into the brain so do the ears. We listen to debates, music, religious speakers, radio talk shows, gossip and so on. A good test of whether it is acceptable to God is: If Jesus were with you, would you continue to listen?

C. Guarding the use of your mouth

Proverbs 21:23 “Whoso KEEPETH HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE keepeth HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLES.”

Proverbs 29:11 “A fool UTTERETH ALL HIS MIND; but a wise man KEEPETH IT IN TILL AFTERWARD.”

Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech be ALWAYS WITH GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN.”

Ephesians 4:29 “Let no CORRUPT COMMUNICATION proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of EDIFYING (building up), that it may MINISTER GRACE UNTO THE HEARERS.”

James 5:12 “But above all things my brethren, swear not, NEITHER BY HEAVEN, NEITHER BY EARTH, NEITHER BY ANY OTHER OATH: but let your YEA BE YEA; and YOUR NAY, NAY; lest ye fall INTO CONDEMNATION.”

D. Guarding the use of your hands

James 4:8 “...Cleanse YOUR HANDS ye SINNERS....”

Ephesians 4:28 & 29 “Let him that STOLE STEAL NO MORE; but rather LET HIM LABOR, WORKING WITH HIS HANDS THE THING WHICH IS GOOD, that he may have TO GIVE TO HIM THAT NEEDETH.”

E. Guarding your fellowship

I Corinthians 15:33 “Be not deceived: EVIL COMMUNICATIONS CORRUPT GOOD MANNERS.” (Bad companions pull you away from God.)

Psalms 1:1 “BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NOR STANDETH IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL.”

F. Guarding your mind

Isaiah 26:3 “Thou wilt KEEP HIM IN perfect peace, WHOSE MIND



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IS STAYED ON THEE : because he **TRUSTETH IN THEE**.” (Trust Him with all of your heart even when you cannot see how He can help.)

Philippians 2:5 Who’s mind are we to have?

CHRIST JESUS

Philippians 4: 8&9 List the eight things found in this scripture that are safe to think on:

T RUE, **H ONEST**, **J UST**,
P URE, **L OVELY**, **G OOD** -
R EPORT, **V IRTUE**, **P RAISE** .

G. Serving the Lord

I Corinthians 15:58 “...be ye **STEADFAST**,
UNMOVABLE, **ALWAYS ABOUNDING**
IN THE WORK OF THE LORD.”

forasmuch as ye know that your labour is **NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD**.”

You are expected to take responsibility in all of these areas of your life. Please read the following scriptures and initial that you have done so _____ : Galatians 5: 16-21; Colossians 3: 5-11; II Corinthians 7:1; I Thessalonians 5: 14-24; II Corinthians 13:11.

Note: Everything that you do in your Christian life is important to God and to your relationship with Him. Remember that you will either glorify Him and have good fellowship here on earth or you will grieve his Holy Spirit and bring sorrow to yourself. He will not tolerate continued sin in his children. Hebrews 12:6 & 7 states “ For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening , God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” John 10: 29 says that your Heavenly Father holds you safely in His hand.

We would do well to remember that our Heavenly Father has two hands and can deliver a spanking any time we need it!

IV. Living in the Spirit of God will have very definite effects such as those found in the following scriptures:

Galatians 5:22 & 23 “But the fruit of the spirit is **LOVE**, **JOY**, **PEACE**,
LONG-SUFFERING, **GENTLENESS**,
GOODNESS, **FAITH**, **MEEKNESS**,
TEMPERANCE : against such **THERE IS NO LAW** .”

Romans 8:6 “For to be **CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH** ; **BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE** .”

In closing may we encourage you with Paul’s admonition from Philippians 3:13 & 14 “...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

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The Walk Of The Believer

Memory verse: II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The walk, lifestyle, of the believer should be one of growth that produces change. It is filled with challenge.

The walk of the believer is compared to running a race. The runner must prepare himself. He must endure, press on and finish the race in order to receive a reward. The Christian who runs the race of life will receive a reward.

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4-6

Initial when complete: _____

I. The walk of the believer is one of growth

Growth requires food. Spiritual growth comes from spiritual food, the word of God.

A. I Peter 2:2 “As newborn babes desire the SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD:”

This scripture is given to the new Christian.

B. II Peter 3:18 is a general command to all believers. “but GROW in GRACE, and in the KNOWLEDGE of our LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

(Knowledge of him comes through the written word.)

