

JOHN STUDIES

Bible Studies in the Gospel of John (4 lessons)

Lesson #4: NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Personal Discovery

In Lesson #3 we learned that...

- We can know the way of salvation.
- Only CHRIST can satisfy the human heart.
- Whoever wants to, may come to Him.
- To believe is to place one's entire confidence in Him for salvation.

1. After believing on Christ, must one wait to have eternal life? (5:24) _____

Notice that the tense of the verb "to have" used in this verse indicates that eternal life is the present possession of the believer.

Therefore, the moment that a person believes on Christ:

2. He is not (3:18) _____
3. He has (3:36) _____
4. He is passed (5:24) _____

We read in the Word of God: "He who has the Son has life...These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life..." (1 John 5:12-13)

Note: Questions 5, 6 and 7 are based on 1 John 5:13, the verse quoted above (not the Gospel of John).

5. To whom does God address these words? _____

21. How can I show that I have a sincere love for the Lord? (14:21) _____

22. Having himself found Jesus, what was Andrew's ***new desire*** toward his brother? (1:41-42) _____

23. What did the lame man do immediately after Jesus had healed him? (5:15) _____

24. After rising from the dead, what did Jesus say to His disciples about spreading this good news? (20:21)

25. Why is it urgent that we tell others the gospel, the good news that Christ died for sinners? (9:4)

OPTIONAL:

Have you witnessed to anyone about Christ? _____

Have you led anyone to the Savior? _____

Do you know anyone who may be interested in these studies? _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete these studies in the Word of God. I have enjoyed our time together.

Also, here are a few suggestions for you to consider:

- 1) Finish reading through the Gospel of John.
- 2) Continue reading through the New Testament (Acts, etc.).
- 3) Meeting to study the Word of God after these John Studies.

6. What verb is used to describe the degree of assurance that a believer should have concerning his present possession of eternal life? (a) suppose? (b) hope? (c) know?

After receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, to be uncertain of one's salvation is not a sign of humility; it is rather a lack of trust in God and His Word. Every true believer may confidently say with Paul: "... I know whom I have believed..." (2 Timothy 1:12)

7. What, then, is the basis of the believer's assurance of eternal life?
- (a) his feelings?
 - (b) the promises of men?
 - (c) the written Word of God?
 - (d) his good works?
 - (e) his church membership?
 - (f) religious rituals or ceremonies?

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8. Who is able to pluck out of Christ's hand those who have eternal life? (10:27-28) _____

9. Who joins with Christ to safeguard the believer's salvation? (10:29) _____

10. What verb is used to indicate the radical transition *from death unto life* which takes place when one believes on Christ? (5:24)

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11. What is this transition from death unto life called in John 3:7? _____

12. Those who have received Jesus Christ are born:
(a) of blood? (b) of the will of man? (c) of God?

Although we were not "born again" through doing good works, nevertheless, the possession of this new kind of life naturally produces great changes in us. The Bible says; "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, *all things have become new.*" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

13. How did the man who was previously blind express his ***new outlook*** on life? (9:25) _____

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14. What ***new conduct*** does Jesus expect of one who has been saved? (8:11)

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15. What means has God chosen to change our manner of life? (15:3) _____

16. After I have believed on Christ, what must I do to be a faithful disciple? (8:31)

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17. What ***new privilege*** do I now enjoy? (16:24) _____

18. What does Jesus do for those in whom His Word abides? (15:7) _____

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19. When can we be sure that God answers our prayers? (9:31) _____

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20. What ***new commandment*** has Jesus given to His disciples? (13:34-35) _____