

STUDY GUIDE

God—The Ultimate Humanitarian

THE STORY OF HOW GOD KEEPS ON GIVING



Introduction

How do you view God?

As a stern judge? As your best friend?
As a tireless taskmaster? As a distant deity?
As a tolerant grandfather?

These are just a few of many possibilities. There is no question that many different views of God abound. But hardly, if ever, is God described as a humanitarian.

Dictionaries define a humanitarian as someone who helps people even to the point of saving their lives. From beginning to end, this is how the Bible describes God!

Even though he is vastly superior to us, he tirelessly works for humanity from the moment of creation to the world's last day. Most importantly, in the person of Jesus Christ, he perfectly planned and executed the most extraordinary humanitarian rescue mission of all time. God is the Ultimate Humanitarian.

In this Bible study, you will take a walk through the Bible from the viewpoint of God as the great giver. As you hear about and see all the different ways he has given great gifts, you will learn to appreciate more and more God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

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LESSON 1

A Humanitarian from the Beginning



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DEVOTION

Imagine being Adam and Eve right after they were created. Talk about a mind-blowing experience. Everywhere they looked, there were magnificent sights to take in. Trees of every shape and size bearing a wonderful variety of fruit. Flowers abounding in a dazzling array of colors. A seemingly endless selection of herbs and plants to sample.

And then there were all the animals! Massive elephants trumpeting. Majestic lions roaring. Nimble monkeys chattering. Colorful birds chirping. On and on it went. No zoo, no matter how spectacular, comes close to what Adam and Eve experienced in Eden.

Especially because everything lived in perfect harmony! God had created a perfect world where death did not exist. In fact, there was nothing negative. No fear. No pain. No sorrow. Only total peace and joy.

But Adam and Eve didn't just live there. God put them in charge of this magnificent world. He told them:

“Have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”

GENESIS 1:28

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In this and in other ways God showed that Adam and Eve were the crown of his creation.

Another way he showed this was by creating them in a different way. He created everything else by just speaking. Talk about power! He just spoke and the entire universe, with all its wonders and intricacies, instantaneously came into being. But the pattern changes when he creates Adam and Eve. He created Adam from the earth and Eve from Adam.

More importantly, he created them in his image – a concept that has often been misunderstood. People often think this refers to a physical image. But other Scriptures show this was a spiritual image, namely, that like God, they were holy and without sin.

In all this, God shows how, even from the very beginning, his focus was on helping mankind. That, from the very beginning, he was a humanitarian – the ultimate humanitarian.

KEY POINTS

- Before everything else was, God was.
- God created a perfect world with no sin, sorrow, or sadness.
- God created the world just by speaking.
- God created Adam from the earth and Eve from Adam.
- God created Adam and Eve as the crown of his creation.
- God put Adam and Eve in charge of the world he had made.
- God created Adam and Eve in his image – holy and without sin.
- From the beginning, God's focus was on helping humanity.
- In the beginning, Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God and each other.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

GENESIS 1:1

GENESIS 1:28

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What do we learn about God from the way he created the world?

2. What do we learn about God **specifically** from the way he created Adam and Eve?

3. In what ways did God demonstrate that Adam and Eve were the crowns of his creation?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Agree or Disagree: Adam and Eve looked like God.

Extra Insights

In trying to understand the concept of the image of God, it may be helpful to describe the effect the divine image had on the personality of Adam and Eve—on their intellect, emotions, and will.

Unlike the mental dullness and ignorance we bring with us into the world, Adam and Eve understood perfectly with their intellect what God wanted them to know. While they possessed the image of God, their emotions were also in tune with God's; they found their greatest happiness in God.

And unlike the rebellious will each of us brought into the world, their will was in complete harmony with God; what he wanted was what they wanted. Every impulse and desire of theirs was in tune with God's good will. Created in the image of God, they were human replicas of what God is like. We know that this beautiful relationship with God was destroyed when Adam and Eve doubted God's love, disobeyed his command, and dragged the whole human race down with them.

All of the descendants of Adam and Eve, with a single exception, brought a sinful image with them into the world—minds ignorant of God's good plan for them, emotions that find joy in things that displease God, and wills that rebel against God's good and gracious will.

The New Testament brings us the wonderful news, however, that through faith in Christ the image of God is again created in the sinner, who is thereby restored to that precious relationship Adam and Eve once enjoyed with God. As long as we live in a sinful world, the image of God is only partially restored in us by faith. That new nature, created in us by the Holy Spirit, must coexist with the sinful image we received from our parents. John assures us, however, "When [Christ] appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). When believers enter eternal life, the image of God will be completely restored in them.

Source: Jeske, J. C. The People's Bible: Genesis, 23

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

5. How were Adam and Eve to rule over the earth? What did this rule entail? What didn't it?



Extra Insights

"It's important to remember that the first two human beings came from the hand of their Creator not as half-animals but as royalty, with unrestricted dominion over all of God's creation. Since through sin we have lost this dominion, it's difficult for us to appreciate what this meant for Adam and Eve. In the sinful world in which we live, dominion usually signals conquest and often exploitation. God's two perfect children were to rule everything God had created not in order to dominate or take advantage of it but to protect and preserve it for God. Similarly, Christians, who look upon themselves as stewards of our natural environment, will be sensitive to waste and abuse of the world's natural resources."

Source: Jeske, J. C. *The People's Bible: Genesis, 26*

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

6. How does God's giving relationship with Adam and Eve, "in the beginning," help us understand his giving relationship with us now?

GO DEEPER

Read Genesis 1-2.

Genesis chapters 1 & 2 tells us how God made the earth and everything in it, including humans. Take note of the care and concern that goes into everything that God made, especially Adam and Eve. Identify the many ways God is superior to the humans he created.

Read chapter 1 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

As you read, take note once again of how God is superior to the humans he created and think about why this is an incredible and comforting fact.

1. As you read through Genesis chapters 1 and 2, what words or phrases stuck out to you? Why did God provide us with so many details about each day?

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2. Why do humans tend to want a God who is just like us?

3. In what ways is God unique and superior to everything and everyone he created?

4. Of the attributes of God on display in Genesis 1 and 2, which do you find most comforting?

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LESSON 2

A Humanitarian in the Face of Rebellion



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DEVOTION

Blatant disrespect makes our blood boil. Our temperatures immediately rise when we see someone trashing the flag. Or when a child deliberately disobeys their parents.

It's even worse when we are the one being disrespected. We draw a line with our teenager telling them not to cross it. Instead, they look us right in the eye and then intentionally step across it.

This is what Adam and Eve did when they ate the fruit. Theirs was the ultimate act of disrespect. God had done so much for them. He had created them perfectly. He had given them a perfect Paradise to live in. And he only gave them a single command to obey. "Don't eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Even this command was a blessing. For by obeying it, Adam and Eve had a tangible way to demonstrate their love for God.

But they didn't obey. Even though they understood it perfectly. They knowingly ate the fruit. God had drawn the line, and they intentionally crossed it.

Their actions don't get any better. Instead of running to God and confessing what they had done, they hid from him. When God confronted them, Adam had the audacity to blame God.

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“The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”

GENESIS 3:12

Talk about blatant disrespect! If anybody deserved to have God rain down lightning bolts on them, it was Adam and Eve.

But that isn't what God did. Yes, he made them suffer serious consequences for their sin. He drove them from Paradise. He told them how their sin would result in their experiencing hard labor. But that's not all he did. He also clothed them. And most importantly, he gave them hope. He immediately promised that one of their descendants would defeat the devil for them and save them. He didn't put them on probation. He didn't make them wonder if he would totally reject them. He gave them immediate comfort and reassurance.

It's difficult to react graciously in the face of rebellion and disrespect. That, however, is what God did with Adam and Eve. This is what he does for us. That is why he is the ultimate humanitarian.

KEY POINTS

- God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Adam and Eve could demonstrate love for God by following this command.
- Adam and Eve sinned against God and ate from the tree.
- Adam and Eve hid from God.
- Adam and Eve blamed God.
- God expelled Adam and Eve from Paradise.
- God explained to Adam and Eve the consequences they would suffer because of their sin.
- God then promised a descendant who would defeat the devil.
- God clothed Adam and Eve and gave them hope.
- God acted graciously to Adam and Eve when they sinned.
- God acts graciously to us when we sin.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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GENESIS 3:6

GENESIS 3:15

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

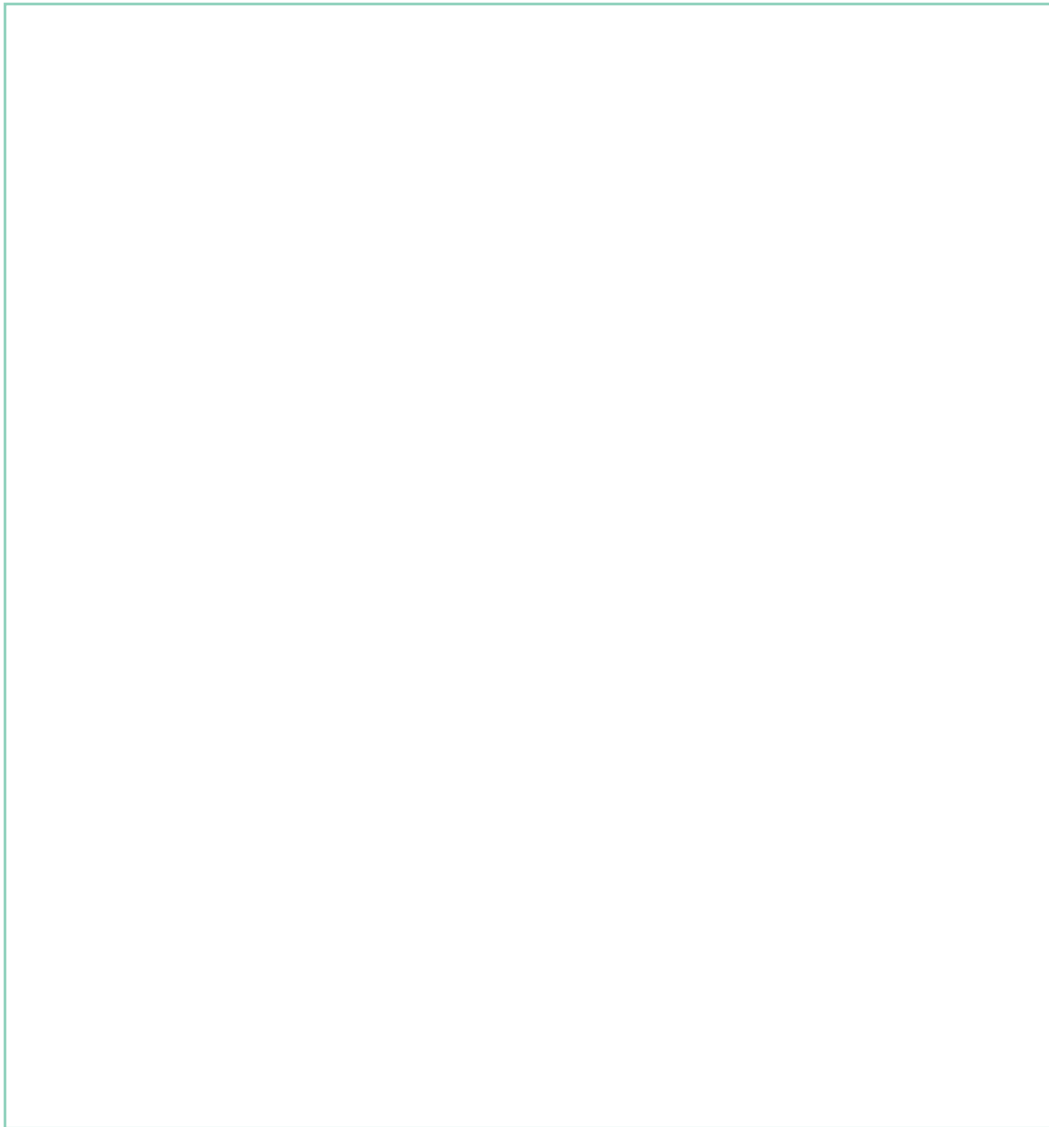
1. Why did God give Adam and Eve the command, “Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”?

2. Why was eating from the forbidden tree the ultimate act of disrespect? What did this disrespect say to God? Why did it have such serious consequences?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

3. The Fall damaged three different relationships. What were those relationships, and how was each damaged? How do we still see the effects of that damage today?



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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Some have falsely taught that the Fall was “good” and even “necessary” for humanity. Is listening to Satan ever a “good” thing? Read more about this “good fall” concept in the Go Deeper section.

5. In what various ways do humans continue to behave in ways first modeled by Adam and Eve?

6. How was God’s act of driving Adam and Eve from the garden one of **grace**?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

7. How does God's treatment of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden help us understand his relationship with us now?

GO DEEPER

Read Genesis 2-3.