C. Carnality hinders spiritual growth. Carnality is the earthly nature of man apart from God’s influence. It is therefore prone to sin, and opposed to God. The following scriptures are a rebuke to Christians who were not living Godly lives, growing spiritually as they should. Read I Corinthians 3:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14. These folks are called BABES (v.13) And are accused of still needing what? MILK AND NOT STRONG MEAT. A growing Christian should be able to TEACH others (v.12).

II. The walk of the believer is a type of warfare.

A. Our Commander and Leader

1. What is Jesus the head of? Colossians 2:9-10 PRINCIPALITY AND POWER. While the President of the United States is commander and chief of all American military, Jesus is commander and chief of all that are in heaven and earth.

2. I Timothy 1:17 proclaims that our leader is “...the KING ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, the only WISE GOD, ...” and is due HONOR and GLORY for ever and ever. In Revelation 19:16 He had written on his vesture (robe) and thigh, KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS .

B. Our armor, as listed in Ephesians 6 is pictured by using the pieces of armor used by soldiers in the time of Paul’s writings. We must have every part of God’s given armor in place in order to stand through all attacks by the enemy.

1. Ephesians 6:14 tells you to have your LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH . If you do not take the time to study and know God’s word you will be weak and unable to stand, feeble in the legs.

2. Ephesians 6:14 further says to have on the BREAST PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. This speaks of the imputed righteousness of Christ. If we are living in unconfessed sin, the devil has an opportunity to defeat us in service and victorious living. If he haunts us with past sins or present failures we need only remember I John 1:9, Romans 5:18-19 and II Corinthians 5:2. (Please read these) The breastplate covers the heart and the lungs. I Thessalonians 5:8 calls it the breastplate of FAITH AND LOVE. You need not be broken hearted nor heavy hearted over yourself



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and you must not be hard hearted toward others.

3. Ephesians 6:15 speaks of having your feet shod with **THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**. The feet and lower legs were protected by greaves (Guards for the shin and top of the foot).

Obedience to the gospel and a readiness to carry it forth to others is shown here.

4. How important is your faith in God?

a. Ephesians 6:16 tells us to take the **SHIELD OF FAITH**. It says above **ALL**. God is showing us that with faith in Him, His promises, and His power to carry them out, you will be able to quench **ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED**. Your faith can make quick work of the actions and accusations of Satan.

b. Hebrews 11:1 explains faith as the **SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR**, the **EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN**. This simply means that you already believe that God will supply what you cannot see in *all* areas of life. Your faith in God is proof to God that you trust Him, and it is noticeable by others. It drives Satan back and encourages others to trust.

c. The examples of faith in other Christians are an encouragement to us. You had faith unto salvation as did those in Acts 16:25-33. Can the God who saved you, guide and care for you from salvation to glory? **YES**

Read the following scriptures and initial when completed. You may wish to note these in the front or back of your Bible as a reminder of the steadfast, worshipful faith of others.

Job 13:15-18 Faith through physical suffering and personal loss of material possessions and loved ones.

Acts 16:25 Faith through persecution

II Corinthians 11:24-28 Faith to endure hardships for the furtherance of the gospel

I Kings 17:2-16 God sustained his prophet and also an ordinary person who's faith was placed in Him.

II Kings 4:1-7 A helpless person sustained.

Mark 12:42-44 Faith that God will meet the needs.

I John 5:4 Not our holiness, not our power, not our good living not our abstaining, not our good works, but FAITH. Initial _____

5. Ephesians 6:17a tells us to take the **h E L M E T** of **s A L V A T I O N**, or as shown in I Thessalonians 5:8 putting on for a helmet the **HOPE OF SALVATION**. We have the hope of defeating every adversary and rising above every difficulty, through the blood of the Lamb. This trust in God's salvation protects our minds from Satan's doubt, just as a helmet protects the head from a blow.

6. Ephesians 6:17b Exhorts us to use the **SWORD**, which is **THE WORD OF GOD**. The word of God, which came by the Spirit (II Peter 1:21), has the power, when spoken in times of temptation and trial, to cut into shreds the snares of the Devil.

Note: Armor is chiefly for the front. A good soldier never turns his back, never runs from the enemy, or he will be struck in the back, dubbed a coward, and bring his name into disgrace.

