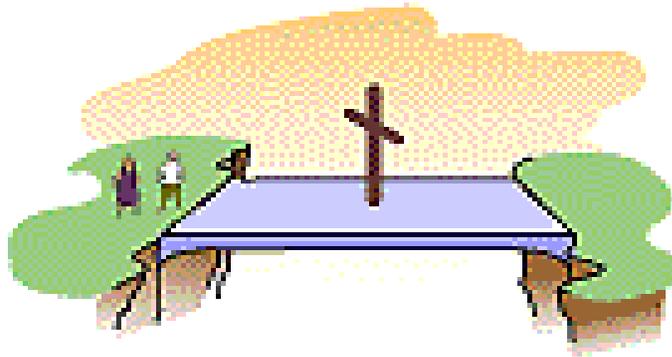




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NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

FOR NEW BELIEVERS



NEW BELIEVER'S MANUAL

Dear Friend:

It gives me great joy to welcome you into God's Family. Your decision to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the most wonderful decision a person can ever make. Receiving Christ as Savior means you have chosen to follow Him and to allow Him to direct your life. God has promised eternal life to those who receive His Son.

Eternal life does not just begin when you die; it begins the moment you receive Christ into your life. Eternal life means heaven when you die and a new quality of life as you live. Christ in John 10:10 calls this "abundant life". The joy of this abundant life is dependent upon your obedience to God and your willingness to submit to His will. God calls you to a life of faithfulness to Him and love for Him.

Let me encourage you to put Christ first in your life. As you do you will know the Joy of the Christian life.

We have prepared these lessons to help you as you grow as a Christian. Please study it, answer the questions, read the Bible daily, pray continually, tell others about Jesus and serve God in church. God will help you to help others. You can bring someone to Jesus Christ. Let God use the life you have now given to Him.

Your Pastor
II Corinthians 5:17

VERY IMPORTANT POINT

FAITHFUL CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Every believer needs the church just as much as a baby needs parents and fellowship in the home. You need the help found in meeting together with your Christian family. When you surrendered to Jesus as Lord and Savior, you joined the army of Christ. No soldier can be as effective alone as with other soldiers.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

LESSON 1

NEW BIRTH

Bible Memory Verses: John 3:3,5,6.

"In reply Jesus declared, I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.... I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to Spirit."

THE DECISION TO BECOME BORN AGAIN

This is the greatest decision anyone can make. With the same faith that one received Christ one must follow Him daily (Colossians 2:6).

The next step is to follow the Lord in Baptism. This is only the first step in obedience. The Christian life is a new adventure every day, and you are to be obedient as Christ leads you through the opportunities and problems of life.

This booklet is designed to help you in studying the Word of God.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."
(I Peter 2:23)

When a person is truly saved, he will be hungry to know more about the Word of God. This will only be a beginning. The church helps believers to understand the Word of God better as they participate in the Sunday School and worship services.

Let us see first of all why we must be 'born again' as Jesus said.

How, then, do you become a Christian?

We need to be born into the family of God through Faith (believing) in the sacrifice that Jesus Christ has made on our behalf. This is clearly illustrated in John 1:12-13 which says "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, not of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

We are NOT Christians because

1. We were born in a "Christian" country. A man of God, Billy Graham once said "You may be born in a garage, but it doesn't make you into a motor car. The only spiritual kingdom we are naturally born into is Satan's kingdom, the 'dominion of darkness'. (Colossians 1:13).
2. We have Christian parents. Spiritual life is not of flesh and blood, God has no grandchildren, only children, (John 3:6). Each generation needs to know God for itself.
3. We do our best and live a good life, we don't hurt anyone. The Bible teaches that salvation is "not because of works", (Ephesians 2:8-9). It isn't what we do or even what we refrain from doing that makes us Christian.
4. We were Christened or baptised as a baby. Scripture knows nothing of this and scripture is our guide

5. We go through some ritual or share in a sacrament (baptism or Holy Communion). See Galatians 6:15 and Hebrews 10:11-14.

6. We join a church (1 John 2:19).

None of these things are effective, we need to be "born again." This is an inward, spiritual experience, an encounter with Jesus Christ which puts us into a right relationship with God as his children. People sometimes refer to it as "being saved", "getting converted" or being "born again." To have had such an experience is the most vital thing in the world for you as an individual. There are two parts to it: "repentance to God and... faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21).

