

# **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ?**

**Thy Word is Truth John 17:17**

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# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

A Look At God's Word By  
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## 1. IS IT NECESSARY TO PROVE THAT THERE IS A GOD?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *Gen. 1:1. In the beginning God.*

(b)\* *Ps. 14:1. **The fool** has said in his heart, **THERE IS NO GOD** . They are corrupt, they have done abominable works.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

(A) The Bible, beginning with its very first words, simply speaks of God as existing;

(B) It does not consider it necessary to prove that there is a God since only a person who refuses to use his reason would deny or doubt so evident a fact. (Atheism, Agnosticism.)

## 2. HOW MAY ALL MEN KNOW BY NATURE THAT THERE IS A GOD?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *Gen. 3:4. Every house is built by some man; but **HE WHO BUILT ALL THINGS IS GOD** .*

(a)\* *Ps. 19:1. The **HEAVENS DECLARE** the glory of God; and the **FIRMAMENT SHOWS** His handiwork.*

(a) *Rom. 1:19,20. That which may be known of God is revealed in them (the Gentiles): for God has shown it to them.*

*For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are **CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE** , even His eternal power and Godhead; so the they are without excuse.*

(b) *Rom. 2:15. (The Gentiles) show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their **CONSCIENCE** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

All men may know by nature that there is a God

(A) From the existence of the world;

(B) From the testimony of their conscience.

## 3. WHAT DO THE UNIVERSE AND CONSCIENCE TELL MAN ABOUT GOD?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a b) *Rom. 1:20 The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen. Being understood by the things that are made, even His **eternal power** .*

(c) *Ps. 104:24. O Lord, how numerous are Your works! In **WISDOM** You have made them all.*

(d) *Acts 14: 17. He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He **DID GOOD** , and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*

(e) *Rom. 1:32. (The Gentiles know) the **JUDGMENT** of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The universe and conscience tell man that God is

(A) Eternal (without beginning and without end);

(B) Powerful;

(C) Wise;

(D) Good to His creatures;

(E) Just (fair and impartial), punishing the evildoers.

#### 4. FOR WHAT PURPOSE HAS THIS NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD BEEN GIVEN TO MAN?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

Acts 17:26,27. *(God) has made of one blood all nations to live on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; **THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK THE LORD**, in hope that they might feel after Him and find Him.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The natural knowledge of God should move man to search after God.

#### 5. IS MAN'S NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD SUFFICIENT?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) Ps. 96:5. *All the gods of the nations are **IDOLS**; but the **LORD** made the heavens.*
- (a) Acts 17:23. *As I passed by, and witnessed your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**.*
- (b) Acts 16:29,30. *He called for a light, and sprang in, and came **TREMBLING**, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, **SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED** ?*
- (b) 1 Cor. 2:9. ***EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAS IT ENTERED INTO THE HEART** of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*
- (a b) Eph. 2:12. *You were without Christ ... having **NO HOPE**, and **WITHOUT GOD** in the world.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Man's natural knowledge of God is not sufficient because the universe and conscience do not reveal

- (A) Who the true God is;
- (B) How man, the sinner, may escape the punishment of the just God and enter heaven.

#### 6. WHICH OTHER REVELATION HAS GOD THEREFORE GIVEN TO MAN?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

1Cor. 2:9,10,13. *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But **GOD HAS REVEALED THEM UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT... WHICH THINGS ALSO WE SPEAK**.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Since man's natural knowledge of God is altogether insufficient, God has revealed Himself in the Bible. (Revealed knowledge of God.)

#### BEFORE THE NEXT LESSON

##### FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 1.

**MEMORIZE**, if you can, the Bible passages in this lesson marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Genesis, chapters 1-7. (A chapter a day.)

**Work Sheet No. 1**

**ONE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The atheist denies the existence of God because he follows the guidance of his reason.
- (B) The atheist denies the existence of God because he wishes that there were no God.
- (C) The atheist denies the existence of God because he has no way of knowing whether there is a God.

**TWO**

Name something in nature that impresses you with

- (A) Gods's power .....
- (B) God's wisdom .....
- (C) God's goodness .....

**THREE**

(Insert the missing words.)

Conscience tells us that we have.....and deserve.....

**FOUR**

We sometimes hear people say: "Foreign mission work is a waste of men and money because the heathen already have a religion of their own."

Is this attitude correct ? Yes  No

Give reasons for your answer.

.....

.....

**FIVE**

(Complete these sentences.)

(A) The NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD is that knowledge of God which we get from

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(B) The REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF GOD is that knowledge of God which we get from

.....

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ITSELF ?

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## 1. WHAT IS THE BIBLE ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS –

- (a) Mark 7:10,11 13. Moses said... But you say... making **THE WORD OF GOD** of no effect through your tradition.
- (b) 1 Thess. 2:13. When you received **THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YOU HEARD OF US** , you did not receive it AS **THE WORD OF MEN, but AS IT IS IN TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD.**
- (a b c) Heb 1:1,2. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners **SPOKE IN TIMES PAST** to the fathers by the **prophets, HAS IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN to us by His Son.**

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The first part of the Bible, known as the Old Testament, is the Word of God.
- (B) The other part of the Bible, called the New Testament, is the Word of God.
- (C) The whole Bible, from beginning to end, is the Word of God.
- (Other names for the Bible are Holy Scripture, The Scriptures, Holy Writ, Book of Books, The Word of God.)

## 2. WHO WROTE THE BIBLE ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) 2 Pet. 1:21. Holy **MEN** of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- (b) 1 Pet. 1:10. The **PROPHETS**... prophesied of the grace that should come to you.
- (c) 1 Cor. 2:13. Which things also **WE** (the evangelists and apostles) speak.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The Bible was written by men
- (B) The Old Testament was written by the holy prophets
- (C) The New Testament was written by the holy evangelists and apostles.
- (The Bible consists of sixty-six books, the Old Testament containing thirty-nine, and the New Testament twenty-seven. The Old Testament was written before the coming of Christ, and in the Hebrew language. The New Testament was written after the coming of Christ, and in the Greek language.)

## 3. WHY IS THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD ALTHOUGH IT WAS WRITTEN BY MEN ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) 2 Pet. 1:21. Holy men of God spoke **AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST** .
- (b)\* 2 Tim. 3:16. All Scripture is **GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD** . (Is God-breathed.)
- (b) 1 Cor. 2:13. Which things we also speak, not in the **WORDS** which man's wisdom teaches, but **WHICH THE HOLY GHOST TEACHES.**

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God "moved," or impelled, the prophets, evangelists, and apostles to write.
- (B) "All Scripture" was "breathed into" the sacred writers by God. God put into their minds the very thoughts which they expressed and the very words which they wrote. (Verbal inspiration.)
- (C) Because it was thus verbally inspired by God, the whole Bible is the very Word of God.

#### 4. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE QUALITIES OF THE BIBLE ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *John 17:17. Your Word is **truth**.*
- (b) *Ps 119:105. Your Word is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path.*
- (c) *Luke 16:29. They have Moses and the prophets; **LET THEM HEAR THEM**.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The Bible is true, without error, and therefore absolutely trustworthy in all its parts.
- (B) The Bible is clear, and therefore able to instruct even an unlearned person in the way he should go.
- (C) The Bible is sufficient, containing all that we need to know for faith and life. We should not seek information and guidance in spiritual matters from any other source (Reason, tradition, new revelations, etc.)

#### 5. FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID GOD GIVE US THE BIBLE ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *2 Chron. 34:27. You did **HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD** , when you heard His words.*
- (b) *2 Tim. 3:15. The Holy Scriptures, which are **ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS**.*
- (c) *1 Pet. 2:2. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may **GROW THEREBY**.*
- (d) *Ps. 119:9. How shall a young man **CLEANSE HIS WAY?** By taking heed to it according to Thy Word.*
- (e) *Titus 1:9. Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both **TO EXHORT AND TO CONVINC THE GAINSAYERS**.*
- (f) *Ps. 119:92. If your Law had not been **MY DELIGHT** , I would have perished **IN MY AFFLICTION**.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God gave us the Bible

- (A) To lead us to true knowledge of, and sorrow over, our sins
- (B) To bring us to faith in Christ and thereby into heaven; (This is the CHIEF purpose of the Bible.)
- (C) To strengthen and preserve us in the saving faith;
- (D) To train us in holiness of life;
- (E) To enable us to detect and combat error;
- (F) To comfort us in our afflictions.

#### 6. HOW ARE WE TO USE THE BIBLE ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *John 5:39. **Search** the Scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.*
- (b c)\* *Luke 11:28. Blessed are they who **HEAR** the Word of God and **KEEP** it.*
- (c) *Luke 2:19. Mary **KEPT** all these things, and **PONDERED THEM IN HER HEART**.*
- (d) *John 14:23. If a man love Me, he will **KEEP MY WORDS**.*
- (e) *Acts 4:20. We cannot but **SPEAK** the things which we have seen and heard.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) We should diligently and reverently read and study the Bible.
- (B) We should regularly and devoutly hear the Word of God.
- (C) We should believe it.
- (D) We should live according to it.
- (E) We should bring its blessed teachings to others.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT Work sheet No. 2**

**MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**READ Genesis, chapters 8-14.**

**WORK SHEET NO. 2**

**ONE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The Bible is the Word of God.
- (B) The Bible contains the Word of God.

**TWO**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The Bible is God's Word because it tells us about God.
- (B) The Bible is God's Word because it was written by learned men.
- (C) The Bible is God's Word because God inspired its contents.

**THREE**

(State whether the following writers of books of the Bible were prophets, apostles, or evangelists.)

- (A) Isaiah was.....
- (B) Paul was.....
- (C) Moses was.....
- (D) Luke was.....
- (E) Matthew was.....
- (F) Peter was.....

**FOUR**

(Supply the names of the writers.)

- (A) The first five books of the Old Testament were written by .....
- (B) Most of the Psalms were written by .....
- (C) The first book of the New Testament was written by .....
- (D) The Epistle to the Romans was written by .....

**FIVE**

- (A) There are no contradictions in the Bible. True  False
- (B) We cannot understand the Bible unless it is explained to us. True  False
- (C) We need to accept only those teachings of the Bible which agree with our reason. True  False

**SIX**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The main purpose of the Bible is to show us how to live right.
- (B) The main purpose of the Bible is to show us how to be saved.

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOD ?

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## 1. WHAT IS GOD ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *John 4:24. God is a spirit.*
- (b) *Ex. 3:14. God said to Moses, **I AM THAT I AM** ; and He said, This shall you say to the children of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you.*
- (c) *Luke 24:39. A spirit **does not have flesh and bones** .*
- (d) *John 1:18. **No man has seen God** at any time.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God is

- (A) a spirit, that is
- (B) a personal being
- (C) without flesh and blood, and therefore
- (D) invisible.

## 2. HOW IS GOD ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Ps. 90:1,2. Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or You ever formed the earth and the world even **FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING**, You are God.*
- (b) *Mal. 3:6. I am the Lord, **I DO NOT CHANGE** .*
- (c) *Gen. 17:1. I am the **ALMIGHTY** God.*
- (c) *Matt. 19:26. **With God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE** .*
- (d) *Ps. 139:1-4. O Lord, You have searched me and **KNOWN ME** . You **KNOW WHEN I SIT DOWN AND WHEN I RISE**, You understand **MY THOUGHTS FROM AFAR** . You know what I do and when I rest and **ARE ACQUAINTED** with **ALL MY WAYS** . For before a word is on my tongue **YOU** , O Lord, **KNOW IT ALTOGETHER**.*
- (e) *Jer. 23:24. Can any hide himself in secret places where I will not see him ? says the Lord. Do not **I FILL HEAVEN AND EARTH** ? says the Lord.*
- (f) *Lev. 19:2. I the Lord your God am **holy** .*
- (g) *Deut. 32:4. A God of truth and without iniquity, **just** and right is He.*
- (h) *2 Tim. 2:13. He remains **faithful** : He cannot deny Himself.*
- (i j) *Ps. 145:9. The Lord is **GOOD** To all: and His tender **MERCIES** are over all His works.*
- (j k) *Ex. 34:6, 7. The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful and gracious** , and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin** .*
- (k) *1 John 4:8. God is **LOVE***

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God is

- (A) Eternal (without beginning and without end);
- (B) Unchangeable;
- (C) Omnipotent (almighty, all-powerful);
- (D) Omniscient (all-knowing);
- (E) Omnipresent (present everywhere);
- (F) Holy (sinless and hating sin);
- (G) Just (fair and impartial);
- (H) Faithful (keeping His promises);
- (I) Benevolent (good, kind, desiring our welfare);
- (J) merciful (full of pity);
- (K) Gracious (showing undeserved kindness, forgiving).