C. Our Prayer

1. To properly use the shield of faith, to stand true always, you must be in prayer for yourself and for others. Some pray much for full time workers and others. We sometimes call them *prayer warriors*.

a. How does Ephesians 6:18 say that you are to pray? **ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT**, and watching thereunto with **ALL PERSEVERANCE** and **SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS**.



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b. Matthew 26:41 teaches us to watch and pray. Why? **THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION:** the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the **FLESH IS WEAK.**

2. How effective is the prayer of a righteous man?

a. James 5:16b It **AVAILETH MUCH.**

The verse says, a *righteous man*. Be careful to stay right with God.

b. II Corinthians 10:12b says "...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves **ARE NOT WISE .**"

Note: Prayer was so important to Jesus that he began his earthly ministry in prayer: (Luke 3:21) continued in prayer (Luke 10:21); and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34). His Heavenly ministry was begun in prayer; "I will" (John 14:16); is continuing in prayer (Hebrews 7:25 and I Timothy 2:5); and therefore, even as did his disciples, we also need to cry out: "Lord, teach us to pray!" His ministry today is prayer because he makes intercession for us. *Prayer is talking to God!*

D. The opposing army and their leader:

1. I Peter 5:8 discloses the purpose of the devil. "Be sober, be vigilant (alert); because your adversary the devil, as roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour".

II Corinthians 4:4 calls him the **GOD OF THIS WORLD.**

2. His army is made up of fallen angels, demons and wicked spirits. The Bible describes it in Ephesians 6:12. "We wrestle not against **FLESH AND BLOOD,** but against **PRINCIPALITIES,** against **POWERS,** **AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD;** **AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS**

in high places.

See also II Corinthians 11:14&15.

3. Artillery of the enemy. Identify those found in the following scriptures (Use a descriptive word.)

a. Job 12:16b speaks of **DECEPTION**

b. Isaiah 8:12&13 **CONFEDERACY** of man instead of God. Read also Acts 5:27-29 and Phillipians 1:28.

c. I Thessalonians 3:5 speaks of Satan's **TEMPTATIONS.**

d. Genesis 3:1 Satan causes us to **DOUBT** God's exact Word. He still uses this tactic today by saying "it would be better translated this way".

e. Luke 13:16 Afflictions of the **BODY.**

III. The walk of the believer is compared to a race and to competing in other sporting events.

A. In I Corinthians 9:24-27 the teaching is that we should run the race to receive the **PRIZE.** In the competitions meant by Paul only one could win the prize, but as a Christian we will receive an **INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN** , v25.

The way to run a good race as a Christian is seen in verse 27. As Paul says, you must keep under your **BODY.** That means to keep your fleshly appetites in control, and to keep yourself properly exercised in things that build you up. In the spiritual realm that would be, as we have shared before, Bible study, prayer, right fellowships, work and so on.

B. In Phillipians 3:14 we read "I press toward the **MARK** for the **PRIZE** of the **HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.**"

Adam Clarke's Commentary explains "...I



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pursue along the line.’ This is a reference to the white lines that marked the ground in the stadium, from the starting place to the goal, on which the runners were obliged to keep their eyes fixed; for they who transgressed or went beyond this line did not run lawfully and were not crowned, even though they got first to the goal...”.

C. Read Hebrews 12:1-3 As at the Olympics there are spectators (thousands watching), so your Christian life has spectators. In Hebrews 12:1 we are told to lay aside two things: **EVERY WEIGHT**, and **THE SIN WHICH DOETH SO EASILY BESET US**. Yes, we strive to live Godly lives to please the Lord but Hebrews 12:1 also says that we are compassed about by a great **CLOUD OF WITNESSES**. (Perhaps those mentioned in chapter 11 are cheering us on. Consider angels as in II Kings 6:17, and others who are all around us on earth.)

Are you sometimes impatient, short fused, disgusted with trying? Never give in and sin. Never give up living Godly. Verse 1 also warns that the race will require **PATIENCE**. The one to whom you should look, and pattern yourself after, is Jesus. Please write out verse 3. **FOR CONSIDER HIM THAT ENDURED SUCH CONTRADICTION OF SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS.** You must keep your eyes on Him, and reach toward His goals! He looked forward to **J O Y** v.2. You can too, for that is what lies ahead for the victorious Christian.