Genesis chapters 2 & 3 explain the relationship God had with Adam and Eve and what happened to that relationship because of their disobedience. Take note of how the serpent, Satan, uses half-truths and misquotes from God's words to deceive Adam and Eve. Take note also of how God justly and lovingly deals with Adam and Eve.

Read chapter 2 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

Sometimes the devastation of Fall into sin is downplayed or even turned into a good thing. See the Fall for what it was sin and destruction, but also take note of how God responded.

1. **Agree or disagree:** There is no such thing as a harmless or minor sin.

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2. Some have falsely taught that the Fall was “good” and even “necessary” for humanity. What in Genesis chapters 2 & 3 shows us that this is not the case?

3. **Agree or disagree:** When God told Adam and Eve, “Be fruitful and multiply” and “Do not eat from the tree,” he gave them two conflicting commands.

4. What surprises you the most about the way God treated Adam and Eve after they sinned against him?

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LESSON 3

A Humanitarian to an Evil World



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DEVOTION

What qualifies as evil? Who qualifies as evil?

The answer depends on your perspective. Take a skyscraper. Standing next to it, it looks huge. Flying high over it in an airplane, not so much.

The opposite holds true when it comes to evil. The closer we are to it, the less we see it. The further away we are, the clearer it becomes. The problem is, according to the Bible, we can't get away from it. Evil is all around us. We live in an evil world filled with evil people.

This means we can't see evil clearly. One of its most damning effects is that it blinds us to its presence. Therefore we need to listen carefully to God, who alone sees evil clearly.

What he says about it is sobering. Even shocking. Once evil entered the world through Adam's sin, it spread rapidly. So much so that only a couple of chapters later in Genesis, we hear God's chilling indictment of all mankind.

“God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

GENESIS 6:5

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It couldn't be clearer. Or more total. Evil doesn't just apply to some actions or words. It includes people's "imagination." And God says every imagination "was only evil continually."

But the people didn't see it this way. They lived their lives, worked at their jobs, got married, and had families. Most would have vehemently rebelled at being described as wicked and evil.

From God's perspective, however, they were. They were because they didn't give him any thought, or they had the wrong idea about him. They thought they could be good enough or do enough to please him. From God's perspective, however, this is the ultimate evil.

God sees this as evil because such thoughts dishonor God by nullifying his tremendous sacrifice to save us. It is like telling the widow of the firefighter who died saving your life that you saved yourself. Or that you helped save yourself even though you were unconscious at the time.

Despite the fact of mankind's wickedness, God did sacrifice his Son to save us. He remained a humanitarian to our evil world.

KEY POINTS

- Evil is all around us and infects every part of our lives.
- Evil isn't just words and actions; it's also "imagination" and "thoughts."
- People are often unaware of the problem that evil truly is.
- Many people often don't give God any thought, or they have the wrong ideas about him.
- The ultimate evil happens when people think that they are good enough to please God.
- If someone thinks that they can save themselves, it nullifies the sacrifice Jesus made.
- Despite humanity's wickedness, God sacrificed his Son Jesus to save us and bring us back to God.

LESSON 3: A HUMANITARIAN TO AN EVIL WORLD

KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

GENESIS 6:5

ROMANS 3:10-12

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why is sin a much bigger problem than we might initially think it is?

2. The Bible and the world have very different ideas of what being a “good” person means. Compare and contrast how the Bible talks about being “good” with the way the world does.

3. List as many ways humans downplay sin as you can. What do these attempts to diminish evil all have in common?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Why is thinking that we can be good enough or do enough to please God ultimately just another form of evil? Why could it even be called the “ultimate evil?”

5. How does having a proper understanding of God's view of sin and evil make you feel? How does knowing that God even knows and judges our “imagination” add to this?

6. How does understanding the size of our sin help us better understand the size of our Savior? God knows EVERYTHING about you, and he still loves you. Can you say that about many people in your life?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

7. How does God's treatment of our sinful/evil world throughout history help us better understand his relationship with us now?



GO DEEPER

Read Genesis 6-9.

Genesis chapters 6-9 recount the story of Noah and the flood. The account begins with the depraved state of all of humanity. Notice how God sees the evil in man's heart both before and after the flood. Did you know that rainbows are a loving sign from God?

Read chapter 3 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

Although most of us would admit that sin and evil are all around us, we are less inclined to acknowledge that **sin and evil are also in us**.

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GO DEEPER

1. God's observations of the human race, both before the flood (Genesis 6:5) and after it (Genesis 8:21), was "that every inclination/imagination of the human heart is evil." How do we see evidence of that truth in the world **before the flood, after the flood, and today**? Look back at Genesis 6-9 and especially what happened at the end of chapter 9.

2. Although most of us would admit that sin and evil are all around us, we are less inclined to acknowledge that sin and evil are also in us. Why is this the case?

3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be more than an example for us? Why did he need to be a substitute for us? Why do we have a hard time accepting Jesus as our complete substitute?

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LESSON 4

A Humanitarian by Making a Wonderful Covenant



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DEVOTION

Signing a contract is often a significant event in a person's life. Think of a sports star inking a new contract. Or a couple signing the papers to close on a house.

In most cases, two parties sign a contract. In the case of the sports star, not only the star but also the owner's representative sign. With the couple buying a house, the previous owners sign along with the new owners. These contracts are based on the premise of "if, then." If one party does something, then the other party will act.

Such contracts are called bilateral. Rare are unilateral contacts where only one party signs and acts regardless of what the other party does. The most common example are wills. In most wills, there are no ifs. The heirs inherit no matter what they do.

Therefore it's extremely exciting that the most important contract of all, God's plan of salvation, is unilateral. The Bible doesn't use the word contract. Instead, it talks about covenants, a word which usually describes especially important contracts. As I said, it is beyond exhilarating that when we hear God talking about eternal life, he speaks in terms of a unilateral covenant. He is the one who does all the work to put it into effect.

God made this point in a vivid way with Abraham in the Old Testament. Today, most contacts are put into effect when they are notarized by a notary public. Then, and only then, are they official. In the Old Testament, they had a striking ceremony which served a

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similar purpose. The two parties would cut various animals in half, lay the halves in two rows, and then both parties would walk between the rows. This put the covenant into effect. Interestingly, the Hebrew term used to make a covenant literally means “to cut a covenant.”

In a marvelous vision, God gave Abraham, he used the picture of this ceremony to teach Abraham that his covenant of eternal life was unilateral. For God was the only one who walked through the two rows! Abraham was an observer – and a recipient – a recipient who didn’t have to do anything!

God has enacted this same unilateral covenant with you. He offers you eternal life as a gift. He can do this because Jesus died in your place to pay for all your sins. Jesus kept all the commandments perfectly and gives you all the credit.

KEY POINTS

- Most contracts are two-sided, and each party needs to do something for contract validity.
- More rarely, contracts are one-sided, such as in the case of a will.
- God’s most important contract with us is a one-sided contract called a “covenant.”
- God does all of the work to put this one-sided covenant into effect.
- Ancient covenants were “cut” with each party participating in a bloody carcass ceremony.
- When God “cut a covenant” with Abraham, he alone passed between the animal carcasses.
- Abraham was a passive observer, yet the recipient of this incredible covenant.
- God has made in Jesus Christ a one-sided covenant with you too.
- Through the sacrifice of Jesus, you are a recipient of all of God’s promises.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

GENESIS 15:17-18

ISAIAH 53:5

LESSON 4: A HUMANITARIAN BY MAKING A WONDERFUL COVENANT

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Think about the last time you made a covenant or signed a contract. What stipulations were in place for you and the other party? What were the consequences for breach of contract?

2. What is the principal difference between a bilateral and a unilateral covenant?

3. Why is it comforting to know that the covenant that God made with us is one-sided? What prompted God to make this unilateral (one-sided) covenant with Abram?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. What was God teaching Abram as he made his way alone through the bloody animal pieces?

5. How does God's relationship with Abram and the covenant he made with him help us better understand God's relationship with us now?

6. How does the fact that eternal life is a gift from God change the way we view and live life in the here and now?

LESSON 4: A HUMANITARIAN BY MAKING A WONDERFUL COVENANT

GO DEEPER

Read Genesis 15

Genesis chapter 15 recounts the story of God making a covenant with Abram (Abraham). Take note of the visual way in which God says, “I will do this for you; you can count on me.”

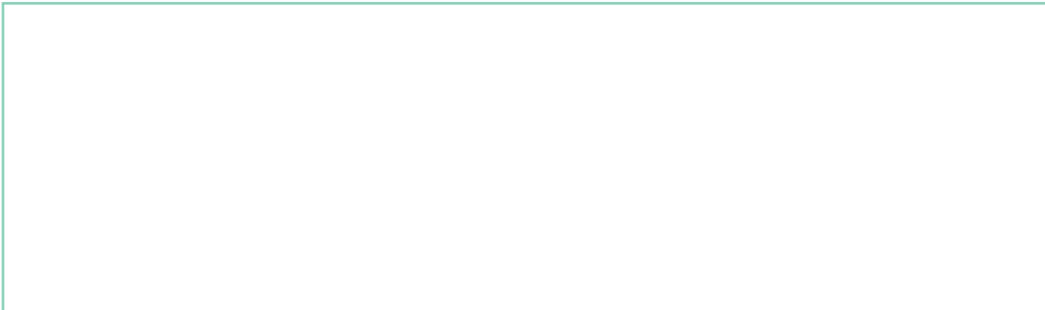
Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

God introduces the most significant of all unilateral covenants.

Read chapter 4 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

Recipients of a one-sided covenant’s benefits shift their trust from self and performance to the provider and thankfulness for the blessings bestowed.

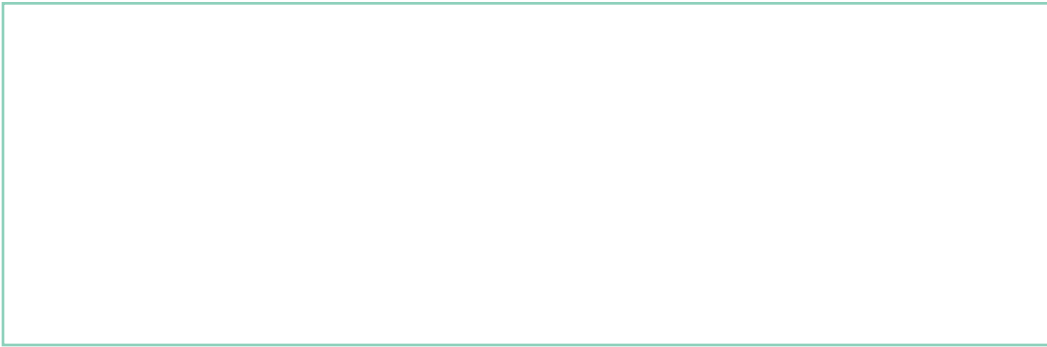
1. In Jeremiah 31:31-34, God introduced the most significant of all unilateral covenants—a covenant that promised the forgiveness of sins. Why is it so meaningful and comforting that this is a unilateral (one-sided) covenant?



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GO DEEPER

2. In what ways is the Lord's Supper another unilateral (one-side) covenant of God? What is the purpose of this covenant? What are we saying to God when we receive the Lord's Supper? What is God saying to us when he gives us Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper?



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LESSON 5

A Humanitarian by Giving the Law



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DEVOTION

Think of how different doctoring was before the invention of the X-ray. There was no way a doctor could see what was happening inside somebody. Now we have a vast array of such diagnostic tools from ultra-sounds to MRI's.

These are especially vital when patients don't realize that anything is wrong with them. Like the people who go in for a routine checkup only to discover they have a tumor. On the one hand, they are shocked. On the other hand, especially if the tumor is treatable, they are so thankful to discover it before it progressed any further.

Sometimes one of the best things that can happen to us is having a serious problem identified.

This is exactly what God does for us with his commandments. They are his diagnostic tools to uncover the sin within us. Many people, however, think God gave them as a way to save themselves. Some have compared each commandment to a rung on a ladder. As you keep each one, you climb up the ladder closer to God.

But this isn't how God talks about them. He said,

“By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

ROMANS 3:20

LESSON 5: A HUMANITARIAN BY GIVING THE LAW

Law is just another term for the commandments. What do they do? They make us aware of our sin. Just like an X-ray reveals what is inside of us, so does God's commandments. Even though we might look spiritually healthy on the outside, they expose how much sin has infected us. They reveal lustful passions, greedy thoughts, hatred, envy – the list goes on and on. Jesus said,

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man.”

MATTHEW 15:19

It's shocking to see our spiritual X-ray and how much sin has infected us. But it's so important – especially because God has given us the cure, namely Jesus. Scripture says he is the only antidote for sin.

“The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

1 JOHN 1:7

Friends, don't try to cleanse yourself by trying to keep the commandments. That is not their intent. They are only diagnostic tools. Instead, use them in the way God intended. And then apply the only God-given cure, Jesus Christ. Do that by forsaking all trust in your works and putting all your trust in what Jesus has already done for you.