### 3. WHO IS THE ONLY TRUE GOD ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Deut. 6:4. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is **ONE** Lord.*
- (b)\* *Matt. 28:19. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **FATHER**, and of the **SON**, and of the **HOLY GHOST**.*
- (b) *2 Cor. 13:14. The grace of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, and the love of **God** (the Father), and the communion of the **HOLY GHOST**, be with you all.*
- (b) *Num. 6:24-26. The **Lord** bless you, and keep you: the **Lord** make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the **Lord** lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*
- (b) *Matt 3:16,17. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the **SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE**, and lighting upon Him: and, lo, a **VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**, in whom I am well pleased.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God is one ("une").
- (B) In this one God there are three ("tri") distinct Persons, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- (C) The true God is the Triune God.  
(The Father sent the Son to be our Savior; the Son redeemed us with His suffering and death; the Holy Ghost brings us to saving faith in Jesus Christ.)

### 4. WITH WHAT ATTITUDE OF HEART ARE WE TO CONTEMPLATE THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) *1 Cor. 2:11. What man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so **NO MAN KNOWS THE THINGS OF GOD, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD** .*
- (a b) *1Tim 6:16. (God dwells) in the light which **no man can approach unto** .*
- (a b) *John 1:18. **NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD** at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **HE HAS DECLARED HIM** .*
- (c) *Rev. 4:8. They (the inhabitants of heaven) rest not day and night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

#### FORM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is far beyond our reason; it is therefore altogether unreasonable to try to fathom it, or to reject it because we cannot do so.
- (B) Only God knows God, and He has revealed Himself to us, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in the Bible, as the Triune God.
- (C) We are to accept this revelation of Himself with unquestioning faith, and to adore and glorify Him with the hosts of heaven.

### 5. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE IN GOD ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *John 17;3. This is life eternal, that they might **know** You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.*
- (b) *Jas. 1:21. **Receive** with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.*
- (c) *Ps. 31:14. I **trusted** in Thee, O Lord: I said, You are **my** God.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

To believe in God means that, on the basis of the Scriptures, I personally, in my heart,

- (A) Know God as my gracious God in Christ Jesus: (Knowledge.)
- (B) Accept as true what He says and promises; (Assent.)
- (C) Trust in Him and rely on Him with firm confidence. (Confidence.)

**BEFORE THE NEXT LESSON**

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 3.**

**MEMORIZE Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**READ Genesis, chapters 15-21.**

**WORK SHEET NO. 3**

**ONE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) God is the great driving force in nature.
- (B) God is a personal Being.

**TWO**

What do the Scriptures mean when they speak of

- (A) God's right hand ? .....
- (B) God's eyes ? .....

**THREE**

Every attribute of God has a special meaning in the life of the Christian.

- (A) Which warning is there for us in the omniscience of God when we are tempted to secret sin ? .....
- (B) Which comfort is there for us in the omnipotence of God when we are confronted with great difficulties ? .....

**FOUR**

(Check the correct statements.)

- (A) There are three distinct Persons in the Trinity.
- (B) The three Persons are three gods.
- (C) The three Persons are of equal majesty and power.
- (D) The Son and the Spirit receive their authority from the Father.
- (E) The Father was first, then the Son, then the Holy Ghost.
- (F) There is only one God, who has revealed Himself in three Persons, but is one in Essence.

**FIVE**

(Check whether true or false.)

Faith is the resting of the heart upon God. True  False

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND PRESERVATION OF THE WORLD AND MAN ?

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## 1. HOW WAS THE WORLD MADE ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b)\* *Gen 1:1. In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth.*  
(b) *Gen 1:3. God said, **LET THERE BE!** (See also Gen. 1:6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24.)*  
(b) *Heb. 11:3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed **BY THE WORD OF GOD**, so that things which are seen were **NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR**.*  
(c) *Ex. 20:11. **In six days** the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.*  
(c) *Gen. 1:5. And **THE EVENING AND THE MORNING** were the first **DAY**.*  
(See also Gen 1:8, 13, 19, 23 31, and Gen 2:1, 2.)

## FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) All things were made by God.  
(B) He created them, calling them into existence out of nothing by His almighty Word.  
(C) He did this in six natural and consecutive days.

## 2. WHAT DID GOD CREATE ON THE RESPECTIVE DAYS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

**Genesis 1.** (Read the whole chapter.)

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- God observed the following order in the work of creation:  
First day: the earth in darkness and chaos; the light.  
Second day: the atmosphere, or expanse of heaven (firmament.)  
Third day: the arrangement of dry land and water; plant life.  
Fourth day: the heavenly bodies.  
Fifth day: fishes and sea animals; birds.  
Sixth day: land animals; man.

## 3. HOW DID GOD CREATE MAN ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b)\* *Gen. 2:7. The Lord God **FORMED MAN OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND**, and **BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE**; and man became a living soul.*  
(c) *Gen. 2:18-25 . (The creation of woman. Read this passage.)*  
(d e) *Gen 1:26,27. God said, Let us make man **IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS**: and let them **HAVE DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man **IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD** He created him; male and female He created them.*  
(e) *Col. 3:10. (You) have put on the new man, which is renewed in **KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF HIM THAT CREATED** him.*  
(e) *Eph. 4:24. Put on the new man, which **AFTER GOD** is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God especially formed the body of one male (Adam) of the dust of the earth.  
(B) He gave him a rational soul.  
(C) He made one woman (Eve) of a rib taken from Adam.  
(D) He placed man as ruler over all the earth.

- (E) Man was created in God's image, consisting in blissful knowledge of God and in perfect righteousness and holiness.  
(F) Man is the foremost of all the visible creatures.

#### 4. HOW DOES GOD PRESERVE HIS CREATURES ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Heb. 1:3. (He upholds) all things by **THE WORD OF HIS POWER**.*  
(b) *Gen. 1:28. God blessed them (Adam and Eve), and God said unto them, **BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH**. (See also Gen. 1:11,22.)*  
(c) *Gen. 8:22. While the earth remains, **SEEDTIME AND HARVEST... SHALL NOT CEASE**. (See also Gen. 1:29, 30 and Gen. 9:3.)*  
(c) *Ps. 145:15,16. The eyes of all wait upon You; and **You give them their food in due season**. You open Your hand, and **satisfy** the desire of every living thing.*  
(d) *Matt. 10:29, 30. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing ? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very **HAIRS YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED**.*  
(d) *Ps. 91:10. There shall **no evil befall you**, neither shall any plague come near you dwelling.*  
(d) *Gen. 50:20. You thought evil against me: but **GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God preserves all things by His almighty Word.  
(B) He endows His creatures with the ability to reproduce after their kind.  
(C) He provides them with the necessities of life. (Providence.)  
(D) He guards and protects us from all evil.  
(The Bible ascribes the work of creation and preservation especially to God the Father.)

#### 5. WHAT DO WE OWE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR ALL THIS ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Gen. 32:10. I am **not worthy of the least** of all your mercies, and of all the truth, which You have revealed to Your servant.*  
(b) *Ps. 139:14. I will **PRAISE** You; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works; and that my soul knows very well.*  
(b)\* *Ps 118:1. O **GIVE THANKS** unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endures forever.*  
(c) *1 Pet. 5:7. **CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM**; for He cares for you.*  
(d) *Ps. 116:12. What shall **I RENDER UNTO THE LORD** for all His benefits toward me ?*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) We should acknowledge our utter unworthiness as far as all God's benefits towards us are concerned.  
(B) We should praise and thank Him for having so wonderfully made and so graciously preserved us.  
(C) We should trust in Him, confidently believing that He will provide for us and keep us also in the future.  
(D) We should gladly serve him all our days.

#### BEFORE THE NEXT LESSON

##### Fill out Work Sheet No. 4.

Memorize the Bible passages marked with an asterisk(\*).

Read Genesis, chapters 22-28.

**Work Sheet No. 4**

**ONE**

How does the theory of evolution compare with the Bible account of creation -

- (A) As to time ? .....
- (B) As to method ? .....
- (C) As to the various "kinds," or species ? .....
- (D) As to the soul of man ? .....

**TWO**

(Complete these sentences.)

- (A) God made and still preserves all things by His.....
- (B) The two parts of man are .....and .....
- (C) the divine image consists of .....and of .....

**THREE**

(Check the correct answer.)

God provides us with food and clothing -

- (A) Because we work for them. []
- (B) Because we are good. []
- (C) Because He is gracious. []

**FOUR**

(A) Quote one or more table prayers which you may know .....

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(B) Why should we regularly and sincerely use such prayers at the table ?

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# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ANGELS, THE FALL OF MAN, AND SIN ?

A Look At God's Word By  
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## 1. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE CREATION OF ANGELS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) Ex. 20:11. In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and **all that is in them** .
- (b) Gen. 1:31. God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was **very good** .

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God created the angels within the six days of creation.
- (B) All angels were created good.

## 2. WHAT INFORMATION DO WE HAVE ABOUT THE GOOD ANGELS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) Ps. 104:4. (He) makes His angels **SPIRITS** .
- (b) Matt. 25:31. The Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all his **holy angels** with Him.
- (c) Rev. 5:11. I looked, and I heard the voice of **MANY** angels...; and the number of them was **TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND, AND THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS** .
- (d e f) Ps. 103:20,21. **BLESS THE LORD**, you His angels, that **EXCEL IN STRENGTH**, that do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His Word. **BLESS YOU THE LORD**, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, that **DO HIS PLEASURE** .
- (g) Heb. 1:14. Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister to those who shall be **HEIRS OF SALVATION** ?
- (g) Ps. 91:11, 12. He shall give His angels charge over you, to **KEEP YOU** in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- (g) Luke 16:22. The beggar died, and was **CARRIED BY ANGELS TO ABRAHAM'S SIDE** .

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The good angels are spirits.
- (B) They are holy.
- (C) They are very numerous.
- (D) They are very strong.
- (E) They praise God.
- (F) They carry out His commands.
- (G) They serve especially God's children.

## 3. DID ALL ANGELS REMAIN GOOD ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- 2 Pet. 2:4. God did not spare **THE ANGELS THAT SINNED** .
- Mark 5:9. and He asked him, What is your name ? And he answered, saying, My name is **Legion** : for we are **many** .

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Many holy angels sinned and thus became evil angels.

## 4. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TELL US CONCERNING THE EVIL ANGELS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) 2 Pet. 2:4. God **did not spare** the angels that sinned, but **cast them down** to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be **reserved unto judgment** .
- (b) Eph. 6:11, 12. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places** .

(c d) *Matt. 13:25, 39. While men slept, **His enemy** came and sowed tares among the wheat... The enemy that sowed them is the devil.*

(c d) *1 Pet. 5:8,9. Be sober, be vigilant; because **YOUR ADVERSARY** the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, **SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR** : whom resist steadfast in the faith.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) The evil angels are forever rejected by God and doomed to hell.
- (B) They, as their leader, called the devil and Satan, are cunning and powerful.
- (C) They are the enemies of God and of man.
- (D) They seek to destroy the works of God and to lead man into eternal damnation.

**5. WHAT HAPPENED SOON AFTER ADAM AND EVE HAD BEEN CREATED AND PLACED INTO THE GARDEN OF EDEN ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

(a b) *Gen. 2:16,17; Gen.3 . (read these passages.)*

(a)\* *1 John 3:4. Sin is the transgression of the Law.*

(a) *1 John 3:8. He who commits sin is of the devil; for **THE DEVIL HAS BEEN SINNING FROM THE BEGINNING** .*

(b) *Rom. 5:12. **BY ONE MAN** sin entered into the world.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) The devil, in the form of a serpent, tempted man to transgress God's Law and thus to sin.
- (B) Man of his own free will yielded to the temptation of the devil and sinned.

**6. WHAT IS NOW THE NATURAL CONDITION OF ALL MEN ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

(a) *Gen. 5:3. Adam... fathered a son in **his own** likeness, after **his image** .*

(a)\* *Ps. 51:5. Behold, I was **SHAPEN IN INIQUITY** ; and **IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME** .*

(a) *John 3:7. That which **IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH** .*

(b) *Rom. 7:18. I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells **NO GOOD THING** .*

(c) *Gen. 8:21. The imagination of man's heart is **evil from his youth** .*

(d) *1 Cor. 2:14. The natural man **does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

(e) *Eph. 2:1. (You) were **DEAD** in trespasses and sins.*

(f) *Rom. 8:7. The carnal mind is **HOSTILE** to God.*

(g) *Eph. 2:3 (We) were by nature the **CHILDREN OF WRATH** , even as others.*

(g)\* *Rom. 6:23. The wages of sin is **death** .*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) All men, being descendants of Adam, the sinner, are conceived and born in sin and bear their sinful father's image.
- (B) There is no spiritual good in their heart at birth.
- (C) They are inclined only to evil.
- (D) They are spiritually blind.
- (E) They are spiritually dead.
- (F) They are enemies of God.
- (G) On account of this condition (called original sin, birth sin, or the Old Adam) all men are by nature under the wrath of God and doomed to death and damnation.