D. The Christian life as compared to wrestling:

1. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we get into a **WRESTLING** match. Our opponents, however, are not flesh and blood but are described as **p R I N C I P A L I T I E S , p O W E R S**, rulers of the **DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD**, spiritual **WICKEDNESS** in **HIGH PLACES**.

2. Since it is a spiritual struggle you must learn to be spiritually strong and spiritually wise. Where does our strength come from according to these verses:

a. Colossians 1:10&11 Through the **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**.

b. Philippians 4:13 Through **CHRIST**.

c. Luke 22:43 If needed, God will send an **ANGEL**.

3. Read also I Peter 5:10 which shows that during this wrestling match you may suffer, but after suffering, He will **MAKE YOU PERFECT, STABLISH, STRENGTHEN, SETTLE YOU.** To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN!



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Memory verse: Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.

The Work of the believer includes **service**, **sacrifice**, and **submission**. Jesus' works are our pattern to follow. Righteous works will be rewarded.

Scripture Read: Romans 12

Initial when complete: N. A.

1. The works of Jesus Christ, our example.

A. His whole purpose in coming was in service for his Father, and to a lost and dying people.

1. John 4:34 says that Jesus comes from His Father, to do His WILL

2. Our memory verse says that he came not to BE MINISTERED UNTO but to MINISTER (serve).

B. He sacrificed His exalted life.

1. John 17:5 says that he was with the FATHER before THE WORLD WAS. He left GLORY to be born in a stable.

2. His adoptive father, Joseph was not a rich man. He was simply an average working man, a CARPENTER. Matthew 13:55

3. Jesus learned that trade and worked with his hands to earn a living prior to his three-year ministry. In Mark 6:3 he is also called the CARPENTER. Remember, we are speaking of God Himself. Read Psalm 24:7-10 and give the description used five times for Jesus. The KING of GLORY. See also Revelations 19:16

C. He sacrificed earthly comforts and common pleasures.

1. At an early age Jesus left the gathering

of family and friends that He might be ABOUT HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS. Read Luke 2:41-49. How old was he then? 12.

2. In Matthew 8: 19 & 20 Jesus told the scribe that the foxes have HOLES, and the birds of the air have NESTS, but the Son of man hath not WHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD. In other words, He had no HOME of his own.

3. In John 4:31-34 Jesus declares "I have MEAT TO EAT THAT YE KNOW NOT OF. He put his heavenly work ahead of regular meals. Read the account of a miracle in Mark 9:14-29. Jesus spent time FASTING and PRAYING.

4. Jesus labored to reach the multitudes. He sacrificed privacy and rest as He ministered to the sick, guided the apostles, prayed earnestly, and preached often. Just a few examples follow:

a. Luke 4:15 And He TAUGHT IN THE SYNAGOGUE being glorified of all.

b. Luke 4:31band TAUGHT THEM ON THE SABBATH DAYS.

c. Luke 4:38 & 39 And He arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house...What did he do there? HEALED SIMON'S WIFE'S MOTHER.

d. Luke 4:40 Now when THE SUN WAS SETTING, all they that had any sick with divers diseases BROUGHT THEM UNTO HIM; and he LAI HIS HANDS ON EVERY ONE OF THEM and healed them.

e. Luke 4:42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and THE PEOPLE SOUGHT HIM, and CAME UNTO HIM, and STAYED HIM, that He should not depart from them.

f. Luke 4:44 And he PREACHED IN



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g. Luke 6:12 & 13 And it came to pass in those days, that he WENT OUT INTO A MOUNTAIN TO PRAY and continued ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD And when it was day, he CALLED UNTO HIM HIS disciples: and of them he CHOSE TWELVE of whom also he named apostles;

h. Luke 6:17 & 18 And he came down with them ... and a great MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea Coast of Tyre, and Sidon, which came to HEAR HIM, AND TO BE HEALED OF THEIR DISEASES; and they that were VEXED WITH UNCLEAN SPIRITS; and they were HEALED.

i. Mark 6:30&31 And the APOSTLES GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER UNTO JESUS, and told Him all things, BOTH WHAT THEY HAD DONE, AND WHAT THEY HAD TAUGHT. And HE SAID UNTO THEM, come ye yourselves apart INTO A DESERT PLACE, AND REST A WHILE; for there were many coming and going, and THEY HAD NO LIESURE SO MUCH AS TO EAT. Notice that these apostles were prepared to go out on a preaching/ missionary tour. Read Mark 6:7-13. Jesus had been training them and teaching them besides His other ministering and preaching. May our lives be challenged to serve more sacrificially in light of all that Jesus did.