KEY POINTS

- The commandments are God's x-ray to show us our sins.
- Many people inaccurately view God's commandments as a way to save themselves.
- Through the commandments, God provides the painful diagnosis of “sinful.”
- Like a good doctor, God not only provides us with the diagnosis but with the cure.
- The cure for our sinfulness is the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.
- The commandments lead us to forsake trust in our works.
- Instead of our sinful works, we can trust in the perfect work of Jesus.

LESSON 5: A HUMANITARIAN BY GIVING THE LAW

KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

ROMANS 3:20

MATTHEW 15:18-20

LESSON 5: A HUMANITARIAN BY GIVING THE LAW

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How is the primary purpose of God’s commandments similar to that of an x-ray?

2. Why can’t God’s commandments save us?

3. In addition to the “ladder approach,” can you think of other common approaches taken in attempts to live up to the requirements of God’s commandments?

LESSON 5: A HUMANITARIAN BY GIVING THE LAW

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Why are we so often reluctant to admit our sinfulness to God and other humans?

5. How does what Jesus says about sin in Matthew 15:18-20 make you feel at first? Now think about the fact that God knows everything your heart has ever thought and still loves you. How does that make you feel?

6. Unlike many cures, which are only available to some people and only successful part of the time, the remedy God provides is universally accessible and always effective. What else makes this cure for sin the best gift ever given?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

7. What does God's willingness to diagnose our sinfulness show us the loving, giving God we have?

GO DEEPER

Read Romans 3:20-26.

The Apostle Paul explains that God declares us righteous and welcomes people into his presence, not because they have kept the commandments. Instead, he does this because they trust that Jesus has done everything for them, including keeping all the commandments.

Read chapter 5 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

The law is not a ladder to climb; instead, it is a mirror revealing the ugly truth of our sinfulness.

1. What can God's law do? What can't God's law do?

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GO DEEPER

2. If he knew we couldn't keep all of his commandments, why did God give them in the first place?

3. Why do humans tend to place trust in themselves and their works rather than God and his works?

4. Why is it important to understand that God is not merely looking for superficial compliance regarding his commandments? Why is it dangerous to say that all God demands is that we “try” or “do our best?”

5. How does the giving of his law demonstrate God as the Ultimate Humanitarian?

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LESSON 6

A Humanitarian at the Temple



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DEVOTION

How would you like to worship God without once being able to enter the church building? You would come to church and be restricted to standing on the front lawn. This is how it was for the people in the Old Testament. Although the temple was magnificent, with the inside walls overlaid with gold, the vast majority of people never saw the inside. They could only go as far as the courtyard of the temple. Only the priests, the male members of Aaron's family, could enter the temple proper. And even they did so rarely.

In this striking way, God taught the people about the seriousness of sin. Sin separates mankind from God. Any and every sin. It doesn't matter whether we think it's only a minor infraction. To God, all sin is extremely serious. Scripture is clear.

"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

JAMES 2:10

But God didn't use the temple only to teach about the seriousness of sin. He also showed that the blood of a sacrifice was needed to remove sin. Day in and day out, the temple courtyard resembled a slaughterhouse as countless animals were sacrificed. This occurred from the very beginning. At the temple's dedication, Solomon sacrificed no less than 120,000 sheep and goats and 22,000 cattle!

No matter how many animals were sacrificed, however, they couldn't take away sin. They

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all pointed ahead to Jesus, the true Lamb of God, who alone could remove sin. Scripture emphasizes this point.

“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God”

HEBREWS 10:11-12

At Jesus’ death, God again used the temple to teach an important truth. The temple veil, for centuries, had symbolically separated God from man, When Jesus died, it was suddenly torn from top to bottom. This was miraculous since the veil was four inches thick! In this vivid way, God demonstrated that Jesus had reconciled God and mankind.

Treasure this incident because it shows that Jesus has already paid for all your sins. In him, you can be worthy not only to enter but to remain in God’s presence – for all eternity! Trust in him alone!

KEY POINTS

- The Old Testament temple was a magnificent and marvelous building.
- However, most people weren’t even allowed to enter the actual temple.
- The structure of the temple taught God’s people about the severe nature of sin.
- The sacrifices of the temple taught God’s people about the need for a perfect substitute.
- Countless animals were sacrificed daily, but ultimately none of them could take away sin.
- Instead, the sacrifices served to point to a greater sacrifice, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
- The sacrifice Jesus made paid for all sins’ debt, for all time, all people, and all places.
- When he tore the temple curtain from top to bottom, God announced, “Payment made in full.”
- Jesus’ payment made you worthy to enter and remain in God’s presence for all eternity.
- Jesus met all the restrictions and fulfilled all of God’s requirements for us.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

JAMES 2:10

HEBREWS 10:11-12

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Imagine being an ancient Israelite, making a trip to the temple in Jerusalem.

WHAT WOULD THE EXPERIENCE THERE TEACH YOU ABOUT GOD AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN?

WHAT WAS THE STRUCTURE OF THE TEMPLE DESIGNED TO TEACH?

WHAT WERE THE SACRIFICES INTENDED TO TEACH?

2. Humans tend to downplay the severity of our sin and sin in general. First, why do we do this? Second, why doesn't God let us get away with downplaying sin?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

3. How do we know that the sacrifice that Jesus made is enough? In what visual ways did God emphasize the sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice?

4. How do the temple's spiritual truths help us better understand God and his relationship with us now through Christ Jesus?

5. Agree or Disagree: Because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice, we no longer need temples.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

6. Agree or Disagree: Jesus' perfect life and death allow me to be judged based on my best efforts.

Extra Insights

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GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 9:1-10:23.

The writer of Hebrews describes the once for all sacrifice that Jesus made for all humanity.

Read chapter 6 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

Because God created us, he knows that we are “visual learners.” In vivid ways, God showed us how he dealt with sin and reconciled man to himself.

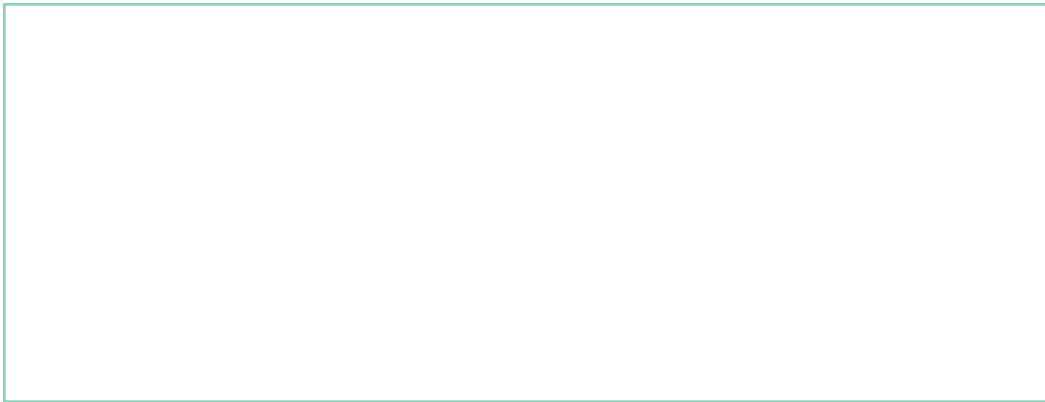
1. In what ways did the temple and sacrificial system emphasize God’s justice?

2. In what ways did the temple and sacrificial system emphasize God’s love?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

3. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? (See 2 Corinthians 5:19) What are the implications of this?



Extra Insights

If God finds us outside of Christ, he sees us as people who are not only covered over and over with sin, but who are permeated through and through with this poison. But as soon as Christ intervenes and God looks at us through Christ, then all our sins are screened and blocked out. His all-searching eye finds none, and he pronounces us righteous.

J. P. Meyer, Ministers of Christ, page 108

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. What do Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 tell us about the role of the temple in the past and the present?

Extra Insights

The New Testament tells us, “Believers are all temples.” Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”

This teaching on believers being the temple of God is so glorious and exhilarating, and it becomes even more exciting when we see that the Greek word Paul used in 1 Corinthians was one used for the holy of holies. In essence, Paul says that believers are the holy of holies. That should leave us awe-struck – because, in the Old Testament, only one man, the high priest, could enter the holy of holies. And he could only do it on one day each year, the Day of Atonement. But now, because Jesus has removed the sin that separates us from God (signified dramatically with the temple veil being torn at his death), believers have now become the holy of holies. Believers don’t just have the privilege of entering the holy of holies once a year like the Old Testament high priest. No, we are the holy of holies! God dwells within us! The more you think about it, the more thrilling it becomes.

And there are not some believers who are worthy to be temples and some who aren’t. All believers are God’s temples. God, in his love, bestows this honor on each and every person who trusts that they are acceptable to God solely because of what Jesus has done for them.

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LESSON 7

A Humanitarian by Giving Mediators



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DEVOTION

Did you know Christ is not a name but a title? It's the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew "Messiah" and means the Anointed One. In the Old Testament, kings, prophets, and priests were all anointed into their offices. Their anointment demonstrated they had been appointed by God. Jesus was the Christ, the Anointed One, because he was appointed by God to be our ultimate prophet, priest, and king.

Right now, let's focus on Jesus being the ultimate priest. Old Testament priests represented the people before God. As the people's representatives, one of their main responsibilities was to offer sacrifice for the people.

As our ultimate priest, Jesus didn't sacrifice animals for us; he sacrificed himself! Scripture says:

"Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."

HEBREWS 7:27

This is amazing. Where else do we see a priest sacrificing himself?

This is unique because Jesus was and is a unique person. From all eternity, he was God himself. This is why his one death could pay for the sins of all people. When Jesus died, it

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was nothing less than God sacrificing himself for us! Scripture says that God purchased us with his own blood (Acts 20:28). And only he could do this. Scripture also states no person can pay for the sins of even one other person (Psalm 49:7).

Jesus and only Jesus could pay for your sin and my sin. This is why he is the Christ, the ultimate priest.

That's not all. Priests not only sacrificed for the people, but they also prayed for them.

This is something Jesus still does for his believing children. Once again, listen to Scripture.

“He ever liveth to make intercession for them”

HEBREWS 7:25

This passage is from Hebrews 7, a chapter in the Bible which emphasizes that Jesus, since he lives forever, is the first and last member of the Melchizedek priesthood. According to Scripture, he alone holds this priesthood.

Because Jesus continues to serve as our priest, we don't need any earthly mediator to help us approach God. In Jesus, we have full access to him. This is tremendously comforting. Wherever you are, whenever it is, you can approach God through Jesus and be confident he will forgive and help you. All because Jesus is the ultimate priest.

KEY POINTS

- In the Bible, because God appointed them, prophets, priests, and kings were anointed.
- The name “Christ” means “The Anointed One.”
- Jesus “The Anointed One” serves as a prophet, priest, and king.
- In his role as a priest, Jesus represented the people before God.
- Jesus was a unique priest who offered himself up as a sacrifice for sin.
- The sacrifice of the sinless son of God was the only sacrifice that could pay for all sin.
- Not only did Jesus serve as a priest through his sacrifice, but he also intercedes and prays for us.
- Jesus is the only mediator we need between God and man.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

HEBREWS 7:25

HEBREWS 7:27

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When you hear the word “priest,” what are the first thoughts that come to your mind?

2. What does the name “Christ” mean? What makes this such a unique title for Jesus?

3. In which of the usual ways did Jesus serve as our priest? In what unusual and unique ways did he serve as our high priest?

4. Why was Jesus the only one who could pay for our sins?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

5. How does knowing that Jesus, the ultimate high priest is our mediator help us approach God with confidence?

6. Agree or Disagree: We no longer need priests like the ones God supplied in the Old Testament

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GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 5:1, Hebrews 4:14-16, and Hebrews 10:19-23.

One of the Old Testament priests was set apart and anointed as a high priest. He wore special vestments (clothing) that symbolized purity, set him apart from others, and reminded him that he represented God's people. For example, the high priest was to wear a breastplate made up of twelve stones, one for each of Israel's twelve tribes. Wearing this breastplate symbolized the truth that when the priest came before the Lord, he would have on his heart, the people of Israel and their needs.

Read chapter 7 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. Our great high priest, Jesus, experienced temptation just like us, but he was without sin, unlike us. Why are these facts so essential to understand?

2. Jesus is the final solution necessary to provide mediation between God and man. How does this knowledge influence the way that we live?

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GO DEEPER

3. What prevents you from believing that Jesus' sacrifice is enough for you?

4. Why can we come boldly before God? In prayer? On our day of judgment?

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LESSON 8

A Humanitarian by Becoming Man

DEVOTION



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Imagine being a citizen of a small country invaded by a powerful enemy. You know your country's army is no match for theirs. You are terrified.

Then, suddenly, you hear that the world's greatest superpower has deployed troops to ward off the invasion. In an instant, you go from hopelessness to joyous hope.

This is one way you can think of Christmas.