## 7. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF ORIGINAL SIN ON OUR LIVES ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Matt. 7:17. A corrupt tree brings forth **EVIL FRUIT**.*

*Matt. 15:19. Out of the heart proceed **EVIL THOUGHTS, MURDERS, ADULTERIES, FORNICATIONS, THEFTS, FALSE WITNESS, BLASPHEMIES**.*

*Jas. 4:17. To him who **KNOWS TO DO GOOD**, and **DOES IT NOT**, to him it is sin.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Original sin brings forth a great variety of sinful thoughts, desires, words, and deeds, called actual sin.  
(Sins of commission and sins of omission.)

## 8. HOW ARE MEN SAVED FROM THE RUINOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*(a) Gen 3:14, 15. The Lord God said unto the serpent... \* I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and **HER SEED**; **it shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise **HIS** heel.*

*(b) Acts 10:43. To Him (Jesus Christ, the Woman's Seed) **give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believes Him shall receive remission of sins**.*

*(c)\* Rom. 1:16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the **POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES**.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Immediately after the fall God promised our first parents a Savior who would deliver them and their descendants from the power of the devil.
- (B) The Old Testament prophets continually pointed their people to this coming Redeemer in order that they might have forgiveness of sin and heaven by believing in Him.
- (C) The Gospel (good news) of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

## BEFORE THE NEXT LESSON

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 5.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Genesis, chapters 29-35.



**Work Sheet No. 5**

**ONE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) Good angels are the various influences for good in this world.
- (B) Good angels are invisible personal beings who protect God's children.
- (C) Good angels are kind thoughts.

**TWO**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The devil is a real personal being who seeks to lead us into a real hell.
- (B) The devil is everything that is evil in this world.

**THREE**

(Fill in the missing words.)

Adam and Eve fell into sin when they listened to ..... ate of the forbidden..... and  
thus transgressed God's .....

**FOUR**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) infants are born without sin; they become sinful through the bad example of others.
- (B) Infants are born sinful.

**FIVE**

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) Our inherited sinfulness condemns us before God. True  False
- (B) Only the actual deed is sin, not the desire to commit it. True  False

**SIX**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) We are saved from sin and damnation by trying to live a good life.
- (B) We are saved from sin and damnation by trusting in Christ, our Savior.

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MANKIND FROM ADAM TO MOSES ?

## WHAT DOES IT TEACH CONCERNING LAW AND GOSPEL?

A Look At God's Word By  
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### 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF MANKIND?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

Genesis. Numbers, chapters 1-20. 32-34.

#### A BRIEF OUTLINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY FROM ADAM TO MOSES.

**The origin, fall, and spread of the human race.** (Creation to about 2000 B.C.)

The creation. Adam and Eve are holy and happy in the Garden of Eden.

Tempted by the devil, Adam and Eve fall into sin. God gives them the first promise of the Savior. They are driven out of Paradise.

Eve believes her firstborn to be the promised Savior and calls him Cain. Cain kills his brother Abel. As the human race multiplies, men become so wicked that God decides to destroy them.

God sends a world-wide flood, or deluge. Only righteous Noah and his family, eight souls, survive in the ark which Noah built at the direction of God.

Of Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Shem, the father of the Semitic races, is chosen as ancestor of the promised Savior. In spite of the flood, sin has not been wiped out. With the growth of the world's population wickedness again increases and comes to a head when men attempt to build a great city (Babel) and a tower reaching to heaven, in order to make a name for themselves. God confuses their tongues -until now there was only one language- and scatters men over all the earth.

**The age of the Patriarchs.** (About 2000 to 1700 B.C.)

God calls Abraham, a descendant of Shem, directs him to go to a land (Canaan) which He has chosen for his descendants, and tells him that the promised Savior is to come from his seed. Abraham and his wife Sarah are childless. Years later God repeats His promise and announces to the ninety-nine-year-old Abraham and the ninety-year-old Sarah that within a year they are to have a son. Circumcision, from now on a pledge of God's covenant with His people, is instituted by God. At this time the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed by fire and brimstone. Lot, a nephew of Abraham, escapes, but his wife perishes when she disobeys God's command and looks back.

Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah and God declares that this son is to be the ancestor of the promised Savior. Later God tests Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham does not hesitate and is about to slay his child when the Angel of the Lord (Christ before His birth) intervenes. Abraham, the "Father of the faithful," is blessed by God and once more receives the promise of the Savior.

Isaac's wife, Rebekah, gives birth to twin sons. Of these, Jacob is chosen by God to be the ancestor of the promised Savior. The father prefers Esau, the firstborn, but Rebekah and Jacob deceive the blind and aged man with the result that Isaac unknowingly gives the blessing, which includes the promise of the Savior, to Jacob.

Jacob flees before his incensed brother to his uncle Laban at Haran. On the way he has a vision of a heavenly ladder, from the top of which God Himself repeats the promise of the Savior. After serving Laban for twenty years, Jacob, now a rich man and the father of a large family, returns to Canaan. As he nears his homeland, he wrestles with the Angel of the Lord until he obtains the victory and with it a blessing and the name Israel.

Joseph, one of Jacob's twelve sons, is sold by his jealous brothers into slavery in Egypt. He spurns the advances of his master's wife and is imprisoned. Later he is not only freed, but raised to the governorship of all Egypt. A prolonged famine sets in, but under Joseph much grain has been stored during the preceding good years. Jacob's family, having no food, is brought to Egypt and given the rich land of Goshen. Before Jacob's death his son Judah is designated as the ancestor of the promised Savior.

### **Israel's bondage and deliverance. The Giving of the Law.**(About 1700 to 1490 B.C.)

After years of peace and growth a Pharaoh, or ruler, who remembers not Joseph, seeks to weaken the rapidly increasing Israelites by making them slaves, cruelly overworking them, and finally ordering every male child killed. At this time Moses is born, placed by his mother into a basket, and hid among the reeds near the riverbank. Pharaoh's daughter finds the babe and adopts him. Through Moses' sister, his own mother is hired to nurse and rear him for the princess. Later he is brought to the royal palace and trained in all the learning of the Egyptians. One day, while trying to protect one of his countrymen, Moses, now forty years old, kills an Egyptian and flees to Midian.

When Moses is eighty, God appears to him in a burning bush and commands him to lead Israel out of Egypt. Accompanied by his brother Aaron, Moses goes to Pharaoh and demands the release of his people. After God has sent ten plagues the king consents. Before the final plague God institutes the Passover. In every Israelite household a male lamb is killed, its blood is painted on the doorposts, and its flesh, roasted whole in the fire, is eaten with unleavened bread. (The Passover, hereafter celebrated annually, pointed forward to "Christ, our Passover, sacrificed for us.") During the observance of the first Passover, the Angel of the Lord passes over the blood-marked homes of the Israelites, but kills the firstborn son of every Egyptian family. Pharaoh now begs Israel to leave.

Numbering about two million people, the Israelites begin their journey towards the Promised Land. God guides them in a pillar of cloud and fire. When Pharaoh pursues them, God opens a dry lane for them through the midst of the Red Sea and drowns the Egyptian army. Feeding His murmuring people with manna from heaven and quails, He leads them to Mount Sinai. Here God, amid thunderings and lightnings, gives His Law to Moses: the Moral Law which is binding upon all men: the Ceremonial Law pertaining to the forms of Jewish worship: and the Civil Law by which the Jewish state was to be governed. The Moral Law had been written into man's heart at creation (Rom 2:14-15). But the writing was blurred by sin. Therefore God now writes the Moral Law on two tables of stone in the form of Ten Commandments. Returning from Sinai where he had been with God for forty days, Moses finds his people worshipping a golden calf. He casts the tables of the Law to the ground that they break, burns the calf, grinds it to powder, strews that upon the water and makes the Israelites drink it. After three thousand idolaters have been executed, God once more writes the Ten Commandments on two tables and gives them to Moses.

### **Some Prophecies Concerning the Coming Savior in this Period.**

*Gen. 3:15. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and Her Seed; It will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

*Gen. 12:3. In you shall all families of the earth be blessed. (See also Gen 18:18; Gen. 22:18; Gen. 26:4, Gen. 28:14. Compare Gal. 3:16.)*

*Gen. 49:10. The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from, between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.*

*Job 19:25. I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at a later time upon the earth.*

### **FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

The two outstanding factors in the early history of the world are man's sin against the Law of God, and God's grace as revealed in the Gospel of the promised Savior. (Law and Gospel are the two great doctrines of the Bible.)

## 2. WHAT IS THE LAW ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* Lev. 19:2. You **shall be holy** : for I the Lord your God am holy.  
(b) Ex. 10:3, 7, etc. **You shall ... You shall not** .

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Law is that doctrine of the Bible in which God tells us

- (A) how we are to be, and  
(B) what we are to do and not to do.

## 3. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS-

1 John 4:9. In this the **love of God** was revealed among us, because God **SENT HIS ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON** into the world, that we might live through Him.

\*John 3:16. God so **loved** the world, that He **gave His only-begotten Son** , that whosoever **believes in Him** should not perish, but **HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE** .

Rom. 1:16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the **Power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes**.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Gospel is that doctrine of the Bible in which God tells us the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

## 4. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS –

- (a) Luke 10:28. This **do** , and you shalt live.  
(a) John 19:30. It is **finished** .  
(a) 1 Pet. 1:5. (You) are **kept BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION** .  
(b) Rom. 3:20. **By the Law is the knowledge of sin** .  
(b) Rom. 1:18. The **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.  
(b)\* John 1:29. Behold the **Lamb of God** , which **takes away the sin of the world** .  
(b) Eph. 2:8. By **grace** you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God** .  
(c) Matt. 19:16, 17. Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life ?... If thou wilt enter into life, **keep the commandments** .  
(c) Acts 16:30, 31. Sirs, what must I do to be Saved ?... **BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, and you shalt be saved, and your house.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The Law teaches what we are to do and not to do; the Gospel teaches what God has done, and still does, for our salvation.  
(B) The Law shows us our sin and the wrath of God; the Gospel shows us our Savior and the grace of God.  
(C) The Law must be preached to all men, but especially to impenitent sinners; the Gospel must be preached to sinners who are troubled in their minds because of their sins.

### Before the Next Lesson

#### FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 6.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with and asterisk (\*).

**READ** Genesis, chapters 36-42.

**Work Sheet No. 6**

**ONE**

Name the ancestors of the Savior mentioned in the "Brief Outline of Biblical History from Adam to Moses."

- (A) .....
- (B) .....
- (C) .....
- (D) .....
- (E) .....
- (F) .....

**TWO**

- (A) When and how did God give His Law the first time ? .....
- (B) How and through whom did God give His Law later ?.....

**THREE**

Check each of the following Bible passages, indicating whether it is Law or Gospel -

- (A) 1 John 1:7. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. Law.  Gospel.
- (A) 1 John 1:7. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. Law.  Gospel.
- (B) Matt. 5:48. Therefore be perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Law  Gospel.
- (C) 1 Tim. 5:22. Keep yourself pure. Law.  Gospel.
- (D) Matt. 18:11. The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. Law  Gospel
- (E) 1Tim. 6:8. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. Law  Gospel
- (F) Hab. 2:4. The just shall live by faith. Law  Gospel.
- (G) Rom. 6:23. The wages of sin is death. Law  Gospel
- (H) Is. 58:7. Deal your bread to the hungry. Law  Gospel
- (I) Mark 16:16. He who does not believe shall be damned. Law  Gospel
- (J) Mark 16:16. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Law  Gospel
- (K) Is. 43:1. Do not fear; for I am with you; do not be dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. Law  Gospel
- (L) James 4:11. Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. Law  Gospel
- (M) Matt. 11:28. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Law  Gospel

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR DUTY TOWARD GOD?

(Commandments 1-3)

A Look At God's Word By  
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## 1. WHAT IS THE SUMMARY OF THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS, OR OF THE FIRST TABLE OF THE LAW?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

\* *Matt. 22:37. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The first three commandments demand perfect love to God of everyone of us.