5. His ultimate sacrifice as put forth in Philippians 2:7 & 8 was: “But made himself of no REPUTATION, and took upon himself THE FORM OF A SERVANT and was made into the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man , He HUMBLED

HIMSELF, AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

D. He practiced submission.

1. As a child he was SUBJECT UNTO THEM. (Speaking of His parents) Luke 2:51

2. He was submissive to His heavenly father. In Matthew 26:39, Jesus prays, “...not as I will, but AS THOU WILT. And in verse 42, “...thy WILL BE DONE. See also Hebrews 10:7 and Matthew 27:53-54.

3. He was submissive to earthly authorities. Read Matthew 17:24 -27 and Mark 12:13-17. Jesus paid TRIBUTE money. He submitted to CAESAR’s rule. The written Word later commands us to be subject to the higher powers as seen in Romans 13:1-7 (Please Read). In I Peter 2 13-17 the written Word (Remember that Jesus is the Word) speaks of the same submission to e VERY ORDINANCE of man, and ends in h HONOR the k ING .

II. Our work as followers of Jesus Christ and as future citizens of heaven should be a servant’s work.

A. God claims us as His servants for now and forever. We are not to become enslaved by man or by money.

1. I Corinthians 7:23 shows that we are His when He says “Ye ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE ; be not YE THE SERVANTS OF MEN.

(Do not become enslaved to others so as not to be able to serve, honor and obey the One who redeemed you.)

2. Colossians 3:23 states inclusively “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN ;”



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3. In Revelation 22:1-5 God showed John the throne of God and the Lamb (Jesus), and His servants serving Him. What does verse 5 say we will be doing? **SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER.**

4. God admonishes us not to waste our lives getting rich and famous.

a. In Matthew 6:24 What does God say about being enslaved to money? You cannot serve **TWO MASTERS** and you cannot serve **GOD AND MAMMON.** While being rich is not a sin, highly exalting men of wealth is. See James 2:1-9. What is a wealthy person told to do in I Timothy 6:17-19? Be not **HIGH MINDED**, nor trust in **UNCERTAIN RICHES** that they **DO GOOD**, that they be **RICH IN GOOD WORKS.**

b. Read Luke 12:13-21 About what did Jesus say to take heed ? **COVETOUSNESS** He teaches us that our life *does not consist of* **THE ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS THAT WE POSSESS.** The last verse teaches us to be rich **TOWARD GOD.**

c. Read the following verses and **initial when done:** Psalm 52; Proverbs 23:5; Proverbs 30:7-9; Jeremiah 9:23-24 and I Timothy 6: 7-11. **N. A.**

d. In Luke 12:34 Jesus said “For where **YOUR TREASURE IS,** there will **YOUR HEART BE ALSO.**

e. I Timothy 6:10 literally says that the *love of money* is what? **THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL**

f. Instead of exalting ourselves we are to glorify **GOD** in **YOUR BODY**, and in **YOUR SPIRIT**, which are God’s. I Corinthians 6:20

g. II Corinthians 10:17-18 says this. “But he that glorieth, let him **GLORY IN THE LORD.** For not he that **COMMENDETH HIMSELF IS APPROVED, BUT WHOM THE LORD COMMENDETH .**

h. As stated in Philippians 2:7 How much reputation did Jesus take on? **NONE**

i. I Corinthians 3:18 & 19 warn against being wise in **THIS WORLD.** (Any knowledge or learning gained that goes against the Bible is foolishness, and will be dealt with by God one day.)

j. Romans 12:16 warns against minding **HIGH THINGS .** It makes a clear statement in the last sentence “Be not **WISE IN YOUR OWN CONCEITS.**”

Note: As children of the king we are already rich eternally. Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. See II Corinthians 8:9. We are already famous as children of the King!

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B. God is your rightful master but you have the choice to serve him and receive rewards, or to live to the flesh, and lose God's blessings.

1. Paul says in Romans 12:1

"I **BESEECH** (beg) you therefore brethren, by the **MERCIES OF GOD**, that ye **PRESENT YOUR BODIES** (give them over) a living **SACRIFICE**, ..."