At Christmas, God didn't deploy a powerful army to save us. He deployed his powerful Son. And it wasn't to defeat a physical enemy. Talking about Jesus, Scripture says:

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

HEBREWS 2:14-15

Even though Jesus was the powerful Son of God, he didn't look like it at Christmas. He was born in very humble circumstances. And this continued throughout his life. One time he said,

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“The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”

MATTHEW 8:20

That wasn't the worst of it. About him, Scripture says,

“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Jesus humbled himself, even to the point of dying a shameful, painful death on the cross to save us. He couldn't save us just by being a good teacher and telling us what to do. Neither could he save us by being a perfect example showing us what we needed to do. Neither of these would work because, no matter how hard we try, we can't do what he says or follow his example. Sin had thoroughly corrupted us.

So he had to do it all for us. God deployed him as our substitute. As such, he did absolutely everything necessary to save us. He suffered and died for all our sins. And during his life, he kept all the commandments perfectly in our place. Incredibly, he credits his perfect obedience to us.

This is what makes Christmas so joyous. At Christmas, God deployed his Son to defeat the devil for us. And that is exactly what Jesus did!

KEY POINTS

- Helpless and hopeless, humanity needed saving from sin, death, and the devil's power.
- Humanity needed more than an example to show it the way; it required a substitute.
- God sent his Son as a substitute to defeat sin, death, and the devil for us.
- The way Jesus arrived at Christmas was unimpressive from a worldly point of view.
- The way Jesus lived as a humble servant was equally unimpressive from a worldly point of view.
- The way Jesus died on the cross again made him look weak from a worldly point of view.
- Jesus became our substitute by keeping the Law perfectly and suffering and dying in our place.
- Jesus credits us with his perfect obedience, and we are benefactors of his victories.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

HEBREWS 2:14-15

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Although we deal with many and varied problems daily, what are humanity's biggest problems?

Extra Insights

Visit www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/why-does-water-come-out-of-the-water-bottle-when-it-is-shaken/ to watch a thought-provoking video illustration.

2. If you had seen Jesus during his time on earth, what might you have thought about him? How would the world view Jesus if he arrived for the first time today and behaved in the same way he did 2000 years ago?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

3. Explain: Jesus is so much more than our example; he's our substitute.

Extra Insights

One way to illustrate is to say, "There's a difference between a "coach" and a "substitute." A coach will show you what to do, but you still have actually to do it. He may show you as an example and draw up the play, but you still must do it. However, unlike a coach, a substitute comes into the huddle and says, "You're out; I'm taking your place." Jesus took our place. He lived "for us." He died "for us." He rose "for us." He intercedes "for us."

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Jesus, coming into the world as our substitute and Savior, is the most fantastic news ever. Why do we tend to want to make Jesus into something other than a humble serving Savior? A Savior who gave all for us so that we might be with him.

5. How did Jesus' humbling himself and becoming a man show God to be the ultimate giver?

6. Why is it comforting to know that Jesus is both God and man?

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GO DEEPER

Read Galatians 4:4-5.

At just the right time, God sent his Son to be born of a woman so that he might live under the authority of the Law, and in doing so, fulfill it perfectly in our place.

Read chapter 8 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

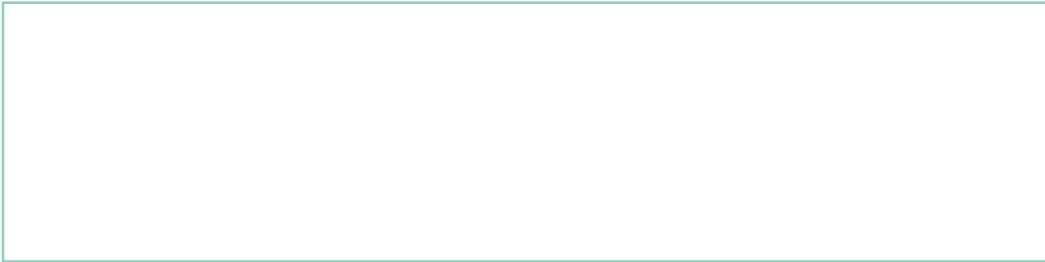
1. Why were we in need of Jesus being more than just a teacher or an example?

2. Why did Jesus have to be both God and man?

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GO DEEPER

3. How does the image of Christmas as “deployment” help you understand God as the ultimate humanitarian?



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LESSON 9

A Humanitarian by Living for Us



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DEVOTION

How are you doing at keeping God's commandments? Especially when you consider how Jesus explained them. Take murder. He taught that hurting somebody by calling them a name was nothing less than murder!

“Whosoever shall say, ‘Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.’”

MATTHEW 5:22

He applied the same principle to adultery.

“Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

MATTHEW 5:28

Or how about his command not to worry. Worry is a sin because it is doing something Jesus told us not to do.

Unkind words, unclean thoughts, worry – these are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many other commandments, like loving our enemies and not being selfish. How are you really doing at keeping God's commandments?

No matter how hard we try, we can't come anywhere close to meeting God's standards.

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As Scripture says,

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

ROMANS 3:23

Nobody tried harder than the Apostle Paul. But he confessed: “For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.” No matter how hard we try, it’s impossible to keep the commandments. Sin has robbed everybody of that capability.

Despite that, you don’t have to despair! Jesus has come to your rescue! He died to pay for your sins. AND he did something else for you; namely, he lived for you. Not once did he break any of God’s commandments. He did this, not for himself, but for you! He didn’t live a perfect life to show you what YOU must DO. He knew you couldn’t do it. Rather, he kept all the commandments FOR you. This is why one of his titles in Scripture is the “Lord, our Righteousness.” He is the Lord, our Perfection. Jesus lived and died for you.

Seeing this can lift a tremendous burden off you. Through Jesus, right now, you are worthy before God. Seeing this can spur you on to doing good, not to be saved, but out of incredible joy for already being saved. Jesus has done everything for you.

KEY POINTS

- No matter how hard we try, it is not possible to keep all of God’s commandments.
- Sin has made keeping all God’s commandments perfectly an absolute impossibility.
- Sin isn’t just what takes place on the outside; it comes from our hearts and minds too.
- Humans tend to downplay their sin, but the law shows its severity.
- Jesus died to pay the blood debt required for our failure to keep all of God’s commandments.
- Jesus lived to fulfill all of God’s commandments entirely for you.
- Jesus gives us his perfection, and now we can stand worthy before God.
- We can do good out of joy, not striving to be saved, but because we already are.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

MATTHEW 5:21-22

MATTHEW 5:27-28

ROMANS 7:19

JEREMIAH 23:6

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why is it impossible to keep all of God's commandments, no matter how hard we try?

2. If God knew we couldn't keep all of his commandments perfectly, why did he give them to us in the first place?

3. In addition to dying for us, Jesus also lived for us. Why is "Jesus living for us" so important to highlight? How does Jesus living for us emphasize the truth that God is the ultimate humanitarian?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. What are the implications of Jesus being “the Lord Our Righteousness?”

Extra Insights

The Lord Our Righteousness. Here the whole gospel, the whole message of Scripture, is summed up in a few precious words. The Lord himself is our righteousness. For that to be true, the Lord himself must have become one of us, having taken all that we are upon himself.

These words point us to the miracle of the incarnation, the Word made flesh. But they also point to that most comforting truth: not only is the Messiah righteous in himself, but through his perfect life of obedience, his suffering and death and rising to life, he won for us justification, reconciliation with God, the forgiveness of sins. What he is and what he has done, he has done for us. He has given to us a gift, the gift of righteousness, a righteousness that we could never have gained for ourselves. Here is the door that opens heaven and keeps it open: The Lord is our righteousness; yes, the Lord is my righteousness. What he did, he did for me. He has made me his own. This is my certainty, hope, and confidence: the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gosdeck, D. M., Jeremiah, Lamentations, 145

5. If a believer doesn't have to do good and follow God's commandments to gain entrance into heaven, why do they do any good?

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GO DEEPER

Read Matthew 5:1-48.

In Matthew 5, Jesus defines God's commandments in a way that leaves even the most self-righteous defeated and despairing in their efforts. Note especially verse 48.

Romans 7:19-25.

This section of Scripture provides more of the context for Paul's words about wanting to do good but not being able to carry it out.

Read chapter 9 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. What does God require of us if we are to live with him in heaven? How has God made the impossible possible?

2. Why would it be appropriate to say that Jesus sacrificed his life twice for us?

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GO DEEPER

3. Agree or Disagree: It is more important to ask, “What did Jesus do?” (WDJD) rather than “What would Jesus do?” (WWJD).

4. Why is “for us” one of the most comforting phrases in the Bible?

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LESSON 10

A Humanitarian by Dying for Us



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DEVOTION

It's an incredible sight when lightning hits a building. At first, people are frightened because they think the building will be damaged or even destroyed. But then, when they see it emerge unscathed, their fright turns to amazement. How could the building not be damaged? The answer? It had a lightning rod which deflected the lightning down into the ground.

A lightning rod is one way to think of Christ's cross. At the cross, God unleashed his wrath over sin – all sin. He rained down his fearsome anger on Jesus because, as the prophet Isaiah said,

“The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

ISAIAH 53:6

Therefore, God figuratively hurled down lightning bolt after lightning bolt on Jesus. He punished Jesus for everybody's sin.

This is what the word “atone” means. Atone means to appease somebody who is angry. And God was extremely angry because of sin. It's easy to forget just how horrendous sin is. It is nothing less than a horrific affront to God's majesty. It is defiantly rebelling against him.

Therefore, God had to be appeased. This is what Jesus did for us on the cross. His cross

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served as a lightning rod, deflecting God's wrath away. There Jesus made atonement for everybody's sins.

Because Jesus appeased God, all that remains for you is to experience the glow and warmth of Jesus' saving love.

That is if you are connected to the cross. Just like a lightning rod protects only the building, it's connected to, so also here. You are only protected from God's anger by the cross of Christ. It is essential to be connected to it. And only it. If you think God won't rain his wrath down on you because you are good enough, you are sorely mistaken. Nothing you do can protect you. The same holds true for anything else you look to for protection. Absolutely nothing will protect you except Jesus.

Be sure you are always connected to Christ's cross. Do that by trusting him completely for your salvation. Do that by abandoning trust in everything else: your goodness, your heritage, or any religious rites or rituals. Christ's cross stands alone as your only effective lightning rod. Trust in his atonement and be safe.

KEY POINTS

- Our sin deserves to be punished.
- On the cross, God unleashed his wrath over sin.
- On the cross, Jesus atoned for our sins by appeasing God's anger over sin.
- On the cross, God rained down his anger on Jesus instead of us.
- The cross is the only thing that protects us from God's wrath.
- You will not be saved by seeking refuge from God's wrath in anything or anyone else.
- Trust in Jesus and what he has done brings us into the safety of the cross.
- Those who trust in Jesus for their full salvation no longer have to fear God's wrath.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

ISAIAH 53:5-6

ROMANS 6:23

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Agree or Disagree: By nature, most people are good. (See Isaiah 53)

2. Sin is a terrible thing in God's eyes. When he gave the law, he made it very clear that any person who violates or breaks his law would be cursed or condemned by God. According to Romans 6:23, what are the eternal consequences of sin?

3. Agree or Disagree: When Jesus was on the cross, he deserved to die.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. How does the work of Christ's atoning sacrifice become ours?

5. What does Jesus' atonement mean for us? What does it do?

6. The protection that Jesus provides through the cross is our only protection from God's wrath. In what other ways do humans seek to protect themselves from God's wrath?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

7. How does the atonement show God to be the ultimate humanitarian?

GO DEEPER

Read Romans 3:23-26.

The wrath of God is a critical concept in these first chapters of Romans, and—though it doesn't appear by name—it plays a central role in Romans 3:23-26.

Read chapter 10 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. What does it mean to “come short of the glory of God?” (See Romans 3:23ff)

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2. The cross shows us how much God hates sin; in what ways does it do that?

Extra Insights

God is a holy God who can't just wink at sins and dismiss the sinner's many infractions as if they didn't matter. God, in his Word, is clear and direct on that matter: "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). The sinner's life was forfeit. Sin had to be paid for with a life.

Again Scripture is clear: "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22). Sin carried a heavy price that had to be paid—and it was! God sent his very own Son to be the substitute to die in our place. Christ became true man so that he might shed his blood as a sacrifice and die the sinner's death, or as Paul puts it, "God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement."

The apostle's terminology here reflects the activity God had directed Israel to observe annually on the great Day of Atonement. God commanded this festival as a graphic reminder of Israel's need to confess its sins and then symbolically transfer those sins to a scapegoat that was driven out into the wilderness, bearing away the sins of the people (Leviticus 16:1–34, particularly 20–22). God's intent was to remind Israel of its need for a Savior and to strengthen in them a longing for the promised Messiah, the Redeemer, who would do for them literally what was being enacted symbolically.