The First Commandment

**\* YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.**

## 2. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *Is. 42:8. I am the Lord; that is My name; and My glory will I not give to another, nor My praise to **carved images**.*

(b) *John 5:23. All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father** who has sent Him.*

(c) *Eph. 5:5. (No) **covetous man**, who is an **idolater**, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

(d) *Ps. 33:8. Let all the earth **fear** the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe** of Him.*

(d) *Gen. 39:9. How, then, can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God ?*

(e) \* *Prov. 23:26. My son, **give Me your heart**, and let your eyes observe My ways.*

(f) *Prov. 3:5. **Trust** in the Lord **with all your heart**.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

#### We should NOT

(A) Regard or worship any creature as God;

(B) Believe in a god who is not the Triune God;

(C) Give the first place in our hearts and lives to any person or thing ( money, pleasure, reason, etc.) by fearing, loving, or trusting in it as we should fear, love, and trust in God alone.

(The sin forbidden in this commandment is called idolatry.)

#### We SHOULD

(D) Fear God above all things; that is, we should with our whole heart revere Him as the highest Being, honor Him with our lives, and avoid what displeases Him.

(E) Love God above all things; that is, we should with our whole heart cling to Him as to our God and gladly devote our lives to His service.

(F) Trust in God above all things; that is, we should with our whole heart commit our lives to His keeping and rely upon Him for help in every need.

(The fulfillment of all commandments must flow from fear and love to God.)

The Second Commandment.

**\* YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IN VAIN.**

**3. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Ex. 20:7. The Lord will not hold him who takes His name **in vain** guiltless.*  
(God's name is not only every name by which he has made Himself known - God, Lord, Jesus Christ, etc.- but also every statement in which He tells us about Himself.)
- (b) *Rom. 12:14. Bless, and **curse not**.*
- (c) *Lev. 19:12. You shall not **swear falsely** by My name.*
- (d) *Lev. 19:31. Do not defile yourselves by turning to those who **call upon spirits**, or seeking after **wizards**:  
I am the Lord your God.*
- (e) *Jer. 23:31. The Lord says, Behold, **I am against the prophets**, who use their tongues, and say, **He says**.*
- (f) *Matt. 15:8. This people draws near to Me with their **mouth**, and honors Me with their **lips** ;  
but **their heart is far from Me**.*
- (g) *\* Matt. 10:32. Whosoever ... shall **confess Me before men**, him will I confess also before My  
Father which is in heaven.*
- (h) *1 Thess. 5:17. **Pray** without ceasing.*
- (i) *Ps. 103:1. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, **bless His holy name**.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

**We should NOT**

- (A) Employ any name of God uselessly or carelessly, or use any statement of the Bible in jest.
- (B) Curse by God's name; (Cursing; Speaking evil of God or mocking Him; calling down God's anger and punishment upon any person or thing.)
- (C) Swear sinful oaths by God's name; (Swearing; Calling upon God to witness the truth of what we say or promise and to punish us if we lie or break our promise. Swearing is permitted, and even required, when it is necessary for the glory of God or the welfare of our fellow man. Example: In court. But all swearing which is done falsely, thoughtlessly, or in sinful, uncertain, and unimportant matters, is forbidden.)
- (D) Use witchcraft by God's name; (Using witchcraft: Performing supernatural things with the help of the devil, or seeking the aid of people who practice such satanic arts. Examples: Fortune-telling, spiritualism, using God's name or Word without His command or promise to heal sickness.)
- (E) Lie by God's name: (Lying by God's name: Teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God's Word. -False prophets.)
- (F) Deceive by God's name. (Deceiving by God's name: Covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by a show of piety. - Hypocrites.)

**We SHOULD use the name of God by**

- (G) Boldly confessing it;
- (H) Praying to God;
- (I) Praising Him.

The Third Commandment.

**\*YOU SHALL SANCTIFY THE HOLY DAY.**

**Old Testament: REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.**

**4. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE SABBATH, SUNDAY, AND OTHER HOLY DAYS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Matt. 12:8. The Son of Man is **Lord even of the Sabbath day**.*
- (a) *Col. 2:16, 17. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or **in respect of an holy day**, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days, which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*
- (b) *Gal. 4:10, 11. You observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed labor upon you in vain.*
- (c) *Acts 2:42. They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The Sabbath and other holy days commanded to Israel are not binding upon Christians. (Our worship is an expression of our love for Jesus.)
- (B) God did not command us Christians to keep any certain day.
- (C) We observe Sunday and other church festivals in order to have time and opportunity for public worship. (The early Christians observed the first day of the week because Christ arose from the dead on a Sunday.)

### 5. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE THIRD COMMANDMENT ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *John 8:47. He who is of God hears God's words: **you therefore do not hear because you are not of God**.*
- (a)\* *Luke 10:16. He who hears you hears Me; and **he who despises you despises Me**; and he who despises Me despises Him that sent Me.*
- (b) *Is. 66:2. To this man will I look, even to him who is humble and of a contrite spirit, and **trembles at My Word**.*
- (c) *Ps. 26:8. Lord, I have **loved the habitation of Your house**, and the place where Your honor dwells.*
- (c) *Col. 3:16. Let the Word of Christ  **dwell in you richly**.*
- (d) *Heb. 13:17. **Listen to those** who lead the congregation, and **submit yourselves**; for they watch for your souls, as men who must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*
- (d) *Gal. 6:6. Let him who is taught in the Word **share with him who teaches** in all good things.*
- (e) *Mark 16:15. **Go you into all the world and preach** the Gospel to every creature.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

#### We should NOT

- (A) Neglect the use of the preached and written Word of God and the Ordinances.

#### We SHOULD

- (B) Hold preaching and the Word of God sacred;
- (C) Gladly hear, learn, and meditate upon it;
- (D) Honor and support the ministers of the Word;
- (E) spread the Word of God by doing and supporting mission work.

### Before the Next Lesson

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 7.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Genesis, chapters 43-49.



**Work Sheet No. 7**

**ONE**

(A) Who worships false gods according to John 5:23 ?

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(B) Name some cults which are condemned by this passage

.....

**TWO**

Why do you sin against the First Commandment

(A) If you keep silent when someone ridicules your religion?

.....

(B) If in sickness you find your greatest comfort in the fact that you "have a good doctor" ?

.....

(C) If you spend more for pleasure and luxuries than you contribute towards the kingdom of God?

.....

**THREE**

(A) How does the false prophet lie by God's name ?

.....

(B) How does the hypocrite deceive by God's name ?

.....

**FOUR**

(Check each statement, indicating whether it is true or false.)

(A) God requires us to keep the Sabbath. True  False .

(B) God commands us to worship on Sunday. True  False

(C) God expects us to worship as often as we have opportunity to do so. True  False

**FIVE**

(Fill in the missing words.)

I have  have not  kept the first three commandments. I have deserved God's .....

I need God's .....

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR DUTY TOWARD OUR FELLOW MEN ?

(Commandments 4-6)

A Look At God's Word

By Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT IS THE SUMMARY OF THE LAST SEVEN COMMANDMENTS, OR OF THE SECOND TABLE OF THE LAW ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*\*Matt. 22:39. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

*Matt. 5:44. Love your enemies.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The last seven commandments demand of everyone of us perfect love to all our fellow men.

The Fourth Commandment

**\* YOU SHALL HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER THAT  
IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.**

## 2. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *Prov. 30:17. The eye that **mocks** his father, and **despises** to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young vultures shall eat it.*

(a) *Rom. 13:2. Whoever therefore resists the power (government), **resists the ordinance of God** : and those who resist will bring judgement on themselves.*

(b) *Col. 3:20. Children, **obey your parents** in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

(b) *Matt. 22:21. Render therefore unto **Caesar** the things which are Caesar's; and unto **God** the things that are God's.*

(b) *1 Pet. 2:18. Servants, **be subject to your masters** with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

(b) *Acts. 5:29. We ought to obey **God rather than men** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

(A) We should **NOT** despise or disobey our parents and all others who by God's ordinance are placed over us in the home, the church, the state, at school, or at the place where we work.

(B) We **SHOULD** honor our superiors as God's representatives and willingly obey them in all things in which God has placed them over us. (Separation of Church and state.)

The Fifth Commandment

**\* THOU SHALT NOT KILL**

## 3. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *Gen 9:6. **Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed** : for in the image of God He made man.*

(a) *Matt. 26:52. All those who **take the sword** shall **perish with the sword** .*

(a) *Rom. 13:4. He (the government) does not bear the sword in vain: for he is the **minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath** upon him that does evil.*

(b) *Rom. 12:19. Dearly beloved, **do not avenge yourselves** , but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord.*

- (c) *1 John 3:15. Whoever **hates his brother is a murderer** : and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*
- (d) *Rom. 12:20. If your **enemy** hunger, **feed him** ; if he is thirsty, **give him drink** , for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*
- (e) *Eph. 4:32. Be **kind** one to another, **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

##### We should NOT

- (A) Take the life of a fellow man (murder, lynching, killing the unborn) nor our own life (suicide): (The government has the right to inflict the death penalty and wage just wars.)
- (B) Do or say anything which may destroy, shorten, or embitter our neighbor's life
- (C) Bear anger or hatred in our heart against him.

##### We SHOULD

- (D) Help and befriend our neighbor in every bodily need;
- (E) Be merciful, kind, and forgiving towards him.

#### The Sixth Commandment

**\* YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.**

#### 4. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF MARRIAGE ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) *Gen. 2 18-24. (Read this passage.)*
- (b) *Mark 10:8. And they **two** shall be **one flesh** .*
- (c) *Matt. 1:18-20. (Read this passage. Note: "Espoused" and "before they come together", yet "her husband and "thy wife".)*
- (c) *Col. 3:20. Children, obey your parents in **all** things.*
- (c) *Gen. 24:58. And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, **Will you go** with this man ? And she said, **I will go** . (Read the whole chapter.)*
- (c) *Lev. 18:6. None of you shall approach to any that is **near of kin to him** .*
- (d) *1 Tim. 4:5. It is **sanctified by the Word of God and prayer** .*
- (e) *Gen. 1:28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply** .*
- (e) *Gen. 2:18. It is **not good that the man should be alone** ; I will make him an **helpmeet** for him.*
- (e) *1 Cor. 7:2. **To avoid fornication** , let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*
- (f) *Rom. 7:2. The woman who has a husband is **bound** by the law to her husband **so long as he lives** .*
- (g) *Eph. 5:24, 25. As the Church is **subject** to Christ, **so let the wives be to their own husbands** in everything. **Husbands, love your wives** , even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Marriage is a holy estate, having been instituted by God Himself.
- (B) It is a union of one man and one woman unto one flesh.
- (C) Marriage should be entered into willingly, and with parental consent, only with those who are eligible and are not close relatives.  
[Note: Unlike our modern engagement, an espoused couple were legally man and wife. However, they were expected to remain celibate until the groom took the bride to his home, usually with a procession that was followed by a feast.]
- (D) Christians desire to have their marriage ceremony sanctified with the Word of God and prayer, and therefore have it performed by the pastor of their church.
- (E) The purpose of marriage is the rearing of children, mutual helpfulness and companionship, and the prevention of fornication
- (F) Marriage is a lifelong union.
- (G) Married people are to love and honor each other, the husband his wife as his God-given helpmeet, and the wife her husband as her God-given head.

## 5. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *Matt. 19:6. What therefore God has joined together, **let not man put asunder** .*
- (a)\* *Matt. 19:9. Whoever will **divorce his wife, except it be for fornication** , and shall marry another, commits adultery.*
- (a) *1 Cor. 7:15. If the **unbelieving depart** , let him depart. A brother or a sister is **not under bondage** in such cases.*
- (b) *Matt. 15:19. Out of the heart proceed **evil thoughts, ... adulteries, fornications** .*
- (b) *Matt. 5:28. Whoever looks on a woman to **lust after her** has committed **adultery with her already in his heart**.*
- (b) *Eph. 5:3, 4. **Fornication** , and all **uncleanness** , or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither **filthiness** , nor **foolish talking** , nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.*
- (c) *1 Tim. 5:22. Keep yourself **pure** .*
- (d) *Gen. 39:9. How then can **I do** this great wickedness, and sin against God ?*
- (d) *Ps. 51:10. Create in me a **clean heart** , O God.*
- (d) *Prov. 23:31-33. **Do not look upon the wine** when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder. Your eyes will **behold strange women** , and **your heart will say perverse things** .*
- (e) *1 Cor. 6:18, 19. **Flee fornication** ... Do you not know that your body is the **temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which you have from God, and **you are not your own** ?*
- (e) *Prov. 1:10. My son, if **sinnners entice** you, **do not consent** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

#### We should NOT

- (A) Break the marriage vow by unfaithfulness, desertion, or unscriptural divorce;  
(In the case of adultery or malicious desertion the innocent party may protect himself, or herself, by getting a divorce.)
- (B) Defile ourselves with impure thoughts, desires, words, and deeds.