You receive this free gift when:

1. You see sin as the hindrance to being right with God.
2. Recognise the futility of your own efforts to win God's favour.
3. Determine with God's help, to forsake your sin - repentance.
4. Realise that Jesus is the ONLY way of salvation.
5. Recognise that trusting Him means submitting your life totally to Him as your Lord.
6. You receive Him personally, by faith, as your rescuer and Lord.

You now have ETERNAL LIFE!

You are SAVED!

You are BORN AGAIN!

You are in GOD'S FAMILY!

By faith in what God has promised - 2 Peter 1:3-4.

Study these Bible verses:-

John 9:16

John 5:24

Romans 10:9

What happens at the New Birth?

Here are a few of the wonderful things that happen. There are many more!

1. Born of God - see John 1:12-13 above.
2. A new creation - write out on separate sheet 2 Corinthians 5:17.
3. A new kingdom - write out also Colossians 1:13.
4. Passed from death to life - see John 5:24 above.
5. Redeemed (bought back) - 1 Peter 1:18-19: "You must know (recognise) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless, fruitless way of living inherited by tradition from your forefathers, not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but you were purchased with the precious blood of Christ the Messiah, like that of a sacrificial lamb without blemish or spot." (Amplified Bible)
6. Saved from sin – read or get the student to write down Matthew 1:21, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14.
7. Fellowships with God and His children – 1 John 1:3 "What we have seen and ourselves heard we are also telling you, so that you too may realise and enjoy fellowship as partners

and partakers with us, and this fellowship that we have, which is a distinguishing mark of Christian, is with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ, the Messiah.”

LESSON 2

ASSURANCE

Bible Memory Verses: 1 John 5:11-13

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life: he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

As a result of receiving Christ as Savior and Lord, you have experienced a new birth and begun a new life (John 1:12-14, II Corinthians 5:17). Your physical life did not begin as a full-grown adult, and neither will your spiritual life. When a person is first saved, he is a spiritual infant (I Peter 2:2). The following suggestions should help you grow into a mature Christian.

Having now understood the importance of being "born again" in our last study, we need to come to a place where we can 'relax into the things of God'. If we doubt our salvation this relaxing is impossible, like sitting in a chair that you are not sure will hold you. It is interesting, and profitable, to read through the first epistle of John, where there are at least 30 references to things that we can "know." See how many you can find and fit in with the seven points below. (Note especially 1 John 2:3, 2:20, 3:2, 3:19 and 5:13).

How can I be sure I am saved?

When we look at the Bible, we find that there are several means by which we may be certain of salvation. Here are seven principal means of assurance and it is worth noting that all are objective evidences; nowhere does the scripture tell us that we are saved because we "feel saved" - Look again at John 3:6 and see that feelings originate in the flesh.

1. THE CLEAR TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD WHICH WE RECEIVE BY FAITH

In John 6:37, Jesus said: The Bible is very plain that we are saved because we have put our trust in the

Lord Jesus Christ, we can believe God's word - see Hebrews 6:16-20, John 6:68, where Peter said to Jesus, "Lord" and Mark 4:13-20. If we have met the condition of asking Christ into our lives, the Bible - God's Word - tells us that we are saved. Write out Romans 10:13 and also Galatians 3:26

2. THE INNER WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE BEEN MADE CHILDREN OF GOD

Romans 8:15-16 says This is not a 'feeling' or an 'emotion' but much more a dawning awareness born in the depth of our spirit that we are God's children, we are Spirit's people - John 6:63, Galatians 4:6-7

3. THE DISCOVERY THAT, AS WE OBEY HIS WILL, GOD IS WORKING WITH US. God has committed Himself to those who are His children and has promised to reveal Himself in and through His people. Philippians 2:12: (also see James 2:21-24, Romans 6:15-18, Mark 16:16-18).

4. THE DESIRE TO BECOME LIKE THE LORD JESUS Romans 8:29 tells us:
As we commit our lives to Christ, He begins changing us, making us like Himself. (See also 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6, 2 Corinthians 3:15-18, 1 Peter 1:14-16)

5. THE CHASTENING PROCESS CHRIST PUTS US THROUGH See what Romans 5:3-5 says Jesus was perfected and learned obedience through suffering (Hebrews 5:8-9), and we also are perfected and learn obedience the same way (Philippians 3:10-11). See also Hebrews 12:4-11.

6. THE LOVE OF THE BROTHERS

Look particularly at 1 John 3:14 which says If God loved each of us enough to die for us, and His nature is being formed in us, we will love one another. Look also at John 13:34-35, and 1 Peter 1:22-23.

7. BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT

Write out 2 Corinthians 5:5

Now also read Acts 5:32, Ephesians 1:13-14, Hebrews 2:3-4. See how the baptism in the Holy Spirit is spoken of as a "seal" and "a deposit".

Other verses relevant to today's subject can be found in Philippians 3:20-21, Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:9-10, Titus 2:11-14.

In the light of all this, can you SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE BORN AGAIN? (2 Timothy 1:12). Then expect to grow in God and go on to further experience in Him.

LESSON 3

WATER BAPTISM

Bible Memory Verses: 1 Peter 3:20-21

"In the ark only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ...."

Every believer needs to be baptised

The Bible makes it very plain that every believer needs to be baptised. It is such an integral part of Christian initiation that the New Testament takes it for granted that a profession of faith in Christ will be followed more or less immediately by water baptism. Consider the following verses:

Acts 2:41 "Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Acts 18:8 "...and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptised."

It is a condition of membership of this church that you have been baptised by immersion as a believer, or that you are willing to be baptised at the earliest opportunity.

Why be baptised?

Baptism is closely linked with believing in Jesus Christ. Some scriptures place them side by side as part of becoming a Christian:

Mark 16:6 "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven."

Acts 22:16 "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, calling on His name."

Matthew 28:19 "...Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

This explains why water baptism is regarded as being of such importance that it is a requirement for membership.

What does baptism do for the believer?

1. It is an act of obedience to Christ a clear-cut demonstration that we know and acknowledge our new Lord, who said:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

There is great blessing and satisfaction in obeying the Lord. Our baptism will set a pattern of obedience to His Lordship in our lives as a whole.

2. There is a cutting away of the old nature as the dominant power in our lives.

Just as Israelite boys in the Old Testament days received physical circumcision, so God's new-born children today receive at their baptism a spiritual circumcision, or a circumcision of the heart. Like all God's blessings this must be received by faith. Deuteronomy 30:6 - "The Lord your God will circumcise your heart... so that you will

love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul..." Colossians 2:11-12 (Amplified New Testament) - In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a (spiritual) circumcision (performed by) Christ, by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts). (Thus you were circumcised when) you were buried with Him in (your) baptism, in which you were also raised with Him (to a new life) through (your) faith in the working of God (as displayed) when He raised Him up from the dead."

3. Other Scripture references state:

Romans 6:14 "...baptised into his death..."

Galatians 3:24 "...clothed with Christ..."

Ephesians 4:5 "...one body and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God..."

Objection!! "I have been baptised as a baby"

1. Baptism is not for babies. Not once does the New Testament refer to such a practice. BAPTISM IS FOR BELIEVERS ONLY, which implies a certain level of mental development. (See Mark 16:16 "...whoever believes and is baptised..." John 4:1 and 2 "... Jesus gained and baptised more disciples...", Acts 2:38 "... repent and be baptised...", Acts 18:8). We have seen children being baptised, but only when they had a clear understanding of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and because they wanted to obey Him by baptism.

2. Baptism by sprinkling is a contradiction of terms. The word "baptize" is an Anglicization of a Greek word meaning to dip, immerse, submerge or plunge into a liquid. It was used by dyers to describe the act of dipping material in dye. New Testament baptism was by immersion.

Acts 8:38-39 "Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him, when they came up out of the water..."

Mark 1:9-19 "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water..."

You and Baptism

1. Have you been "born again"? - if yes, then,
2. Have you been baptised by immersion - if no, then,
3. Are you willing to obey the Lord Jesus and be baptised as soon as this can be arranged?

LESSON 4

BAPTISM IN HOLY SPIRIT

Bible Memory Verses: Acts 2:14

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

A further part of the blessings of our salvation is the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which is God's means of bringing us into the realm of spiritual power. He wants us not only to enjoy the new life He has given us, but also to be effective messengers in transmitting the Gospel to others.

John 1:33 – "...The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Let us look at five questions which will help us to understand the scripture and lead us into the blessing.

Who is to be baptised?

This blessing is not just for a select few, but for all believers. God has promised, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." (Acts 2:17) Peter clearly proclaimed concerning the gift of the Holy Spirit, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:39)

Besides, if all God's children are to be His witnesses, and if it is impossible to be an effective witness without the baptism in the Holy Spirit, then ALL God's children should expect to receive Him.

Why be baptised in the Holy Spirit?