Panning, A. J., Romans, 62

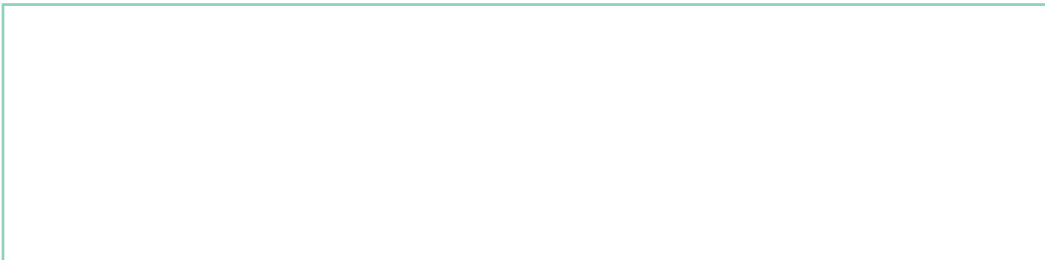
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3. The cross shows us how much God loves us; in what ways does it do that?



4. Agree or Disagree: If God truly loved us, he wouldn't punish us for the few sins that we commit.



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5. How does the knowledge that Jesus has fully appeased God's wrath against sin change the way we live? How does this knowledge change the way we think about eternal life?



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LESSON 11

A Humanitarian by Giving Us Proof of Christ's Resurrection

DEVOTION



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I walked in to find my wife staring at a piece of paper. As I looked closer, I saw she had been crying. I quickly went to her and asked what was wrong. She pointed to the paper and tearfully explained we had received it by special delivery. It was a notice stating our house was being foreclosed because we hadn't made our mortgage payments.

She said she wasn't concerned at first. She knew we made automatic payments from our checking account. She thought it would be easy to prove we had made the payments. But when she checked, she couldn't find any such record. She started to panic. That's when I walked in.

Not being able to prove you have paid a large bill can be unsettling, especially when the consequences of not paying it are dire. Vice versa, when you have solid proof you paid it, you aren't bothered. All you do is show your receipt or canceled check, and you are good to go.

Proof of payment is what God gave us when he raised Jesus from the dead. Right before he died, Jesus proclaimed,

"It is finished."

JOHN 19:30

The word he used to say this was one commonly used to stamp bills "paid in full." What

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Jesus finished with his death was the payment for all sin. Sin's debt, our debt, was paid in full.

Many people, however, don't believe this. They say we still must do something to pay for our sins – things like keeping the commandments. Others say even though Jesus paid the debt; we now must pay him back. Such thoughts can easily create a lot of doubt – and anxiety.

God doesn't want you to have any doubts about whether Jesus paid your debt. Neither does he want you to be like my wife, stressing over whether it had been paid. By raising Jesus from the dead, he gave us a receipt marked "paid in full." By raising Jesus from the dead, God put his stamp of approval on Jesus and his mission. He dramatically declared that Jesus did what he said he would do – that he gave his life as a ransom for all.

Don't misplace this receipt. Don't overlook its significance. Be confident that your sins are forgiven. That is what God wants you to be.

KEY POINTS

- The debt we owed God for our sin was impossibly large.
- Jesus' resurrection proves that the payment demanded by our sin was paid in full.
- We human beings have a hard time trusting that sin's payment is paid in full.
- Some think we can save ourselves **by keeping the commandments**.
- Others think that we **have to pay Jesus back** for what he has done for us.
- On the cross, Jesus cried out, "It is finished," and his resurrection proved it was.
- God doesn't want us to be filled with doubt or stress, so in Jesus, he says, "Paid in full."
- Jesus' resurrection was God's stamp of approval on Jesus payment for sin.
- Because Jesus lives, we can be confident that our sins are forgiven.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-22

JOHN 19:30

ROMANS 4:24-25

ROMANS 6:8-11

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Although there were other people resurrected in the Bible, what made Jesus' resurrection unique?

2. How did Jesus' resurrection prove that his mission was accomplished?

3. Why is Jesus' resurrection so hard to believe? (Even his disciples doubted)

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. What's wrong with the idea that we have to pay Jesus back for what he has done for us?




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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

5. What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us now? What does it mean for us, eternally?



6. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead show that God is the ultimate humanitarian?



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GO DEEPER

Read 1 Peter 1:3-4.

Peter tells us that we have a living hope because of the resurrection of Jesus.

Read chapter 11 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. According to 1 Peter 1:3-4 how does the resurrection give us hope?

2. Think about the word “inheritance.” What does it take for someone to receive an “inheritance?” Why do they receive it? How do they receive it? How does this apply to our heavenly inheritance?

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GO DEEPER

3. How does our heavenly inheritance impact us in the here and now?

4. Compare and contrast what took place at the cross with what took place at the tomb. How did Jesus use the two together to accomplish his purposes?

5. What does it mean that we are “acquitted” before God?” What are the ramifications of this acquittal?

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LESSON 12

A Humanitarian by Giving Us a Wonderful Status



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DEVOTION

There's always a great deal of anticipation when the Supreme Court hands down a ruling in a controversial case. Everybody knows it will set the standard in that particular area for generations to come. Even its judgments, however, can be modified by future Supreme Court decisions.

This isn't the case when God, the ultimate Judge, gives a ruling. His judgment stands firm forever. It never changes.

His most significant ruling is declaring sinners not guilty! He can do this because Jesus completely appeased God's anger over mankind's sin. Scripture says,

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

ROMANS 3:23-24

The word “justify” translates a word which was often used in a courtroom to describe an acquittal.

Pause and think how wonderful this is. The ultimate Judge, whose rulings never change, has legally declared you “not guilty.” What is so amazing is that his verdict doesn't depend on anything you do. Remember how the Scripture said he rendered it “freely”

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because it was based entirely on Jesus' redemption? Jesus was punished for all people's sins. As another Scripture says,

“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes, we are healed”

ISAIAH 53:5

It is essential to be crystal clear on this. Whenever you approach God, the only thing you will want to point to is what Jesus has done for you. Do that, and you have an airtight case. If, however, you also include something you have done – keeping the commandments or walking the covenant path – you instantly ruin your case. No matter what we point to, all we can add to Jesus' perfection is our imperfection - imperfection which God must condemn.

The verdict is in. God has already declared you “not guilty” because of Jesus. Believe it. And rejoice in it.

KEY POINTS

- God is the ultimate judge over all things, and everyone.
- God's rulings can never be overturned, and he will never change his mind.
- God has declared sinners not guilty because Jesus has appeased God's anger over sin.
- In Christ Jesus, we are justified, acquitted before God.
- God's verdict of “not guilty” does not depend on anything you have done or will do.
- Jesus was punished for all people's sins.
- The punishment that Christ received on our behalf brings us peace.
- Don't lose that peace by trying to add something to Jesus' work for you.
- The commandments and walking the covenant path cannot rescue you.
- Only Jesus can save you from sins' punishment, and he already has.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

ROMANS 3:20-25

ISAIAH 53:5

GALATIANS 5:4-5

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Although “God is love” and wants all to be saved, why must he punish sin?

God is a loving God, but he is also a just and truthful God, who said that he would punish sin and therefore he must and did. Sin deserves punishment, and a loving and truthful God must carry out that punishment. On the cross, we see God’s love and justice meet as sins are paid for by Christ’s perfect sacrifice.

2. Why is it dangerous to try to add anything to the work that Jesus did for us?

If you look to Jesus for salvation, but you also include something you have done – keeping the commandments or walking the covenant path – you instantly ruin your case. No matter what we point to, all we can add to Jesus’ perfection is our imperfection, which God must condemn.

3. As you think about what it means that you are “freely” and “fully” forgiven in Christ, what thoughts come to mind?

Perhaps at first, we might think this is “too good to be true” and that no one gets anything in this world “free for nothing.” We have been taught “there is no such thing as a free lunch” and “everything comes with strings attached.” Hopefully, great joy follows at what this gift means.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. What is the “righteousness of God?” How does it become ours? (See Romans 3:20-25)



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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

5. Agree or Disagree: Although we are still in a state of sinfulness, our status is one of total innocence.



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6. Agree or disagree: Everyone in the whole world has been forgiven.

7. Since God's verdict of "not guilty" can never be overturned, how does this change the way you view life and eternity?

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Read chapter 12 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. How does knowing that God is both your judge and defense attorney make you feel?

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GO DEEPER

2. Agree or Disagree: For believers in Jesus, Judgment Day will be the best day of their lives.

3. How does Easter's empty tomb announce, "Not guilty?"

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GO DEEPER

4. Agree or Disagree: Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we don't need to fear God's wrath over sin.

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LESSON 13

A Humanitarian by Giving Us Saving Faith



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DEVOTION

Lazarus had been dead for four days when Jesus arrived. Many mourners had gathered to comfort Lazarus' two sisters, Mary and Martha. They all accompanied Jesus as he visited Lazarus' tomb. At first, nothing seemed out of the ordinary as Jesus wept at the death of his friend. But suddenly it all changed! Jesus ordered them to roll away the stone from the tomb's entrance. Then he cried out, "Lazarus, come forth." And he came out!

Talk about a mind-blowing sight. Here is a man who had been dead four days coming out of his tomb. If this wasn't enough, we get the impression he didn't walk out normally because Scripture says he was bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and Jesus had to tell the people to unbind him. It had to be a jaw-dropping, unforgettable experience for all who witnessed it. We can well imagine them telling their friends and family about it for years to come.

What happened to Lazarus physically happens spiritually to everybody who believes in Jesus. Conversion is nothing less than a spiritual resurrection. Scripture says:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,
(by grace ye are saved;)"

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

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Quickened is a word we don't use much anymore. It means to make alive. God makes the spiritually dead alive. He does this by giving them faith in Jesus. In other words, he causes a conversion to happen within them. Instead of thinking they must do things to live with God for all eternity, they now believe and trust that Jesus has already done everything necessary for that to happen.

Just like Lazarus couldn't do anything to be raised from the dead, neither could they - or you. Conversion is entirely a work of God. Faith itself is a gift of God. This is how wonderful God is.

KEY POINTS

- Dead things usually stay dead.
- Dead things cannot make themselves alive again.
- God can make dead things come back to life.
- Jesus raised the physically dead, like Lazarus, back to life through the power of his Word.
- Conversion is a spiritual resurrection that also takes place through the power of God's Word.
- God makes the spiritually dead come alive by giving them faith in Jesus.
- Conversion is entirely the work of God.
- Faith, therefore, is a gift from God.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Jesus' friend Lazarus was dead in the grave for four days before Jesus raised him. Why did Jesus wait so long to bring his friend back to life?

2. What did Jesus prove when he raised Lazarus back from the dead?

3. The Bible tells us that God loved us even when we were dead in our sins. What does this kind of love tell us about God?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Just as physically dead people cannot bring themselves back to life, so spiritually dead people are unable to make themselves spiritually alive. How does someone then come to have faith in Jesus?

5. Agree or Disagree: Some people are better prospects for conversion than others.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

6. Explain: Saving faith is specifically and solely trusting in Jesus' saving acts for us.

Faith Illustrated

The relationship between faith and salvation can be illustrated in the following way. Think of sin as a terrible disease that, if left untreated, always results in death. Think of God's gracious gift of Jesus Christ and his righteousness as the antidote to our sin. Think of faith as the way God gives you the antidote to sin—the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

When you received the injection of that antidote and your life was saved, you probably wouldn't sing the praises of that beautiful hypodermic needle. You'd sing the praises of the cure. The hypodermic needle had to be there, or you wouldn't have received the antidote. But you know that the needle isn't what saved you.

In a similar way, faith has to be there if someone is going to be saved (cf. John 3:16 or Acts 16:30,31). However, we know faith isn't the cause of salvation. Salvation is the result of the object of our faith, Jesus Christ. Through faith, we receive the benefits of his work.

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GO DEEPER

Read John 11:1-57

In chapter 11 of his Gospel, John records at length the account of the raising of Lazarus. Take note of how John tells and draws out the story in detail. He does this to emphasize that Lazarus was dead, not just asleep but buried in the grave and unable to save himself.

Read chapter 13 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. Write out a list of ways we can see the corruption of humanity and humankind's spiritual blindness. How does your list help you understand the state of man before conversion?

2. Agree or Disagree: We will go to heaven if we believe in Jesus and try to live according to our faith.

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LESSON 14

A Humanitarian by Giving Us the Gospel



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DEVOTION

People love to hear good news. Think of how friends and family celebrate when a baby is born.

Or think of the celebrations that take place when people hear their team has won the championship. The streets quickly fill up as total strangers party with each other.

Taking it a step further, imagine how people celebrate when they hear a dreaded enemy has been defeated. The celebrations which broke out at the end of World War II were epic. As soon as they heard the news, people dropped what they were doing and celebrated.

The greatest news is that Jesus has already done everything needed for you to live eternally with God. This message surely deserves the title of gospel since the word “gospel” means good news. This truly is the best news of all.