#### We SHOULD

- (C) Lead a chaste and decent life in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds, and to this end
- (D) Fight against, and overcome, all impure thoughts and desires with God's Word and prayer, work, and temperance; and
- (E) Flee and avoid all opportunity for unchasteness.

### Before the Next Lesson

#### FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 8.

MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

READ Genesis, chapter 50, to Exodus, chapter 6.

**Work Sheet No. 8**

**ONE**

Read 1 Sam. 20:31-33. Note that Jonathan disobeyed his father Saul

(A) Did Jonathan thereby sin against the Fourth Commandment? Yes  or No

(B) Prove the correctness of your answer, using a Scripture passage. ....

**TWO**

(Complete these sentences.)

Jesus fulfilled the Fourth Commandment for us and, at the same time, gave us a beautiful example.

(A) When as a twelve-year-old child He .....

(B) When on the cross He .....

**THREE**

(Check whether true or false.)

The commandment, "You shall not kill", forbids capital punishment. True. False.

**FOUR**

The Roman Catholic Church praises the celibate life as purer and holier than married life and forbids .  
priests and nuns to marry

What does the Bible say about this ? (Heb. 13:4; 1 Tim.4:1-5.)

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.....

**FIVE**

Many ministers no longer use the word "obey" in the marriage ceremony.

(A) Is the intentional omission of this word right or wrong? .....

(B) Why ? .....

**SIX**

(Check the Scriptural reasons.)

Scriptural reasons for divorce or remarriage are:

- (A) Incompatibility
- (B) Adultery
- (C) Cruelty
- (D) Incurable sickness or insanity
- (E) Malicious desertion
- (F) A penitentiary life sentence
- (G) Habitual drunkenness

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR DUTY TOWARD OUR FELLOW MEN ?  
(COMMANDMENTS 7-10)  
WHAT DOES IT TEACH CONCERNING  
THE PURPOSE AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW ?**

A Look at God's Word  
By Oswald Riess

The Seventh Commandment.  
**\* YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.**

**1. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?  
THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Lev. 19:11. You shall not **steal**, nor **deal falsely**.*
- (a) *Jer. 22:13. Woe to him who builds his house **by unrighteousness**, and his rooms by wrong; who **uses his neighbor's service without wages**, and does not pay him for his work!*
- (a) *2 Thess. 3:10. If anyone **will not work**, neither should he eat.*
- (b) *1 Cor. 13:4,5. Love **does not envy**; ... **Does not seek her own**.*
- (c) *1 Pet.4:10. As every man has received the gift, even **so use it to serve one another as good stewards** of the manifold grace of God.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -  
We should NOT**

- (A) Wrongfully acquire our neighbor's property. (Robbery; theft; fraud; charging exorbitant prices or excessive interest, gambling; betting; paying unfair wages; unfaithfulness towards an employer; unscrupulous borrowing; idleness.)
- (B) Envy him, or be selfish.

**We SHOULD**

- (C) Remember that we are but stewards, or trustees, of all that we call our own, and use whatever has been entrusted to us to the glory of God and the benefit of our fellow men.

The Eighth Commandment.

**\* YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.**

**2. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS COMMANDMENT ?  
THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a b) *Prov. 19:5. A **false witness** will not be unpunished, and he who **speaks lies** shall not escape.*
- (c) *Prov. 11:13. A talebearer **reveals secrets**; but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.*
- (d) *Jas. 4:11. **Do not speak evil** one of another, brethren.*
- (e) *Zech. 8:17. Let none of you **imagine evil** in your hearts against his neighbor.*
- (f) *Prov. 31:8,9. **Open your mouth for those who have no voice** in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and **plead the cause** of the poor and needy.*
- (g) *1 Pet. 4:8. Love shall **cover the multitude of sins**.*
- (g) *1 Cor. 13:7. (Love) believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -  
We should NOT**

- (A) Make any untrue statement against our neighbor in court;
- (B) Lie about him or to him, or withhold the truth from him in order to harm him;
- (C) Deceitfully reveal his secrets or abuse his confidence;
- (D) Speak evil of him and thus injure or destroy his good name;
- (E) Think evil of him.

**We SHOULD**

- (F) Defend our neighbor against false accusations and speak well of him;
- (G) Cover up his faults and explain in his favor whatever can be so explained.

**\* YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.**

**\* YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MANSERVANT, NOR HIS MAIDSERVANT, NOR HIS CATTLE, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S.**

**3. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THESE COMMANDMENTS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) Rom. 7:7. *I would not have known what it is to **covet**, if the Law had not said, **You shalt not covet**.*
- (a b) 1 Tim. 6:8-10. *Having food and raiment let us be therewith **content**. But those who **will be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which, drown men in destruction and perdition. For **the love of money is a root of all evil**: which while some **coveted after**, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
- (b) Lev. 19:2. *You shall **be holy**: for I the Lord your God am holy.*
- (b)\* Ps. 37:4. ***Delight yourself also in the Lord**; and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) **We should NOT** have any evil desires in our hearts, or seek to get our neighbor's property by trickery or a show of right. (Envy; jealousy; greed; discontent.) In God's sight every evil desire, or lust, is sin and deserves condemnation.
- (B) **We SHOULD** have only holy desires in our hearts. Then we will be content with such things as God gives us, find our happiness in Him, and help our neighbor to keep that which is his.

**THE FULFILLMENT AND THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW.**

**4. HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- Matt. 5:48. **Be you therefore perfect**, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.*
- Jas. 2:10. **Whoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point**, he is **guilty of all**.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

God wants us to keep all His commandments perfectly in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds.

**5. WITH WHAT DOES GOD THREATEN ALL THAT TRANSGRESS HIS COMMANDMENTS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- Gal. 3:10. **Cursed** is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law to do them.*
- Rom. 6:23. **The wages of sin is death**.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

God threatens all transgressors of His commandments with His wrath and displeasure, temporal death and eternal damnation.

**6. CAN MAN KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AS HE WANTS US TO KEEP THEM ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) Ps. 14:3. *They are **all gone aside**, they are **all together become filthy**: **there is no one who does good**, **no, not one**.*
- (a)\* Is. 64:6. *We are all as **an unclean thing**, and all our **righteousnesses are as filthy rags**.*
- (b) Phil. 3:12. *Not as though I had already attained, **either were already perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*
- (b)\* Ps. 143:2. *Enter not into judgement with Your servant: for in Your sight shall **no man living be justified**.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) Since the fall into sin natural man cannot keep the Law of God at all.
- (B) Even Christians can keep it only imperfectly.

**7. CAN ANYONE, THEN, BE SAVED BY THE LAW ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*Gal. 3:11. No man is justified by the Law in the sight of God.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

No one can be saved, or get to heaven, by means of the Law.

**8. WHAT, THEN, IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *1 Tim. 1:9. The Law is not made for a righteous man, but **for the lawless and disobedient** , for the **ungodly** and **for sinners** , for **unholy** and **profane** , for **murderers** of fathers and murderers of mothers.*
- (b) *Rom. 3:20. By the Law is the **knowledge of sin** .*
- (b) *Rom. 7:7. I would not have known what it is to **covet** , if the Law had not said, **You shall not covet** .*
- (c) *Psalm. 119:9. How shall a young man cleanse his way ? **By taking heed to it according to Your Word.***

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

**The Law**

- (A) Checks to some extent the coarse outbursts of sin and thereby helps to keep order in the world. (A curb.)
- (B) Shows us our sins. (A mirror.) This is the chief purpose.
- (C) Teaches us Christians which works we must do to lead a God-pleasing life. (A rule.)

**9. WHERE ALONE CAN WE FIND SALVATION FROM SIN ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Rom.10:4. **Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness** to everyone who believes.*
- (b) *Gal. 3:13. **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us : for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.***

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

We find salvation only in the Gospel, which tells us that Christ as our Substitute

- (A) Fulfilled the Law for us; and
- (B) Suffered and died for us.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 9**

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Exodus, chapters 7 to 13.



**Work Sheet No. 9.**

**ONE**

Communists point out that under our present social system some people are poor while others are rolling in wealth. They insist that this inequality must be abolished. What does the Bible say concerning this matter ? (Deut. 15:11; 1 Chron. 29:12; Eccl. 5:19; Matt. 26:11.)

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**TWO**

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) Ruffling and other forms of gambling are to be condemned even when they are used to raise money for churches or charitable purposes. True  False
- (B) Charging interest is always permissible. True  False
- (C) We may do with our money what we please. True  False
- (D) We should listen sympathetically when someone complains to us about his neighbor. True  False
- (E) Is 5:8 condemns modern monopolies. True  False
- (F) Money is the root of all evil. True  False
- (G) God is satisfied if we try to do what is right. True  False
- (H) Even Christians are not without sin. True  False
- (I) The chief purpose of the Ten Commandments is to keep us from doing wrong. True  False

**THREE**

(Supply the missing words.)

"The wages of sin is death," -temporal death, spiritual death, and eternal death.

Death is separation.

- (A) Temporal death is the separation of the ..... from the .....  
(See Eccl. 12:7.)
- (B) Spiritual death is the separation of the ..... from.....  
(See Eph.2:1; Is. 59:2.)
- (C) Eternal death is the ..... separation of the ..... and the  
..... from..... (See Matt. 25:41.)

**FOUR**

(Check the correct statement.)

We are saved from sin

- (A) By ceasing from sin;
- (B) By believing in Jesus Christ, our Savior;
- (C) By doing good.

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOD'S PEOPLE FROM MOSES TO CHRIST ?

A Look At God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT TOOK PLACE IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES AFTER THE GIVING OF THE LAW ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Numbers, chapter 10, to Malachi.*

### A BRIEF OUTLINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY FROM MOSES TO CHRIST.

*Israel's Wanderings, the Conquest of Canaan, and the Rule of the Judges. (About 1490 to 1100 B.C.)*

Leaving Sinai, Israel resumes its journey towards the Promised Land. Upon hearing of the mighty enemy nations which inhabit Canaan. The people threaten to choose a new leader in the place of Moses and to return to Egypt. For this God condemns them to forty years of wandering in the wilderness, during which time the older rebellious generation is to die off. Of all that are twenty years of age or older, only Joshua and Caleb, who did not join in the murmuring, are to enter the Promised Land. Among other plagues, God sends poisonous snakes into the camp of His ever grumbling people. A serpent made of brass and raised upon a pole is Israel's only salvation from death. Anyone who has been bitten and looks upon the brazen serpent is saved, - a clear type pointing forward to the Savior on the cross graciously healing all who look upon Him in faith. Of Him the Israelites are also reminded by the daily sacrifices offered in the Tabernacle, a portable temple which housed the Ark of the Covenant with the two tables of the Law. Two beautiful prophecies concerning the coming Messiah are given at this time, one of them through Moses.

Moses, because of a former act of disobedience, is only permitted to see the Promised Land from a distance, and dies on Mount Nebo where the Lord himself buries him in an unknown grave. Joshua, now captain of Israel, leads the people over the river Jordan into Canaan. The walls of Jericho crumble when the priests, upon God's command, march about the doomed city and blow their trumpets. One after another the enemy cities are taken until almost all of Canaan is in possession of Israel.

The conquered country is now divided among the twelve tribes, which were named after the sons of Jacob and Joseph from whom they had descended. The descendants of Levi, charged with the care of the sanctuary, receive no land, but are supported by the tithe, or tenth, paid by the other tribes.

After the death of Joshua the Israelites, contrary to God's will, begin to deal leniently with the survivors of the conquered Canaanites and even join in worshiping their false gods. In order to correct His people, God causes their heathen neighbors to oppress them. Then, to again deliver the chastised Israelites, He raises a series of Judges. Under the last and greatest of these deliverers, Samuel, a thorough reformation of religion and morals is accomplished.