2. When Joshua was near to death, his last charge to the people of God was a stern warning concerning service. Read Joshua 24:1-29. Initial when done. **N. A.** What does verse 15 say about service?

"...Choose **YOU THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE** ;..."

3. Rewards are ahead for the faithful believer/ servant.

a. Luke 12:34 speaks of our rewards as **TREASURE**.

b. In Genesis 15:1 God calls Himself an **EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD** to Abraham.

c. In Luke 6:27-38 Jesus sets down a pattern of behavior for us. What kind of reward will this life bring? **GREAT**

d. Read Matthew 10:41-42. Though you may not be a prophet (preacher) you will receive a **PROPHET**'s

REWARD simply by supporting him (a preacher) in his need. You will share in the reward given to a **RIGHTEOUS** man as you receive (uphold or help) him. Even giving a cup of water to a little one in the name of a disciple (as representing Jesus) will be rewarded! See also I Corinthians 3:8.

e. In Revelation 22:12, Jesus said "And behold, I come quickly; and my **REWARD** is **WITH ME**, to give

EVERY man according as **HIS WORK SHALL BE.**"

f. Proverbs 11:18 assures us that we will have a sure reward for **SOWING RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

g. Read Psalm 19:7-11 and list the five things of God that we are to keep.

THE LAW OF THE LORD
THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD
THE STATUTES OF THE LORD
THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD
THE JUDGEMENTS OF THE LORD

And in keeping of them there is **GREAT REWARD.**

h. Crowns are a part of the rewards God has for the believers. Name the crowns He speaks of in the following verses:

II Timothy 4:8 Of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

This crown is for those who look forward anxiously to Christ's return.

James 1:12 and **Revelation 2:10** Of **LIFE**

which is given to those who suffer for the name of Christ.

I Peter 5:4 Of **GLORY** which is for those who faithfully teach and preach God's Word.

I Corinthians 9:25 An **INCORRUPTIBLE** crown. This crown is for those who "run a good race" in the Christian life.

I Thessalonians 2:19 In this verse, Paul even considered the souls of those he led to Christ as his crown of rejoicing.

Are you endeavoring to lead others to a saving knowledge of Christ?

4. Read I Corinthians 3:10-17

a. What does v.10 warn of?

HOW YOU BUILD ON YOUR LIFE.

b. What will try or test our works?

FIRE

c. If anything remains after that God promises what? **A REWARD**



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d. Verse 15 shows what about a Christian who lived for himself? "... he shall **SUFFER LOSS...**" He will go to glory ashamed; empty of rewards, with nothing to give back.

e. A Christian who shamefully uses his or her body, and will not stop, will be taken in an early death. Verse 17 warns "...**HIM SHALL GOD DESTROY;**"

Note: Here is a great verse to encourage you as you serve Him, I Corinthians 15:58.

C. Service that is truly "to the Lord" must have pure motivation; the servant is to have a right attitude.

1. Solomon was admonished by his father, King David this way: I Chronicles 28:9 "...serve him **WITH A PERFECT HEART** and with **A WILLING MIND:**

2. In Romans 7:6 we find that we are not bound to serve to the letter of the law. How do we now serve? **IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT**

3. Even in our earthly service we are given direction how to serve. What does God tell us about that in Colossians 3:22? Not with **EYE SERVICE**, as **MEN PLEASERS;** but in **SINGLENES OF HEART, FEARING GOD.**

Here is some good advice. Keep your motives pure; keep on even when you are misunderstood; keep things in focus "You belong to the King"!

D. It is considered an honor to be the servant of God, our service is not, and never will be that of lowly slaves. As we serve God faithfully, He in turn blesses and honors us. Because he saved us, we live for him.

1. In Joshua 1:1-2 God called Moses: The **SERVANT** of the **LORD** and **my SERVANT.** *God was greatly pleased with Moses' life in service to Him. You might ask yourself, "Can God be pleased with my service*

to Him?"

2. In Genesis 26:24 we find God blessing Isaac. Who does God say that He is doing this for? **ABRAHAM'S SAKE**

3. Read John 12:23-26 Jesus said "...if any man serve me, him will **MY FATHER HONOR** ." (Last line)

4. Read Romans 14:17-18 and finish this statement: "For he that in these things serveth **CHRIST** is **ACCEPTABLE TO GOD** , and **APPROVED** of men."