- a) Through the baptism in the Holy Spirit we receive power (Acts 1:8) and ability (Acts 9:17-22)
- b) We are enabled to pray in the Spirit and sing praises in the Spirit, as distinct from normal prayer and praise expressed in ordinary language. (See Romans 8:26-27 and 1 Corinthians 14:15)
- c) Our own spirit becomes sensitive to the 'voice' of God's Spirit (see Acts 13:2, Mark 13:11 and Acts 1:2)
- d) We become eligible for the gifts of the Spirit (Acts 19:6) and a new level of God's power in our lives (1 Corinthians 14; 1 Corinthians 1:5-7, Acts 1:8)
- e) We begin to live our daily lives 'in the Spirit', by the Spirit's power and should be constantly being filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18 and Colossians 3:16)

How do we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Sometimes God baptizes believers in the Spirit by a sovereign act. This is what happened to the disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), and to the household of Cornelius in Acts 10. At other times, it is received by the laying on of hands, as in Samaria. (Acts 8, Acts 19:6). Individually, however, we receive the Holy Spirit baptism in the same way we receive all the blessings of God...by faith. Acts 2:38 "...receive the gift..." Hebrews 11:6 "...must believe..."

What did Jesus say in Luke 11:13?

So we see that it is important that we ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Having prayed, and believing God has heard our prayer we begin to praise God and worship Him with thanksgiving. This is a powerful means of drawing near to His presence to receive the Holy Spirit. "Come near to God and He will come near to you." (James 4:8).

As we become aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit, there is a breaking within us and our spirit springs up to respond to the Spirit of God. At this point, an anointed servant of God may lay hands upon us to impart the Holy Spirit, just as Paul in Acts 19:6, but this is not always necessary.

Must those who receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit ALWAYS speak in tongues?

This is a wrong question! In 1 Corinthians 14:5 Paul says, "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you to prophesy." What he is in fact saying is that we should both speak in tongues and also prophesy.

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you can speak in tongues, you should expect to speak in tongues, you will speak in tongues, provided you do not let prejudice or fear hinder the flow of the Holy Spirit.

According to James 3:8 the tongue is the hardest member of the body to tame, and God wants to demonstrate His mighty power in the toughest member first.

So expect to speak in tongues when you are baptised in the Holy Spirit... expect also to prophesy.

As the Holy Spirit rests upon us, He stimulates us to praise the Lord, and our own words seem inadequate to praise God as we should. The Holy Spirit then leads and encourages us, but never forces us, to speak in tongues, enabling our organs of speech to form strange words and syllables as we yield to His prompting.

Once we begin, we should expect the language to be spontaneous and fluent. We will not understand the words we are saying, nor should we expect to, "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed no one understands him because he utters mysteries in the Spirit." (1 Corinthians 14:2)

There will then be no doubt, either to ourselves or to others, as to whether or not we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

Since it is within every believer's power to cleanse their conscience before God and men, and to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit, we believe that a candidate for membership of the Church should experience Holy Spirit baptism. Opportunity will be provided for you to be ministered to if this is necessary and IF YOU SO DESIRE!

LESSON 5

THE WORD OF GOD

Bible memory verses: Psalm 119:11

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Food is essential to a person's physical strength and growth. In like manner, the Word of God is the spiritual food that gives us spiritual strength and growth.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17).

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him...." (Hebrews 11:6)

Why is the Bible so important?

The Bible is the inspired Word of God:

2 Peter 1:20-21 "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is God breathed and is useful for so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Acts 1:16 "_____ the scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David."

John 6:63 "The Spirit gives life, the flesh counts for nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

(see also John 6:31,32,33,35,50,51).

John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us."

Philippians 2:16 "_____ holding forth the Word of life _____"

Jesus Christ (the Word of God) revealed in the Bible, the focus of the Bible, ministering His Life through the Bible. See John 6:68 "_____ you have the words of eternal life _____."

The eternal durability and sufficiency of the word "_____ eternal life _____" is thus shown. See also Psalm 119:89, Matthew 24:35, 1 Peter 1:23,25.

What effect will reading the Bible have?

Psalm 119:11 (AV) "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

2 Timothy 3:16 "_____ is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness _____ thoroughly equipped _____"

Romans 15:14 "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing _____ the Word of God."

James 1:18 "He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth _____." (see also 1 Peter 2:23).

Ephesians 6:13-18 "_____ the full armour of God and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" _____."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

A treasure chest of promises, ministering faith and the life of God to His people. We must hear God's word to receive essential faith.