**THE UNITED KINGDOM.** *(About 1100 to 980 B.C.)*

When Samuel is old, the Israelites insist on having a king. The lot falls on Saul who makes a good beginning, but soon proves disobedient to God and is rejected by Him. Samuel is sent to secretly anoint David, a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and a descendant of Judah, as Saul's eventual successor. Being an accomplished harp player, David is brought to the court of the wayward Saul who is plagued by an evil spirit. When the Philistine army invades Israel, David fells their mighty champion Goliath with a stone from his shepherd sling. For this the women of Israel sing his praises. Filled with envy, Saul hurls his spear at David when the latter plays before him, and the young hero is forced to live in exile until Saul, being engaged in another war, commits suicide when the battle goes against him.

David is now proclaimed king. Under his rule all enemies are fully conquered and Israel becomes a great and wealthy nation. When God forbids him to build a temple because he is a man of war, David makes the necessary preparations for the erection of a house of God. He beautifies Israel's worship with his many inspired Psalms and in them repeatedly sings of the coming Savior who, according to God's promise, is to be a descendant of David.

A dark chapter in David's life follows: his adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her wronged husband. Through the prophet Nathan, David is brought to repentance and receives the assurance of pardon. However, the child born of the adulterous union has to die, and later David must flee before another son, Absalom, who rebels against his father but comes to grief when, riding on a mule, his long hair catches on a tree and he is stabbed to death by one of David's men.

Before David dies he has his son Solomon anointed as his successor. Solomon, famed for his God-given wisdom, writes the Book of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon, the latter an allegory picturing the love between the promised Savior and His Church. He builds and dedicates a beautiful house of worship, the Temple. However, his many heathen wives later turn his heart to other gods, and by the time of Solomon's death the signs of religious and moral decay are unmistakable throughout Israel.

#### ***THE TWO KINGDOMS, ISRAEL AND JUDAH. (About 980 to 720 B.C.)***

Because of the unreasonable severity of Solomon's son and successor, Rehoboam, the northern tribes withdraw to form a kingdom of their own under Jeroboam. Thus, in the place of the great united monarchy of David, there are now two smaller kingdoms: Israel, consisting of the ten northern tribes, with its capital at Samaria; and Judah, composed of the two southern tribes, with its capital at Jerusalem.

The kingdom of Israel has one idolatrous ruler after another. God's prophets Elijah and Elisha succeed in stemming the tide only for a short season. Finally Israel is conquered by the Assyrians, Samaria is destroyed, the people are killed, dispersed, or taken captive, and soon all trace of the Ten Tribes is lost.

In the meantime the kingdom of Judah, while much smaller than Israel, has as its chief assets the Temple and the true worship of Jehovah. Its kings are good and bad. Religious, moral, and social corruption prevail. God's prophets thunder and plead, but with little success. However, because the promised Savior is to come from Judah, God mercifully preserves it from complete disintegration. Some of the most beautiful prophecies concerning the coming Messiah are written at this time, especially by Isaiah.

#### ***THE CAPTIVITY AND RESTORATION OF JUDAH. (About 720 to 400 B.C.)***

The prophecies of impending doom uttered by Jeremiah and other prophets go unheeded. At last Judah's measure is full, Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed, and the people are led captive to Babylon. During the seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity, the prophets Ezekiel and Daniel comfort Judah and prophesy concerning its future deliverance and the promised Savior. Upon their return to their homeland, the Jews rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. Four hundred years before Christ's birth, Malachi brings the Old Testament record to a close, pointing to the Sun of Righteousness who shall arise with healing in His wings. (In the year 63 B.C. Judaea is conquered and becomes a part of the great Roman empire. The scepter has departed from Judah. The time when the long promised Savior is to make his appearance has come.)

#### ***A FEW OF THE MANY PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE COMING SAVIOR GIVEN IN THIS PERIOD***

*Num. 24:17. There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel.*

*Deut. 18:15. the Lord your God will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brethren, like unto me (Moses); you will listen unto Him.*

*Ps. 40:7. Lo, I come: in the volume of the Book it is written of Me.*

*\*Is. 7:14. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

*\*Is. 9:6. Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*\*Is. 53:4,5. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we regarded Him as condemned, struck down by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.*

*Jer. 23:5,6. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

*Micah 5:2. You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall He come forth unto Me who is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

*Mal. 3:1. Behold, I will send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in: behold, He will come, says the Lord of hosts.*

*Mal. 4:2. Unto you who fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings.*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

(A) The promised Savior is the sum and substance of the Old Testament.

(B) The prophecies concerning Him become ever more numerous, clearer, and more beautiful as the day of His coming approaches.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 10.**

**MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**READ Exodus, chapters 14 to 20.**

**Work Sheet No. 10**

**ONE**

(Read and compare Num. 21:5-9 and John 3:14-16. and Complete these sentences.)

- (A) Israel's sin is a type, or picture, of .....
- (B) Israel's punishment is a type of .....
- (C) The raised serpent is a type of .....
- (D) The saving look is a type of .....

**TWO**

(Supply the missing names.)

..... led the children of Israel into Canaan;..... leads us into the heavenly Canaan.

**THREE**

Which great king was chosen by God to be an ancestor of the promised Savior ? .....

**FOUR**

Why was the kingdom of Judah permitted to survive after the kingdom of Israel was broken up ?

.....

**FIVE**

(Fill in the missing words.)

- (A) From Is. 9:6 we learn that the Messiah is to come into the world as a .....  
but that He is not to be only a man, but also .....
- (B) From Is 7:14 we learn that the Messiah is to born of a ..... and that His  
name is ....., which means ..... (See Matt. 1:23.)
- (C) From Mic 5:2. We learn that the Messiah is to be born at ..... but that He  
exists from .....
- (D) From Is 53:2, 5 we learn that the Messiah shall save us by ..... as our.....

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, THE GOD-MAN ?

A Look at God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. DID THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND SAVIOR COME ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) *Luke 2:11. Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is **Christ** the Lord. (The names Christ and Messiah are identical, both meaning The Anointed.)*
- (a) *Acts 10:38. God **anointed Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Ghost and with power.*
- (a) *John 4:25, 26. The woman said to Him, I know that **Messiah is coming, who is called Christ** : when He has come, He will tell us all things. Jesus said to her, **I who speak to you am He.***
- (a) *Matt. 11:2-6. When John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and asked Him, **Are You He who should come** , or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them. go and tell John the things that you are hearing and seeing: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And **blessed is he, who does not take offence at Me.***
- (a) *Luke 24:44. All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning Me** .*
- (b)\* *Matt. 1:21. She will bring forth a son, and you will call His name **Jesus** : for **he will save** His people from their sins. (The name Jesus means Savior.)*
- (b)\* *Acts 4:12. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is **no other** name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, or Christ.
- (B) He is the only Savior of all mankind. (Other names for Jesus Christ are: Lord, Redeemer, Savior, The Word, Son of God, Son of Man, Angel of the Lord [Old Testament] Emmanuel.)

## 2. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE DEITY, OR GODHOOD, OF JESUS CHRIST ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *1 John 5:20. This is the **true God** , and eternal **Life** .*
- (a) *John 20:28. Thomas answered and said unto Him, **My Lord and my God** .*
- (a) *Rom. 8:32. God spared not **His own Son** , but delivered Him up for us all.*
- (a b) *John 1:1, 2. **In the beginning was the Word (Christ)** , and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God** . The same was **in the beginning** with God. (Eternity.)*
- (b) *Heb. 13:8. Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and today, and forever. (Unchangeableness.)*
- (b)\* *Matt. 28:20. Lo, I am **with you always** , even to the end of the world. (Omnipresence.)*
- (b) *John 21:17. Lord, You **know all things** . (Omniscience.)*
- (b) *Matt. 28:18. **All power** is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. (Omnipotence.)*
- (c) *John. 1:3. All things were **made by Him** ; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. (Creation.)*
- (c) *Heb. 1:3. (He **upholds** ) all things by the Word of His power. (Preservation.)*
- (c) *Matt. 9:6. The Son of Man has **power** on earth **to forgive sins** .*
- (c) *John 5:27. (The Father) has given Him **authority to execute judgment** .*
- (d) *John 5:23. All men should **honor the Son even as they honor the Father** .*
- (d) *Heb. 1:6. Let all the angels of God **worship Him** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is true God, ascribing to Him.

- (A) Divine names;
- (B) Divine attributes;
- (C) Divine works;
- (D) Divine honor and glory.

### 3. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *1 Tim. 2:5. There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, **the man** Christ Jesus.*
- (b) *Luke 24:39. Behold **My hands** and **My feet**, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit does not have **flesh** and **bones**, as you see Me have.*
- (b) *Matt. 26:38. **My soul** is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death.*
- (c) *Luke 2:7. (Jesus was born.) **Mark 4:38**. (Jesus slept.) **Matt. 4:2**. (Jesus hungered.) **John 19:28**. (Jesus thirsted.) **John 11:35**. (Jesus wept.) **Matt. 26 and 27**. (Jesus suffered and died.)*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN-

The Bible

- (A) Expressly calls Jesus Christ a man;
- (B) Ascribes unto Him a human body and soul;
- (C) Ascribes unto Him human feelings and actions.

### 4. WHO, THEN, IS JESUS CHRIST ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Matt. 16:13, 16. (Jesus) asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that I **the Son of Man** am?... And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, **the Son of the living God**.*  
*Rom. 9:5 Of whom (the fathers) as **concerning the flesh** Christ came, who is over all, **God blessed forever**. Amen.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. (God-man.)

### 5. WHY DID OUR SAVIOR HAVE TO BE TRUE MAN ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Gal. 4:4, 5. When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, **made under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*
- (b) *Heb. 2:14. 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.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Our Savior had to be true man

- (A) That He might take our place under the Law;
- (B) That He might be able to suffer and die in our stead.

### 6. WHY DID OUR SAVIOR HAVE TO BE TRUE GOD ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Rom. 5:19. By the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.*
- (b) *Mark 10:45. The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give **His life a ransom for many**.*
- (c) *1 Cor. 15:55, 57. O death, where is your sting ? O grave, where is your victory ? ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord** Jesus Christ.*
- (c) *Heb. 2:14. 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**.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Our Savior had to be true God

- (A) That his fulfilling of the Law might be sufficient for all men;
- (B) That his life and death might be a sufficient ransom for our redemption;
- (C) That he might be able to overcome death and the devil for us.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 11.**

**MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**READ the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapters 1-7.**

**Work Sheet No. 11.**

**ONE**

(Complete these sentences.)

(A) The son of Mary was called JESUS because .....

(B) He is called CHRIST because .....

**TWO**

(Fill in the missing words.)

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost to be our ....., our ....., and

our .....

You will find the answer in Deut. 18:15; Heb. 7:26, 27; John 18:36, 37.

**THREE**

(Check the correct statements.)

(A) Jesus is called the Son of God because of His excellent character.

(B) Jesus is called the Son of God because he is God's Son from eternity.

(C) Christ ceased to be God and became man.

(D) Christ became man but remained God.

(E) Christ came to appease the wrath and bear the punishment of God which we had deserved by our sins.

(F) Christ came to show us that God is Love and has nothing against us.

**FOUR**

Why do the enemies of Christianity direct their heaviest attacks against the doctrine of the deity of

Jesus Christ ?..... (See John 5:23.)



# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR SAVIOR IN HIS HUMILIATION ?

A Look at God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF CHRIST ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Luke 1:1-2:20. Matt. 1:18-25.*

### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVENTS CONNECTING WITH THE CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF CHRIST.

God's time for the fulfillment of His many promises concerning the Savior has come. The angel Gabriel appears to a priest called Zacharias and informs him that he and his aged wife Elisabeth are to become the parents of a son, John, who is to prepare the way for the Messiah. Six months later the same messenger is sent to Mary, a virgin of Nazareth espoused to Joseph, both being of the house of David, and says to her, "Behold, you shalt conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS ... The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also the Holy One who shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:31, 35.) Mary bursts forth in a song of praise. Zacharias likewise exalts the Lord when John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Savior, is born. Later, when Joseph is troubled because of Mary's condition, the angel of the Lord comes to him in a dream and says to him, Joseph, you son of David, do not fear to take to you Mary, your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shalt call his name JESUS : for He shall save His people from their sins. (Matt. 1:20,21.)

The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, now issues a decree that all people of his empire are to be counted and taxed. This makes it necessary for Joseph and Mary to go to Bethlehem, the city of their ancestor David. Here the miracle of all ages takes place, which is described in these simple words: "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7.) An angel appears to shepherds near Bethlehem, bringing them the wonderful news, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11), whereupon the multitude of the heavenly host sings praises to God. The shepherds hasten to worship the child, and then spread the tidings of the newborn Savior.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) By the miraculous working of the Holy Ghost, Christ, the Son of God, received life as a true man in the Virgin Mary.
- (B) Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, a true man, in great poverty.