Many people, however, change the “Done” of the gospel into a “Do.” Instead of seeing that God sent Jesus in our place, to do it all for us, they say Jesus was a great teacher telling us what we must do to become acceptable to God. Still, others combine the two by teaching that Jesus did some things for us but not everything. He requires that we contribute to our salvation.

None of this is good news, however. Rather, it can be depressing, even crushing. It’s like

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telling a dirt poor man that you will pay most of his loan coming due, but not all of it. What good does that do if he can't meet the deadline? It makes matters even worse.

That's not the gospel, the good news of the Bible. The biblical gospel says Jesus paid the entire debt of your sin, and he doesn't want you to pay him back! It assures you that God forgives you freely and fully because of Jesus' payment.

Whatever you do, don't doubt the gospel.

Because of Jesus, God has forgiven you. Believe it! Rejoice in it!

KEY POINTS

- The word gospel means “good news.”
- The best news is that Jesus had done everything needed for you to live eternally with God
- Some distort the gospel by claiming that it is something that we must do.
 - But the gospel isn't something we must DO.
 - The gospel is something DONE for us.
- Others distort the gospel by saying Jesus did some things, but now we must do our part.
 - But there is nothing we can do to contribute to our salvation.
 - And more importantly, there is nothing we must do to perfect this salvation.
- Jesus paid the ENTIRE debt of your sin; that's the most fantastic news ever.

LESSON 14: A HUMANITARIAN BY GIVING US THE GOSPEL

KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

ROMANS 1:16

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why can't we do anything to contribute to our salvation?

2. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus has done the work of redemption for us. What are some examples of ways in which people try to DO or ADD TO the gospel?

3. Why are all of these “do’s” and “additives” such a big problem?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. The word gospel means “good news.” Why is it appropriate to call it GOOD news?

GO DEEPER

Read Luke 4:18

Jesus himself describes the good news of the gospel that he came to be and do for us.

Read 1 Timothy 1:15

The Apostle Paul explained what the good news of the gospel meant for him and us.

Read Romans 4:25

Paul further explains the good news of Jesus and what he has done for us.

Read chapter 14 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. According to the verses and explanation above, how would you describe the gospel? What is it? What isn't it?

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GO DEEPER

2. Agree or Disagree: The gospel is not a plan; it is a person.

3. Why is it so essential to understand what the gospel is and what it isn't?

4. How does the gospel rightly “empower” a God-pleasing life? How can you know this? (See Romans 12:1-2)

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LESSON 15

A Humanitarian by Giving Us Baptism



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DEVOTION

There's a big difference between a baby getting a bath and an adult taking a bath, isn't there? In the case of a baby, someone must do all the work. They must give the baby a bath. That isn't the case with adults, who bathe themselves.

The Word baptism simply means to wash. What is so instructive – and important! – is that Scripture consistently describes it like a baby getting a bath rather than an adult taking a bath. It never talks about people baptizing themselves. It always talks about getting baptized. For example, Peter urged people to “be baptized” (Acts 2:38). He didn't tell them to wash or baptize themselves.

Scripture is so consistent on this point because it wants us to be clear that baptism is not something we do for God. Rather it is something he does for us. Scripture says,

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

ROMANS 6:3-4

In a miraculous way, through baptism, God connects us to Christ and all its inherent benefits including the forgiveness of sins. When Peter told the people to be baptized, he

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emphasized this by continuing, “Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”

Having the correct view of baptism is so important it emphasizes that God forgives us because of what Jesus did for us and not because of what we must do. This makes baptism most comforting. When you think of being baptized, don’t think of an adult taking a bath. Rather picture yourself as a baby getting a bath – a bath which washes all your sins away.

KEY POINTS

- The Word baptism means “to wash.”
- In baptism, God washes our sins away.
- In baptism, God connects us to Christ and all of the blessings that come through him.
- In baptism, we receive the remission of sins as we are connected to Christ’s death.
- In baptism, we receive new life as we are connected to Christ’s resurrection.
- Baptism is all about what Jesus did for us, not what we do for him.
- Baptism is more like a child getting a bath than an adult taking a bath.
 - The cleaning and the washing are done by someone else.
 - The child is merely a recipient of the cleaning and cleansing.
- Baptism is not something we do for God; it is something God does for us.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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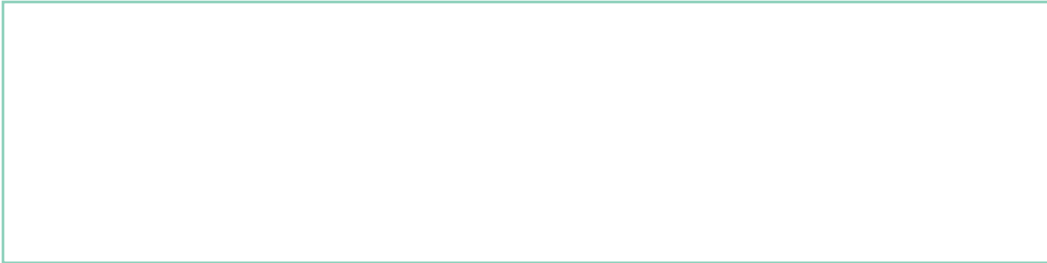
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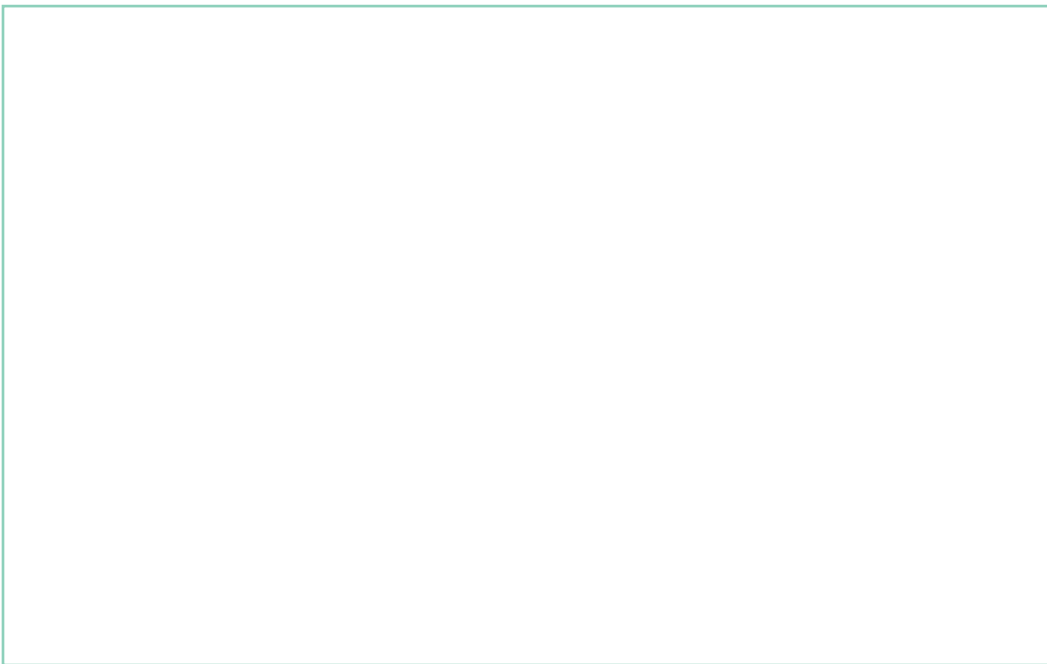
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Hearing the illustration of baptism being “like a baby receiving a bath” might make us feel uncomfortable at first. Why do you think this is?



2. In what ways is baptism like a baby getting a bath? In what ways isn't baptism like a baby getting a bath? (Think about the who, what, when, why, and how of baptism and compare and contrast each with a bath.)



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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

3. Explain: Baptism is not about achieving; it's about receiving.

4. To whom and what does one become connected to in baptism? When are these gifts received?

5. What is the gift from the Holy Spirit given in baptism?

6. What comfort does baptism give?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

7. How does baptism emphasize God as the Ultimate Humanitarian?

GO DEEPER

Read Ephesians 5:25-27

Paul uses the illustration of a husband and a wife to talk about Christ and the church's relationship. (The church is all believers of all times and places). As he talks about how Christ has redeemed the church, he references his work in baptism. Notice what this washing and cleansing of Christ does for his bride, the church.

Read Isaiah 54:10

Through baptism, we have the comfort of knowing that when God looks at us, he doesn't see our sinfulness but Christ's perfection. That comfort is the beauty of baptism. Baptism is a way that God makes a "covenant of peace" with us. This covenant is based on faith in the work of Jesus Christ. The beauty of baptism is that even when we aren't faithful in keeping God's commands, God is faithful in offering us forgiveness. In Isaiah 54:10, God says his love for us "will not be shaken." His covenants will not "be removed." Incidentally, God's covenant of peace — his promise to forgive — is the reason that we don't need to be re-baptized every time we sin. Our unfaithfulness cannot negate God's faithfulness!

Read chapter 15 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

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GO DEEPER

1. Since we already have the forgiveness of sins through the Word of God, why did he give us baptism as well?

2. Agree or Disagree: If I commit a great sin, I must be re-baptized.

3. Agree or Disagree: We lose the blessings of baptism if we don't live up to God's standards.

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LESSON 16

A Humanitarian by Giving Us His Supper



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DEVOTION

The wife hangs her head. She feels sick inside. She had just failed her husband miserably. It wasn't the first time either. She is so disappointed with herself. She's kicking herself, wondering how he can forgive her – again.

Her husband is hurt. But he is also forgiving. He tells his wife that he forgives her. However, no matter how many times he says it, she still hangs her head. It's obvious she's having a hard time believing it. So, he gives her a big hug. "You are my wife. I love you. I forgive you," he whispers in her ear. Tears roll down her cheek as she tightly hugs him back. "I love you, too." Now she is convinced he has forgiven her.

In a way, this is what God does for us in the sacrament. Scripture never says that the sacrament is about our renewing our covenant with God. On the contrary, it says it is all about God reassuring us that, because of Jesus, he forgives us. When Jesus instituted it, he said,

"This cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you."

LUKE 22:20

When Jesus describes it as the new testament, his disciples would immediately know what he was talking about. They were familiar with Jeremiah 31, which explains the new testament or covenant. There, the Lord himself describes the heart of the new

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covenant—the forgiveness of sins. The Lord said,

“I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

JEREMIAH 31:34

God can forgive us because the new covenant is based entirely on what Jesus did for us. This is what makes it new. The old covenant contained a lot of “ifs. If you follow the commandments, you will be blessed. But that didn’t work because no one can consistently and continuously keep the commandments. So God sent his Son to keep them for us. Not only did Jesus do that, but he also paid for our sins with his death. Because of what Jesus did for us, God forgives us. And the sacrament is like God hugging us to reassure us of his forgiveness. It is truly his new testament, his new covenant. It truly is a source of great comfort.

KEY POINTS

- Humans have a hard time giving and accepting forgiveness.
- We have broken God’s laws and deserve his wrath and punishment.
- Through Christ, we are forgiven of our sins.
- The sacrament is a one-sided new covenant that God makes with us.
- The old covenant contained a lot of conditional “ifs.”
- We could not keep all the conditions of the old covenant commandments.
- The new covenant is based entirely on what Jesus did for us.
- In the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, God says, “I love you, and I forgive you.”
- The sacrament is like a reassuring hug from God.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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LUKE 22:20

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. The new covenant of the Lord's Supper doesn't contain any "ifs." Why is this so important to understand?

2. What does God "forget" in the sacrament? What do we "remember"?

3. In giving us this meal, how does God demonstrate himself to the Ultimate Humanitarian?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Agree or Disagree: We should not receive the sacrament if we have sinned that day.

5. Agree or Disagree: When we receive the sacrament, we earn the forgiveness of sins.

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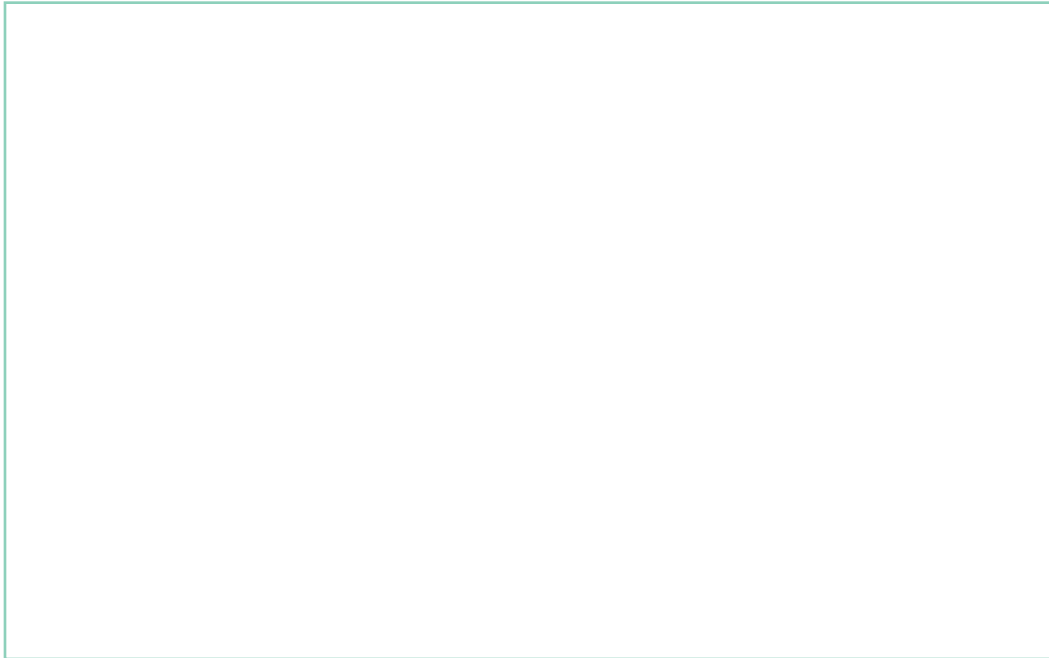
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Read Matthew 26:17-30

The institution of the Lord's Supper took place while Jesus and his disciples were observing the Passover Meal, a yearly reminder of their need for a perfect savior.