5. I Corinthians 3:9 says "For we are **LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD:** While we are not working for our salvation, we *are working for* the Lord, and *with* the Lord.

6. Revelation 7:15 speaks of people in heaven serving him before the throne. It says that he shall **DWELL AMONG THEM** . (Last line) See also Revelation 22:3

Note: Our service to the Lord is the outworking of our adoration for Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, our God! II Corinthians 5:15 says it this way, "And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

E. As believers, our work toward one another should also be that of servants.

1. Galatians 5:13 tells us to serve **ONE ANOTHER** by **LOVE.**

2. Read Philippians 2:1-7 and finish the last phrase of verse 3 "...let each **ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN THEMSELVES** And let who's mind be in you? **CHRIST JESUS**

3. We are to be submissive also to one another. As seen in the following verses. Read them and write in to whom we are to submit: Ephesians 5:21 **ONE TO ANOTHER** Ephesians 5:22 **YOUR OWN HUSBAND**



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I Peter 2:13 **EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE**

I Peter 5:5 **UNTO THE ELDER**

Hebrews 13:17 **OBEY THEM THAT HAVE RULE OVER YOU**

Ephesians 6:1 **OBEY YOUR PARENTS**

III. The work of the believer includes worship and praise.

A. John 4:23 True worshipers worship the Father in **SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH** ...for the Father **SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM**

B. Philippians 3:3 tells that we who are saved (Circumcised in heart, not the flesh as were those under the law) are those who worship God **IN THE SPIRIT** , and rejoice in Christ Jesus, having no confidence in **THE FLESH.**

C. Paul and Silas were in prison for preaching the gospel, but out of their hearts came songs of what? **PRAISES TO GOD** Acts 16:25

D. In I Peter 4:11 Peter tells us who is to be praised; **JESUS CHRIST.**

E. Hebrews 13:15 puts it this way: "By Him therefore let us offer the **SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD CONTINUALLY,** that is, **THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME.**

IV. The believer's work includes being representatives of heaven and of the true and living God.

In II Corinthians 5:20 God tells us that we are His **AMBASSADORS.** Read Proverbs 13:17 and consider what kind of representative you are being. Our life should bring good will from our heavenly home to this world!

V. The believers work should be open before the world. It should have an effect on the unsaved world.

A. Read Matthew 5:14-16

What does God say that we are in verse 14?

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Do not hide your Christianity but rather let it shine forth so that men may see your good works and **GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.**

B. What did the king say to Daniel as he was cast into the lion's den in Daniel 6:16b **THY GOD WHOM THOU SERVEST CONTINUALLY HE WILL DELIVER THEE**

C. Acts 4:13 When they realized that these men were not highly educated, but spoke boldly they took knowledge of them , that **THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.**

VI. The work of the believer is to be guided and sustained by prayer. **Read** the following scriptures and **initial** when done. Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:6; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 5:44; I Thessalonians 5:17; I Timothy 2:8 and James 5:15-16 **N. A.** Initial

VII. The work of the believer includes spreading the Gospel.

A. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What two words summed up Jesus last command to his apostles? **GO YE** And then in Acts 5:28 what did the council accuse them of? **FILLING JERUSALEM WITH THEIR DOCTRINE**

B. Even persecution should not stop us from witnessing. As seen in Acts 8:4, what did the early church do when they were persecuted? They went **EVERYWHERE PREACHING THE WORD.**



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VIII. The work of the believer also known as the work of faith is sometimes openly victorious. At other times we may suffer for our work of faith. We may even be called upon to give our life for Christ. But that is shared by Christ (Philippians 2:7-8), and by the followers of Christ in ages past.

A. Read Philippians 1:28-30. What two things are given to us in the behalf of Christ?

TO BELIEVE ON HIM

TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE

B. In Hebrews 11:24-26 we see that Moses chose to **SUFFER AFFLICTION** with the **PEOPLE** of **GOD** He loved the Lord so much that he counted even the reproach of Christ to be greater riches than the **TREASURES OF EGYPT.**

Please read also Hebrews 11:30-40.

In closing, please read Romans 13: 8-14.

However difficult life may become, the beauty and wonder of a new life in Christ should ever be displayed in the work of the believer.