## 2. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE EARTHLY LIFE OF CHRIST ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

*The four Gospels.*

### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE EARTHLY LIFE OF CHRIST.

On the eighth day after His birth the Christ-child is circumcised and given the name Jesus. When He is six weeks old His parents take Him to the Temple and present Him to the Lord. A little later wise men from the East come to Jerusalem, seeking the new-born King of the Jews. They are told to go to Bethlehem where, according to Mic. 5:2, the promised Savior was to be born. Guided by the star which had appeared to them in the East, they find Jesus, worship Him, and present Him with costly gifts. King Herod now seeks to kill the Child, but God commands His parents to flee to Egypt. After the king's death they make their home in Nazareth. When Jesus is twelve years old He is taken to Jerusalem to attend the Passover. Here He astonishes the doctors with His wisdom, and His parents with the words, "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49.) He returns with His parents to Nazareth and is subject to them.

At the age of thirty Jesus goes out into the wilderness where John is preaching and baptizing. John points him out to the multitude, exclaiming, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29.) The sinless Jesus, desiring to fulfill all righteousness, is baptized by John, and a Voice is heard from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11.) After being tempted by the devil, Jesus enters upon three years of public ministry. He chooses twelve disciples, or apostles, mostly fishermen, and lives with them a life of poverty. He travels and preaches incessantly, inviting men to believe in Him to the salvation of their souls. He performs innumerable miracles, turning water into wine, healing incurable diseases, raising the dead, etc., and thus proves Himself to be the Son of God and the Savior

of the world. Some Jews accept Him, but more reject Him. Their leaders, the self-righteous Scribes and Pharisees, hate Him for His doctrine which demands repentance and faith, and vainly try to kill Him. Then, when His hour has come, He calmly informs His disciples that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again.

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) Jesus by word and deed revealed Himself as the Son of God and the Savior of the world.
- (B) He endured poverty, contempt, and persecution.

**3. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE SUFFERING, DEATH, AND BURIAL OF CHRIST ?  
THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*Matt. 26 and 27. - Mark 14 and 15. - Luke 22 and 23.- John 18 and 19.*

**A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST.**

Having triumphantly entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus, on the evening of Maundy Thursday eats the Passover with His disciples, points out one of them, Judas, as his betrayer, and then institutes the Lord's Supper. Later He endures such agony of soul in the Garden of Gethsemane that His sweat falls to the ground like great drops of blood. Thereupon He goes forth to meet Judas who betrays Him with a kiss, and having permitted himself to be bound by a band of soldiers, Jesus is led to Annas, the retired high priest, for a preliminary hearing. Then He is arraigned before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish high court presided over by the high priest Caiaphas. Here Jesus, having called Himself the Son of God, is found guilty of blasphemy, condemned to death, and shamefully mistreated. In the meantime His disciple Peter denies Him three times. Having no right to inflict capital punishment, the Jews in the early hours of Good Friday lead Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. When Judas sees this, he goes and hangs himself. The Jews now accuse Jesus of being a rebel king, but when Pilate learns that Christ's kingdom is spiritual he declares Him innocent and sends Him to Herod. Herod mocks Jesus, puts a white robe on Him, and returns Him to Pilate. Pilate again pronounces Him innocent and seeks in various ways to release Him, but the Jews insist that He be crucified. Finally, having scourged Jesus, Pilate once more declares Him innocent, and sentences Him to death on the cross. At nine o'clock in the morning, having carried His own cross, Jesus is crucified between two thieves on the hill called Calvary, or Golgotha. Seven times He speaks as He suffers not only the most cruel tortures ever invented by man but also the very agonies of hell, being forsaken by God. From twelve to three o'clock darkness covers the earth. Then Jesus, having declared the work of salvation finished, with a loud voice commends His soul into the hands of His heavenly Father, and of His own will gives up the ghost and dies. Immediately there is a great earthquake, graves are opened, and the curtain of the temple tears asunder. Friends of Jesus lovingly lay His body in a nearby tomb and roll a large stone before the entrance. Here His body rests until the third day without seeing corruption. His enemies, remembering His prophecy that He would rise again, secure the tomb with a seal and post a guard to watch it.

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

- (A) Christ suffered extreme agony of body and soul.
- (B) He died on the cross.
- (C) His body was laid in the grave and remained there to the third day, but without seeing corruption, or decay.

#### 4. WHAT DID CHRIST ACCOMPLISH BY ALL THAT HE DID AND SUFFERED ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) Rom. 5:19. By *the obedience of One shall many be made righteous* .
- (b) Is. 53:5. *He was wounded for our transgressions , He was bruised for our iniquities ; ... and by His stripes we are healed.*
- (b)\* 2 Cor. 5:21. (God) has *made Him to be sin for us , who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him .*
- (b) Gal. 3:13. Christ has *redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us .*
- (c) 2 Tim. 1:10. (Christ) has *abolished death , and has brought life and immortality to light.*
- (d) Gen. 3:15. It (the Woman's Seed) *shall bruise your (Satan's) head .*
- (d) 1 John 3:8. The reason the Son of God appeared was to *destroy the works of the devil .*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- Christ, our substitute,
- (A) Fulfilled the Law perfectly for us, so that it can no longer condemn us;
  - (B) Redeemed us from the guilt, the punishment, and the slavery of sin;
  - (C) Overcame death for us; now we need not fear temporal death, since eternal death has no power over us.
  - (D) Conquered the devil for us; now he can no longer successfully accuse us, and we can victoriously withstand his temptations.

#### 5.WHO RECEIVES THE BENEFIT OF THIS REDEMPTION WROUGHT BY CHRIST?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* Matt. 18:11. The Son of Man is come to save *that which was lost* .
- (a) 1 John 2:2. He is the Propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins *of the whole world* .
- (a) 2 Pet. 2:1. (They *deny* ) the Lord who *bought them* , and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- (b) John 3:16. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten son, that *whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life* .

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Christ redeemed the whole world, that is, all human beings, without a single exception.
- (B) Only he receives the benefit of this redemption who by faith accepts Christ as his personal Savior and trusts in Him for his salvation.

#### Before the Next Lesson

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 12.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Luke, chapters 8-14.

**Work Sheet No. 12**

**ONE**

(Check whether true or false.)

Joseph was the real father of Jesus. True  False

**TWO**

Why must we ever firmly maintain the doctrine of the VIRGIN Birth of Jesus ?.....

.....

**THREE**

(Fill in the missing words.)

During the three years of His public ministry Jesus revealed Himself as .....

and as..... by..... and.....

**FOUR**

(Check the correct statement.)

(A) Jesus died because He could not escape His enemies.

(B) Jesus died because he wanted to die.

**FIVE**

Search the Passion History in the Gospels for the Seven Words, or utterances, of Jesus on the cross.

1.....2.....

3.....4.....

5.....6.....

7.....

**SIX**

(Complete the statement.)

Jesus suffered and died as our Substitute means

.....

.....

**SEVEN**

(Check the correct statement.)

(A) Jesus redeemed only those who are finally saved.

(B) Jesus redeemed all men, also those who are finally lost.

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR SAVIOR IN HIS EXALTATION ?

A Look at God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF CHRIST'S DESCENT INTO HELL ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

*1 Pet. 3:18, 19. (Christ was) put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the spirit; by which also **He went and preached** to the spirits in prison.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Christ having been made alive in His grave, descended into hell, not to suffer, but to proclaim His victory over His enemies.

## 2. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Matt. 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-49; John 20 and 21; Acts 1:3; Acts 10:40, 41; 1 Cor. 15:4-8.*

### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS. (30 A.D.)

Early on Sunday morning, the third day after Christ's death, there is a great earthquake as the angel of the Lord comes down from heaven, rolls back the stone from the tomb, and sits upon it. The guards fall to the ground, and then flee. When the women who had followed Jesus come to anoint His body, the angel says to them, "Do not be afraid: for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matt. 28:5-6.) Later on Easter Sunday and during the following forty days Christ Himself appears at least nine times to individuals and groups of disciples, thereby convincing them beyond a doubt that He is risen indeed.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Christ on the third day after His death victoriously rose from the grave and during forty days showed Himself alive to His disciples.

## 3. WHY IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND COMFORT TO US ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Rom. 1:4. (He was) **declared to be the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead.***
- (b) *John 2:19. **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.***
- (c) *1 Cor. 15:17. **If Christ is not raised, your faith is vain: you are yet in your sins.***
- (c)\* *Rom. 4:25. (Christ) was delivered for our offenses, and was **raised again for our justification.***
- (d)\* *John 14:19. **Because I live, you shall live also.***
- (d)\* *John 11:25, 26. **I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.***

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Christ's resurrection definitely proves

- (A) That Christ is the Son of God;
- (B) That His doctrine is the truth;
- (C) That God the Father has accepted the sacrifice of His Son for the reconciliation of the world;
- (D) That all believers shall rise unto eternal life.

#### 4. WHAT ELSE DID CHRIST DO DURING THE FORTY DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION BESIDES SHOWING HIMSELF ALIVE ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b c) Acts 1:3, 4, 5, 8. *He showed Himself alive (to the apostles) after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God** ; and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which He said, you have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but **you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days from now. . . You will receive power, after the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and **you will be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- (c) Matt. 28:18-20. *Jesus came and spoke to them, saying. All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth. Therefore go, and teach (**make disciples of**) **all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **teaching them** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*
- (c)\* Mark 16:15. *Go into all the world, and **preach the Gospel** to every creature.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Christ instructed His disciples in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.  
(B) He promised to send them His Holy Spirit.  
(C) He commissioned them to make Christians of all nations by baptizing and preaching.

#### 5. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- Luke 24:50, 51 . He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.*
- Acts 1:9-11 . While they beheld, He was taken up: and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so return in the same way as you have seen Him go into heaven.*
- Eph. 4:10 . He who descended is the same who also ascended far above all heavens.*
- John 17:24 . Father, I want those, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory.*
- John 14:3 . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself: that where I am, there you may be also.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- Christ, according to His human nature, visibly ascended to heaven and entered into the glory of His Father, as our Forerunner. (Heb. 6:20.)

#### 6. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF CHRIST'S SITTING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a d) Eph. 1:20-23. (God) set Him (Christ) at His own **right hand** in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and has **put all things under His feet**, and **appointed Him to be the Head** over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of **Him who fills all in all** .
- (a b) Eph. 4:10-12. (He) ascended up far above all heavens, that He might **fill all things** . And **He appointed** some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists: and some, **pastors and teachers** ; for the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry** , for the edifying of the body of Christ.
- (c) 1 John 2:1. *If any man sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous.*
- (c) Rom. 8:34. (Christ) is even at the right hand of God, and also **intercedes for us** .
- (d) Matt. 22:44. *The Lord said to my Lord, You Sit on My right hand, until I make **Your enemies Your footstool** . (Ps. 110:1.)*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

The exalted Christ,

- (A) Rules and fills all things with divine power and majesty;
- (B) Sends men to preach the Gospel of redemption;
- (C) Intercedes (pleads) for us before God;
- (D) Governs and protects His Church, and as the Head of the Church rules the world in the interest of the Church.

**7. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S ENTIRE WORK OF REDEMPTION ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Rev. 5:9. You were slain, and have redeemed us **to God** by Your blood.*
- (b)\* *2 Cor. 5:15. He died for all, that those who live should **not henceforth live to themselves** ,  
but **to Him** who died for them, and rose again.*
- (b) *Luke 1:74, 75. That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might **serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness** before Him, all the days of our life.*
- (c) *John 3:16. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not die, but **have everlasting life** .*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

The purpose of Christ's entire work of redemption is

- (A) That we may be His own;
- (B) That we may serve Him in holiness and righteousness all our days;
- (C) That we may have eternal life in heaven.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 13**

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Luke, chapters 15-21.

**Work Sheet No. 13**

**ONE**

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) Jesus descended into hell to suffer. True  False
- (B) Christ rose from the dead by His own power. True  False
- (C) God raised Christ from the dead. True  False
- (D) The resurrection of Christ proves that we are redeemed. True  False

**TWO**

Read the Bible references given under Question 2 and list as many appearances of the risen Savior as you are able to find.

- 1..... 2 .....
- 3..... 4 .....
- 5..... 6 .....
- 7..... 8 .....
- 9.....

**THREE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) Christ is no longer on earth.
- (B) Christ is invisibly present at all places.

**FOUR**

Why need we not, even in the most troublesome times, fear for the security and welfare of the Christian Church ?.....

**FIVE**

(Fill in the missing words.)