Read chapter 16 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. What messages are being communicated in the Lord's Supper? By those receiving it? By God?



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GO DEEPER

2. Why does God invite us to his table in the sacrament?

3. What is the significance of Christ's body and blood in the sacrament?

4. God offers forgiveness through his Word; why does he offer it in the Lord's Supper as well?

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LESSON 17

A Humanitarian by Giving Us Prayer



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DEVOTION

We have all been there. We call a company's 800 number and start working through a menu of choices. We become increasingly frustrated because none of the selections addresses our situation. All we want to do is talk with a live person! But no matter what we do, the menu stymies us. It won't connect us to a real person who can address our needs.

Prayer is nothing like this. There is no menu to work through. There are no busy signals or being put on hold. No angelic assistants are screening our prayers. Each time, we talk instantaneously, with God himself. It doesn't matter what the topic is, and it doesn't matter when we pray. God is there 24 – 7 to hear and answer all our problems. Scripture says,

“Casting all your cares upon him, for he careth for you”

1 PETER 5:7

We can have direct access to God because we can approach God in Jesus' name. Jesus said,

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

JOHN 14:13

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Jesus isn't saying we must mechanically end each prayer with the phrase, "in Jesus' name." Instead, when we approach the Father in Jesus' name, we ask him to hear us for Jesus' sake and because of his worthiness. We are not claiming any worthiness of our own, but only pointing to what Jesus did for us. Covered entirely with Christ's perfection, God hears our prayers and responds to us as a parent, reacting to their child's cry for help.

Even when it comes to prayer, then, it's all about Jesus. By keeping all the commandments perfectly for us and by paying our entire debt of sin, Jesus has made us acceptable to God. Because of him, and only because of him, can we cast all our cares on God. Any care – at any time. This is the wonderful gift God gives us through Jesus.

KEY POINTS

- When we reach out to God in prayer, there are no busy signals or runarounds.
- Because of Jesus, we are worthy to approach God in prayer.
- God will respond to us like a parent listening to their dear child in need.
- On our own, we would be unworthy to approach God in prayer.
- Because of Jesus' worthiness, we have access directly to God.
- Those covered in Christ's perfection can pray to God at any time and in any need.
- Because of Jesus, and only because of Jesus, we can cast all our cares on God.
- Prayer is another wonderful gift from God.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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1 PETER 5:7

JOHN 14:13

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What does it mean to pray “in Jesus’ name?” (See John 14:13)

2. God cares for every single human being, including you. And not only does he care about you, but he also wants to hear from you and hear about your worries and cares. What are the implications of these incredible truths? (See 1 Peter 5:7)

3. How does God demonstrate himself to be the Ultimate Humanitarian by giving us prayer?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. The privilege of curling up on the lap of our heavenly Father and pouring out our hearts to him in prayer is one of the most precious gifts our God has given us. With this gift, we know that anytime and anywhere, we have access to the ear of God, who created us and controls all things. Further, we know that when we speak with him, we are talking with the God who loves us so much that he would sacrifice his Son for us. Why is all of this so surprising and significant?

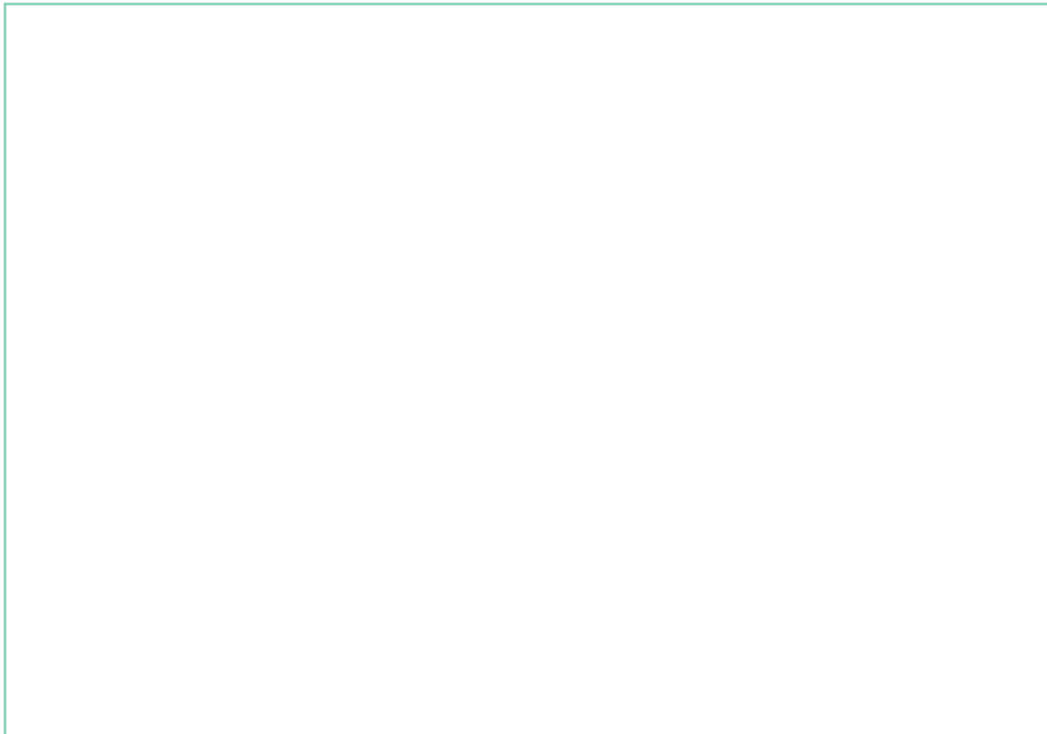


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Read chapter 17 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

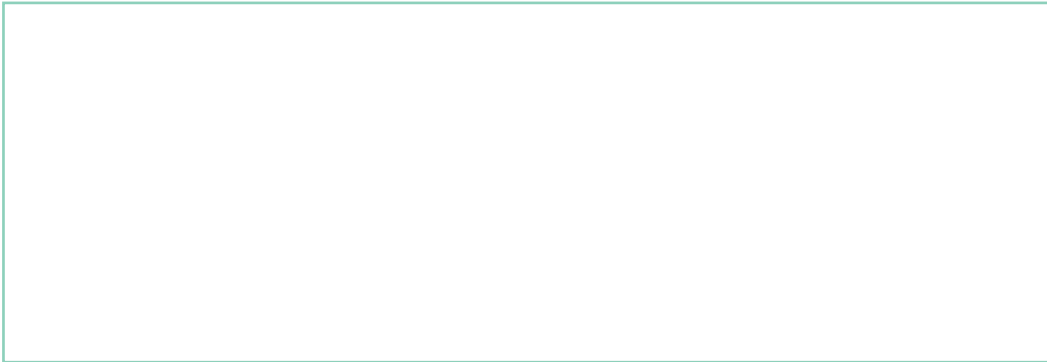
1. Which aspect of prayer described above is the most mind-boggling to you?
Which type of “access” is the most comforting?



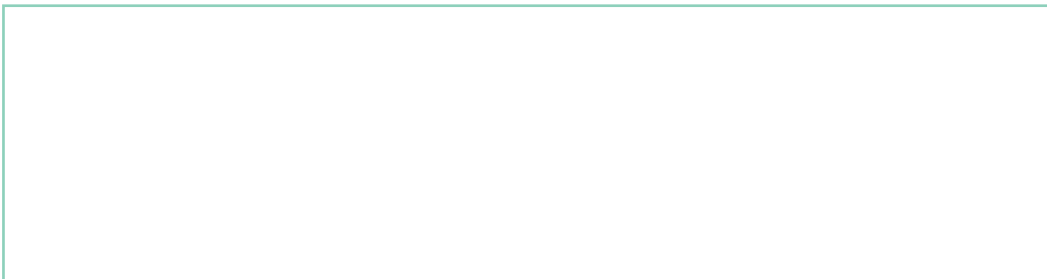
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2. Prayer is one of the most under-appreciated and under-utilized gifts from God. Why do you think this is the case? Why are we hesitant at times to bring our requests to God?



3. Compare and Contrast: When it comes to prayer, what matters, and what doesn't when it comes to who we are and what we do?



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LESSON 18

A Humanitarian by Giving Us a Wonderful Life Here and Now



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DEVOTION

The type of father a child has makes a huge difference, doesn't it? Some children don't even know who their fathers are. They miss out on his love. This fact can shape their entire lives. At the other end of the spectrum are the fortunate children who have excellent fathers who spend time with them, serve as their role models, and provide for them physically, morally, and spiritually. Their loving and active parenting gives them security in the present and prepares them for the future.

The same holds true for people who know God as their loving Father. But contrary to common opinion, not everyone is God's child. Scripture says:

“As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”

JOHN 1:12

If every person were God's child by nature, God wouldn't have to give them the power or authority to become his children. Faith in Jesus, believing that Jesus did everything necessary for us to live eternally with Heavenly Father – this is what qualifies a person to be God's child.

And O does Heavenly Father long to shower his believing children with love! Scripture promises that God will ensure that everything in their lives will ultimately be for their

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good. Even the apparent bad things. Heavenly Father will make sure good will come even from them. This is because it doesn't depend on our strength; it's based entirely on him. And we don't have to wait until after this life to start receiving good from God. We can already experience his goodness right now.

Scripture says “[His compassions] are new every morning” Lamentations 3:23. It's thrilling to see God continue to be such an active part of our lives. What a blessing it is to have such a loving Heavenly Father!

KEY POINTS

- Having an excellent physical father is a tremendous blessing.
- Those who know God as their Father are blessed beyond measure.
- However, not everyone is God's child.
- Children of God have faith in Jesus and his perfect work.
- Children of God believe that Jesus did everything necessary for them to live with God.
- Children of God will live with Heavenly Father eternally.
- Children of God are blessed by Heavenly Father's goodness and love right now.
- Heavenly Father works towards the good of his children.
- Heavenly Father is active in his children's lives daily.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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JOHN 1:12

LAMENTATIONS 3:23

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When you hear the word “father,” what are the first thoughts that come to your mind?

2. When you hear the term “Heavenly Father,” what are the first thoughts that come to your mind?

3. What “qualifies” someone to be God’s child?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. List some of the blessings that children of God receive in the here and now. Think back to some of the blessings mentioned in previous videos and studies.

5. Which of his attributes make God the best Father ever?

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GO DEEPER

Read Ephesians 1:3-5

Again, not everyone is naturally a child of God. Children of God are those who have been adopted into God's family through faith in Jesus Christ.

Read 1 John 3:1

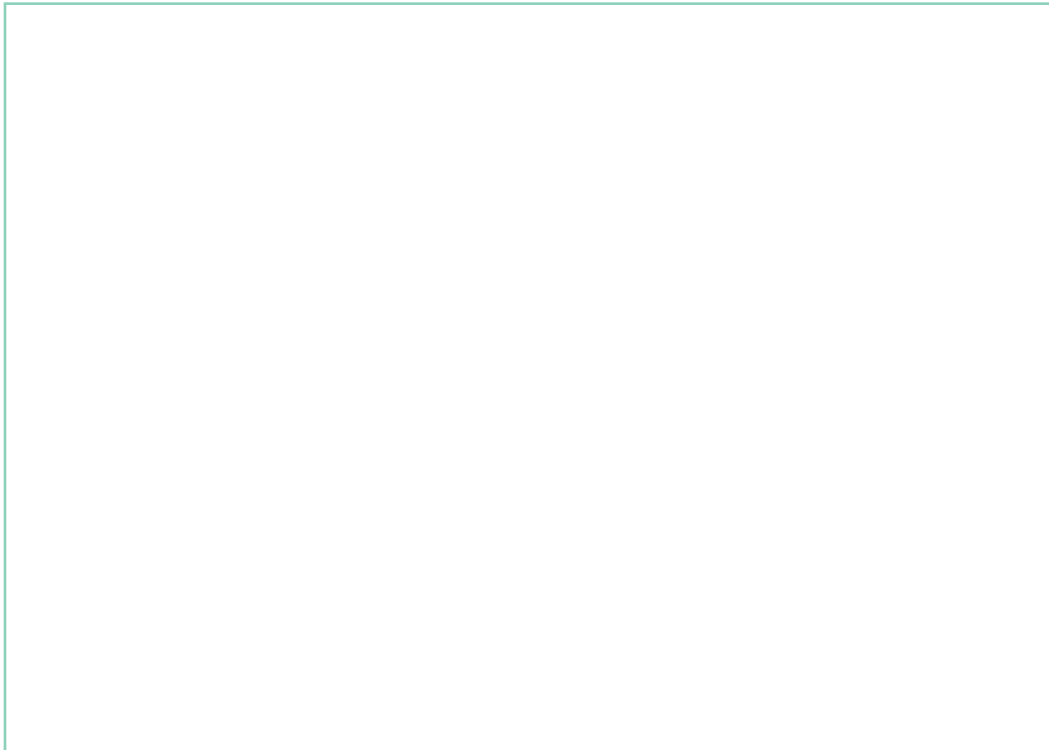
Because of his great love God seeks out the lost to bring them into his family.