Therefore:

- 1) We must read the Bible daily (Psalm 119:97, Acts 17:11).
- 2) We must study and search the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 5:11-14)
- 3) We must know, obey and believe the Bible (2 Timothy 3:15)
- 4) We must use the Word as a weapon against our enemy the devil
 - a) to resist temptation (see Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
 - b) to receive spiritual victory (Ephesians 6:10-18, especially vv 12 and 17)

Has God spoken to you through His Word?

Thank Him if He has, and ask Him to continue speaking to you, taking Samuel's words (1 Samuel 3:10)

"SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING."

LESSON 6

PRAYER

Bible memory verses: *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)*

Jesus said. "... men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). If you pray, you won't faint, crumble, or give up. Your joy is dependent upon your praying.

"Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name: ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24)

Prayer is talking to God and letting Him talk to you. If we love Him, we will find time to pray. Plan to have a daily prayer time when you can be alone with God, read your Bible, and pray.

Christ's life was filled with prayer.

"And in the morning long before daylight, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there

He prayed" (Mark 1:35). If you are to grow into His likeness, you also need to spend time with Him in daily prayer.

Jesus said, ". . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

He indicated that if you do not pray, you will faint. Without prayer you will be easily defeated by the temptations of the enemy.

God assures you that in answer to prayer He will take care of your every need.

Jesus said, *"Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name; ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).*

Paul said, *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).*

Your Lord promises to answer prayer, but there are certain conditions.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be given unto you" (John 15:7).

To "abide" means to "constantly live." In other words, if you live in constant fellowship with Christ, and in Daily obedience to His Word, then you can ask what you will and it shall be done.

The first prayer may be difficult. The words may come slowly, but you must keep praying. Even the disciples had to learn to pray.

They went to Jesus and said, *"Lord, teach us to pray . . ." (Luke 11:1).*

Pattern of Prayer

1. To whom am I to address my prayers? (Luke 11:2)
--Why, then, am I to approach God in Christ's name? (John 14:6, I Timothy 2:5)
2. Who do I have continually helping me as I pray? (Romans 8:26)
3. How can I be sure that God hears my prayers? (I Peter 3:12; I John 5:14,15)
4. What is God's condition for answering prayer? (Matthew 21:22)

--Who am I to believe?

(Hebrews 11:6)

(Romans 4:20,21)

5. What is the major reason prayer is answered? (John 14:13)

--What is another reason prayer is answered? (John 16:24)

Provisions

6. What has God done that assures me that He will provide for all my needs?

--(Romans 8:32)

--Through whom does God supply my needs? (Philippians 4:19)

7. What can I bring to God in prayer? (Philippians 4:6)

Problems

- *What are some causes of prayers being unanswered?*

--(Jeremiah 5:25)

--(Mark 11:25,26)

--(James 4:3)

- *If my prayer seems to be unanswered and I believe that I am asking in God's will, what should be my attitude?* (Hebrews 10:35,36; Psalm 40:1)

LESSON 7

Witnessing

Sharing Your Life

Our Lord's last spoken words on this earth were, "...you shall be witnesses unto me." (Acts 1:8).

Witnessing is sharing what you have experienced. Since you have received Christ, you can tell others how you came to know Christ, and how it affected your life. A few choice Scriptures would aid you in pointing others to Christ. Your job is to witness, not to argue or to win. A person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument.

What is a "witness"? A witness tells what he has seen and heard, what he has experienced. Christ has not asked you to be a lawyer who argues, or a salesman who sells, but a witness who shares.

Personal witnessing is the only way this world will ever know about our precious Lord. Many unsaved will never be saved unless someone goes into their homes and shares Christ with them.

It was said of the Christians in Rome that their faith was "*spoken of throughout the whole world*" (Romans 1:8); and of the Thessalonians, "*...the Word of the Lord sounded forth from you...everywhere.*" (I Thessalonians 1:8).

These men and women had been with Jesus and the world took notice of the great difference it made. They turned the world upside down or right side up (Acts 4:13). Do your friends take notice that you have been with Jesus?

Jesus said, "*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" (Matthew 4:19).

Christ's command is to follow Him in an obedient life. As you do, He promises to make you a fisher of men.

You witness by what you do as well as what you say. At home, at work, or school, there should be something about you that is different -- kindness, love, patience, honesty, consideration, sincerity, a cooperative spirit. Tell your friends and neighbors that Christ makes your life different.

"And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

This is the last lesson - last, but not least!

Finish it, and you will have finished the whole study.

This is one of the most important lessons of all!