Read Matthew 6:26

Heavenly Father cares for his children daily.

Read chapter 18 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

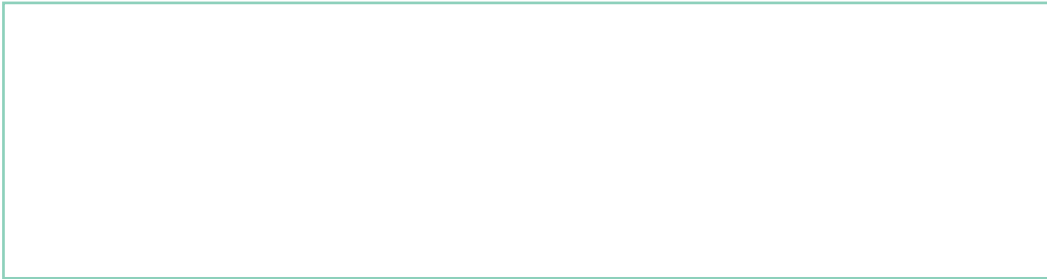
1. Children of God already have the gift of eternal life. They “will not be judged” but “have crossed over from death to life.” How does this impact life in the here and now?



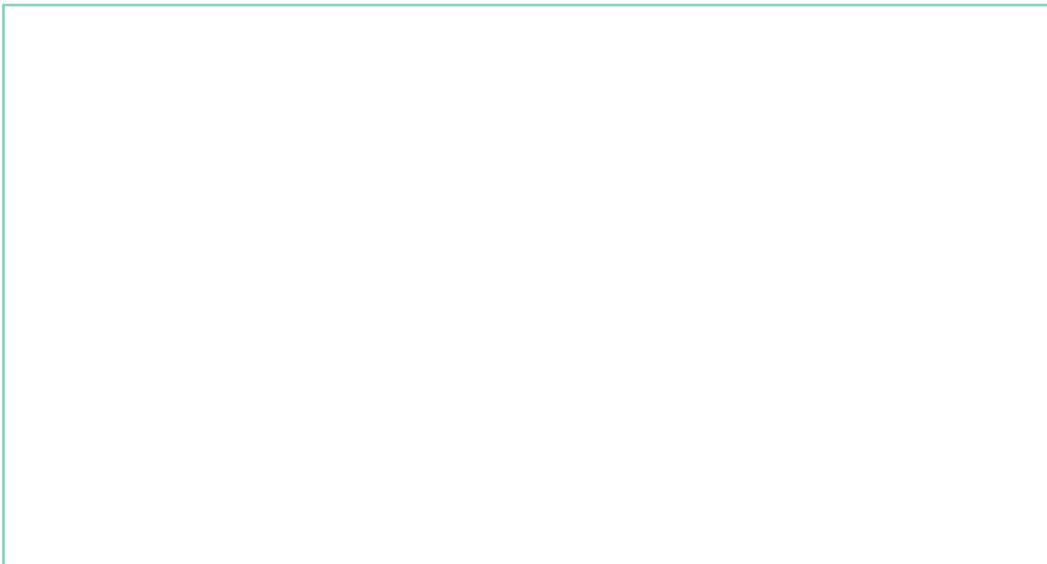
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2. What is the “deposit” or “foretaste” of eternal life that God promises to his children? (2 Corinthians 5:5)



3. Why do we have such a hard time trusting that Heavenly Father has accomplished in Jesus Christ everything necessary to grant us eternal life in the presence of God?



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GO DEEPER

4. Explain: From the beginning to the end and everywhere in between God was “engaged” in saving us as the best father ever.

5. What do you look forward to the most about eternal life?

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LESSON 19

A Humanitarian by Giving Us a Spectacular Eternity



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DEVOTION

Imagine being invited to meet the person you admire more than anybody else. Maybe it's a famous author, or sports legend, or a well-known musician. Maybe it's the leading expert in your field or a highly respected politician.

How would you react if you received such an invitation? At first, you probably wouldn't believe it. Eventually, you realize it's true. From that moment on, you can hardly think of anything else. You fret about what you will wear and especially what you will say. You continually think about how it will play out.

Finally, the big day arrives. Your idol not only greets you but spends a half hour talking to you. You can't believe it. This half-hour becomes the highlight of your life.

This is nothing compared to what awaits those who will spend eternity in heaven. They will not only have a brief encounter with God; they will live with him for all eternity. Talking about heaven, Scripture says,

“God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God”

REVELATION 21:3

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What an awesome thought!

This applies to everybody who goes to heaven, for everybody there will have been perfected. Not by anything they had done. Not by their works. Their perfection is Jesus' gift to them. He kept the commandments perfectly and gives them the credit. He paid the price for all their sins. The perfection Jesus gives them is what makes them worthy to live eternally with God.

However, here a warning needs to be sounded. Only Christ can make anybody worthy. When a person mixes in their own worthiness, they contaminate Christ's perfect worthiness which makes them ineligible to live in heaven.

As you approach God, do so only based on what Jesus has already done for you. Do that, and you will have an awesome eternity living forever with God.

KEY POINTS

- Children of God will spend eternity with him in heaven.
- This will not be a brief or occasional encounter; believers will be with God forever.
- Those who are in heaven are perfect and therefore welcomed into God's presence.
- This perfection is given to God's children as a gift through the work of Jesus.
- Jesus' perfect obedience to God's commandments makes believers worthy before God.
- There is a great danger in trying to make oneself worthy outside of Jesus Christ.
- We can only approach God and be welcomed eternally into his presence because of Jesus.
- Don't try to approach God based on what you have done, but only because of Jesus.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

Look up each verse and write it in the space provided.

REVELATION 21:1-6

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What gives someone the right to spend eternal life with God in heaven?

2. What happens when someone tries to get to heaven based on their own merits?

3. In our world, the sea separates people because of space and time. What makes John's statement about there being no more sea a comfort for believers? (Revelation 21:1-6)

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

4. Explain: Eternal life is not about becoming a god; it is about being with God.

GO DEEPER

Read the following passages:

- Psalm 17:15
- 1 Corinthians 13:12
- Revelation 14:13
- Revelation 7:15
- Psalm 16:11
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Read chapter 19 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

1. Living for eternity with Heavenly Father is the best thing ever. What makes this so?

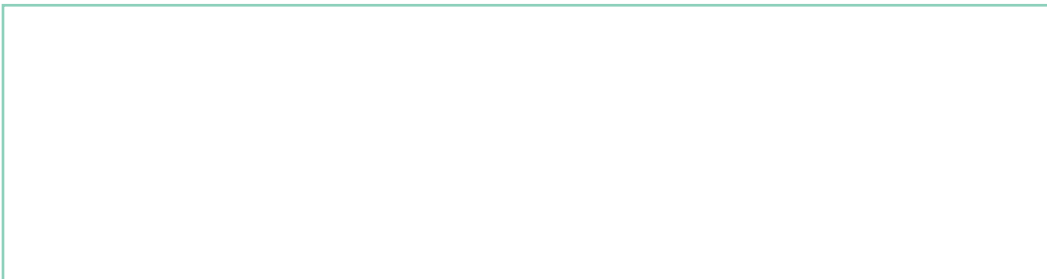
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2. Agree or Disagree: We will be bored in heaven because we won't have anything to do.



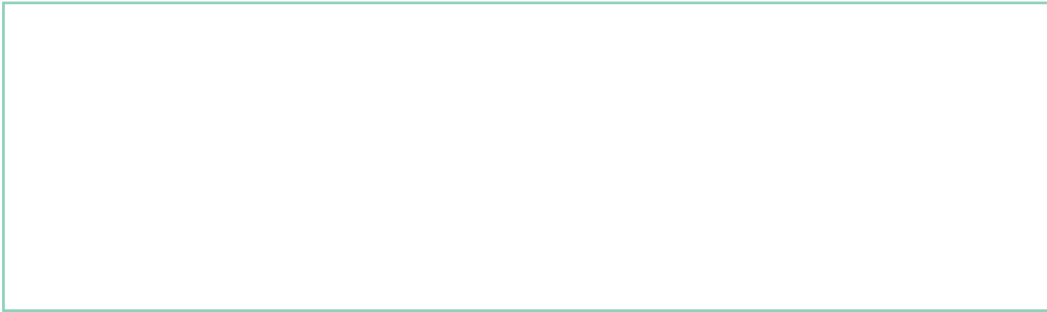
3. Why do humans desire something other than a perfect eternal life with Heavenly Father?



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4. Which “there will be no more” of heaven encourages you the most?



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LESSON 20

A Humanitarian by Giving Us a Perfect Revelation

DEVOTION



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Jesus' resurrection is one of the most critical events in all of history. It serves as dramatic proof that he paid for the sins of all people, just as he had proclaimed.

It was such a significant event that many people overlook the other important events which happened on Easter. One such thing was Jesus confirming the Bible as the one true scripture.

He confirmed the Bible's importance not once but twice on Easter. First, he unexpectedly joined two of his discouraged followers as they walked to the village of Emmaus. They didn't recognize him as he walked and talked with them. They shared how other followers had told them, "Jesus has risen," yet they remained unconvinced. Jesus then explained the significance of his death and resurrection. Significantly, he did this by citing the Bible.

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"

LUKE 24:27

"Moses and the prophets" was the common Jewish way of referring to the Old Testament. In other words, Jesus pointed them to the Bible.

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We see Jesus again, pointing to the Bible, later that evening with his disciples. He said to them,

“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures”

LUKE 24:44-45

It is immensely significant that right after he rose, Jesus pointed people to the Bible. By doing so, he showed that his resurrection didn't nullify its importance. Instead, it confirmed it. And never once in his entire ministry did Jesus even hint that there were additional or lost scriptures. Throughout his ministry, he pointed exclusively to the Bible.

The Bible is the one and only true scripture. The Bible is where you will come to know the only true God and Jesus Christ. The Bible tells you the only way to obtain eternal life, namely, by trusting that Jesus did everything to make you right with God. Believe this, and you will spend eternity living with God.

KEY POINTS

- On Easter, Jesus' resurrection is the most critical event that occurred.
- On Easter, Jesus also emphasized the importance and relevance of the Bible.
- On Easter, Jesus twice pointed his followers to the promises of the Bible.
- The resurrection confirmed the importance of the Bible.
- Throughout his ministry, Jesus pointed exclusively to the Bible.
- Jesus never mentioned any lost or additional scriptures.
- The Bible tells us the only way to obtain eternal life.
- Eternal life is found only in the one to whom the Bible points and prophesies, namely Jesus.

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KEY BIBLE VERSES

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LUKE 24:27

LUKE 24:44-45

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How did Jesus use the Bible to teach about himself? (See Luke 24:13-35)

2. What was it that had gotten the disciples off track?

3. When Jesus pointed the disciples to the Bible's promises, they understood them and believed in him. What does this show us about the purpose and power of God's Word?

4. After his resurrection (Luke 24:27, 44-45), Jesus pointed to the Word as testimony about himself; why is this important to understand?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

5. Why is it essential to understand that nothing is missing from the Bible?

6. The Old Testament lists many promises and prophecies about Jesus. How was each of them fulfilled? (Get started with a search on Google or BibleGateway.com)

GO DEEPER

Read Romans 15:4

Paul explains that it is because of God's words in the Bible that we might come to know hope and peace in Jesus.

Read chapter 20 of God—The Ultimate Humanitarian.

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GO DEEPER

1. As you think about some of the biblical teachings that you are striving to understand. How does knowing that God's revelation is supreme and sufficient aid you in your walk of faith?

2. What teachings of the Bible have caused you to have a negative rational or emotional response? About what Bible topics or teachings do you still have questions?

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