Since Jesus saved me I belong to..... that I may ..... here on earth and finally be with Him in.....



# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST AND HIS WORK ?

A Look At God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT TOOK PLACE TEN DAYS AFTER THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Acts 2:1-4 . And when the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And what looked like tongues of fire appeared to them, and came to rest upon each of them. And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost** , and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit enabled them.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The exalted Christ fulfilled His promise and poured out the Holy Ghost upon His disciples.

## 2. WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*Matt. 28:19 . Go you, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** , and of the **Son** , and of the **Holy Ghost** .*

*Acts 5:3, 4 . Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Ghost** ? You have not lied to men, but to **God** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Holy Ghost is the Third Person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son.

(Other names for the Holy Ghost are: Spirit, Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of Truth, and Comforter.)

## 3. WHAT DOES THE HOLY GHOST WORK IN US IN ORDER TO MAKE US POSSESSORS OF THE SALVATION WHICH CHRIST EARNED FOR US ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

*\*Acts 16:31 . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ , and you shall be saved .*

*\*1 Cor. 12:3 . No man can say that Jesus is the Lord , but by the Holy Ghost .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Holy Ghost brings us to faith in Christ and imparts to us the blessings of redemption.

## 4. WHY IS IT NECESSARY THAT THE HOLY GHOST WORK FAITH IN US ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) *1 Cor. 2:14 . The natural man **does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: **nor can he know them** , because they are spiritually discerned.*

(b) *Eph. 2:1 . (You) were **dead** in trespasses and sins.*

(c) *Rom. 8:7 . The carnal mind is **hostile** to God.*

(d) *Eph. 2:8, 9 . You are saved by grace through faith; and that **not of yourselves** ; it is the gift of God; **not of works** , lest any man should boast.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

We are by nature spiritually

(A) blind,

(B) dead, and

(C) enemies of God, and therefore

(D) cannot bring ourselves to faith in Christ, or even help along to do so.

## 5. HOW DOES THE HOLY GHOST BRING MEN TO FAITH IN CHRIST ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) 2 Thess. 2:14. He called you **by our Gospel** .

(b)\* Rom. 10:17. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing **by the Word of God** .

(b) Rom. 1:16. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God unto salvation** to everyone who believes.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

(A) The Holy Ghost calls and invites men by the Gospel, offering them the blessings of salvation.

(B) The Holy Ghost, by the same Gospel, which is a living power, works in men's hearts the acceptance of this invitation, bringing them to faith.

## 6. WHAT IS THIS WORK OF THE HOLY GHOST CALLED ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) 2 Cor. 4:6. God, who once commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has **made His light shine in our hearts** , to give the light of the **knowledge** of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(b)\* John 3:7. You must be **born again** .

(c) Matt. 18:3. Unless you are **converted** , you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

This work of the Holy Ghost is called

(A) Illumination (enlightenment), since the Holy Ghost makes man's heart, which is dark with ignorance and despair, bright with the knowledge of his Savior and the certain hope of salvation;

(B) Regeneration (new, or second birth), since the Holy Ghost gives to man, who is dead in sin, spiritual life;

(C) Conversion (turning about), since the Holy Ghost turns man from sin and destruction to God and grace.

## 7. HOW MAY A PERSON KNOW WHETHER HE IS CONVERTED ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

**Acts 16:29-31** . (He) came **trembling** , and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ , and you shall be saved.**

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

A person is converted

(A) If he is sorry for his sins; and

(B) If he believes, or trusts, in Jesus Christ for his salvation

## 8. WHAT ELSE DOES THE HOLY GHOST WORK IN US BY THE GOSPEL ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) 1 Thess. 4:3. This is the will of God, even your **sanctification** .

(b) 2 Cor. 5:17. If any man is **in Christ, he is a new creature** .

(b) Ps. 51:10. Create in me **a clean heart** , O God.

(c) Eph. 2:10. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works** .

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Holy Ghost

(A) sanctifies us, that is,

(B) He renews our hearts by faith, so that we can now overcome sin and

(C) do good works.

## 9. WHAT IS A GOOD WORK IN THE SIGHT OF GOD ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *John 15:5. He who **remains in Me** , and I in Him, the same produces much fruit: for **without Me** you can do nothing.*
- (a) *Heb. 11:6. **Without faith** it is impossible to please Him (God.)*
- (b) *John 14:15. If you love Me, keep **My commandments** .*
- (b) *Matt. 15:9. They worship Me in vain, teaching for doctrines the **commandments of men** .*
- (c) *1 Cor. 10:31. Whatever you do, do it all **to the glory of God** .*
- (d) *Gal. 5:13. **Serve one another** in love.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

A good work is everything that

- (A) a child of God does, speaks, or thinks in faith
- (B) according to the Ten Commandments
- (C) to the glory of God and
- (D) for the benefit of his neighbor.

## 10. WHAT DOES THE HOLY GHOST LASTLY WORK IN US ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- \**1 Pet. 1:5. (You) are **kept** by the power of God through faith unto salvation.*
- 1 Thess. 2:13. the Word of God . . . effectually works also in you who believe.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Holy Ghost, by the Gospel, keeps us in the true faith.

## 11. IS THE HOLY GHOST WILLING TO WORK ALL THIS IN EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE GOSPEL ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- Ezek. 33:11 . As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.*
- \**1 Tim. 2:4 . (God) wants **all men to be saved** , and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The Holy Ghost seriously desires to bring all men to salvation.

## 12. WHY, THEN, ARE NOT ALL MEN SAVED ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- Matt. 23:37 . O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone those who are sent to you, how often **would I** have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but **you would not** !*
- Hos. 13:9 . O Israel, **you have destroyed yourself** ; but **in Me is your help** .*
- Acts. 7:51 . You **stiff-necked** and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always **resist the Holy Ghost** : as your fathers did, so you do.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Most men stubbornly resist the Word and the Spirit of God and are thus lost by their own fault.(Men are saved wholly and solely by the grace of God; men are lost wholly and solely by their own fault.)

## Before the Next Lesson

### FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 14.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Luke, chapters 22-24, and Acts, chapters 1-4.

**Work Sheet No. 14**

**ONE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The Holy Ghost alone converts man.
- (B) The Holy Ghost converts man with man's cooperation.

**TWO**

(Check whether true or false.)

A person is converted when he gives up bad habits. True  False

**THREE**

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The Holy Ghost brings us to faith without any means.
- (B) The Holy Ghost brings us to faith by means of the Ten Commandments.
- (C) The Holy Ghost brings us to faith by means of the Gospel.

**FOUR**

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) Only a Christian can do works which are good in the sight of God.
- (B) Any person is able to do such works.

**FIVE**

Why must Christians remain diligent hearers, readers, and students of the Word of God until their dying day ? .....

**SIX**

(Check the correct statement.)

Many who hear the gospel are not converted

- (A) Because the Holy Ghost does not want to convert them.
- (B) Because they resist the Holy Ghost.

**SEVEN**

(Check whether true or false.)

When a person is converted, it is because he resisted the Holy Ghost less than others who are not converted. True  False

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE CHURCH AND CHURCHES ?

A Look at God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

### Acts to Revelation.

#### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY. (About 30 to 100 A.D.)

On Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church, the Holy Ghost converts three thousand souls through Peter's sermon at Jerusalem. The infant Church grows mightily, and when, after the martyrdom of Stephen, a persecution sets in and scatters the Christians throughout Judaea and Samaria, this but serves to extend the kingdom of Christ to these regions. Peter, who with the other apostles has remained at Jerusalem, now receives a vision by which God impresses on him that the Gospel is not intended only for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles. Meanwhile the exalted Christ appears to Saul, the persecutor of Christians, converts him into a Paul and announces to him that he is to become His apostle to the Gentiles. Another persecution breaks out in Jerusalem, and the apostle James is killed. Peter, too, is imprisoned, but is miraculously delivered, and with other apostles carries on the work of the Lord among the Jews. Paul with his helpers makes three extensive missionary journeys, preaching the Gospel in a large number of Gentile cities, and founding many congregations. Finally this greatest of the apostles is taken to Rome as a prisoner, but even there he declares the crucified and risen Christ until he seals his testimony with his blood. It seems that only one of the apostles died a natural death, John, who wrote the last book of the Bible about 95 A.D. (Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.) These faithful witnesses literally consumed themselves in the service of Christ and His Gospel. And with what result ? "I say," writes Paul, "have they (the people of that time) not heard ? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the end of the world." (Rom. 10:18.)

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Having received power from the Holy Ghost, the apostles, according to the directions given them by Christ, witnessed unto Him "in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8.)

## 2. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST ? THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a b) Rom. 12:5. We, being many, are **one body in Christ** .

(b) Acts 5:14. More and more **believers** were added to the Lord.

(b) Rom. 8:9. If any man **does not have the Spirit** of Christ, he is **not one of His** .

(c) Luke 17:20, 21. The kingdom of God **does not come with observation** : nor shall they say, Look here! or, Look there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you** .

(c) 2 Tim. 2:19. The **Lord knows** those who are His.

(d) Eph. 5:25-27. Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might **sanctify and cleanse it** with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a **glorious Church** , not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish** .

(d) 1 Pet. 2:5. You also are being built, as living stones, into a spiritual temple, to be **holy priests** , who bring **spiritual sacrifices** , acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

(e)\* 1 Cor. 3:11. Other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ** .

(f) Matt. 16:18. The gates of hell will **not prevail against** it.

(g)\* John 14:6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: **no man** comes to the Father, **but by Me** .

(h) Is. 55:11. (My Word) will **not return unto Me empty** , but it will accomplish what I want, and it will **achieve** what I sent it to do.

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

(A) There is only one Church of Jesus Christ.

(B) This Church is composed of all believers in Christ, and of believers only. (Communion of saints.)

(C) This Church is invisible, since no one can look into another's heart and see whether he is a believer.

- (D) This Church is holy, because it consists of people who are made holy by faith in Christ and who serve God with holy works.
- (E) This Church bears the name Christian, because it is built upon Christ, its one and only foundation.
- (F) This Church is imperishable, because the Holy Ghost at all times gathers and preserves a congregation of believers.
- (G) This church is the only saving Church, for it is only by faith in Christ that man can enter heaven.
- (H) The church of Jesus Christ is to be found wherever the gospel of Christ is in use, for according to God's promise His Word shall not be preached in vain.

### 3. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF VISIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Rev. 3:13. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says **to the churches** .*
- (b) *Matt. 13:47, 48. The kingdom of heaven is like a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered fish of **every kind** ; which, when it was full, they pulled to shore, and sat down, and gathered the **good** fish into vessels, but cast the **bad** away.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) The Scriptures speak of churches, or congregations, established in certain localities for the preaching of the gospel and the administration of baptism and the Lord's supper.
- (B) In such visible churches there can be, besides true believers, also hypocrites who do not belong to the one invisible Church.

### 4. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF TRUE AND ERRING VISIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Matt. 28:20. Teaching them to observe **all things** whatsoever I have commanded you.*
- (b) *Matt. 15:9. They worship Me in vain, teaching for doctrines **the commandments of men** .*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) A true visible congregation or larger church body is one which has, teaches, and confesses the entire doctrine of the Word of God and administers baptism and the Lord's supper according to Christ's institution.
- (B) An erring visible congregation or larger church body is one which teaches false doctrine besides the main truths of the Gospel. (Where the doctrine of the Trinity, the deity of Christ and His atoning work are denied, there is no more Gospel, and hence no church at all.)

### 5. WHEN DO WE USE THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH PROPERLY ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *2 Cor. 13:5. Examine yourselves, to see if you **are in the faith** ; prove your own selves.*
- (b) *Matt. 10:32, 33. Whoever therefore will **confess Me before men** , him will I confess also before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*
- (b)\* *John 8:31, 32. If you **continue in My Word** , then you are **truly My disciples** ; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*
- (b) *Acts. 2:42. **They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
- (c) *2 Thess. 3:1. Brethren, **pray for** us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.*
- (c) *Acts 8:4. Those who were scattered abroad **went everywhere, preaching the Word** .*
- (c) *Matt. 28:19. Go you therefore, and teach **(make disciples of) all nations** .*
- (c) *1 Cor. 9:14. So the Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should **live of the Gospel** .*
- (d)\* *Matt. 7:15. **Beware of false prophets** , who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.*
- (d)\* *Rom. 16:17. I beseech you, brethren, mark those who **cause divisions and offenses** contrary to the doctrine that you have learned: and **avoid them** .*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

We use the doctrine of the Church properly

- (A) When we examine ourselves and remain members of the invisible Church by sincere faith in our Redeemer;
- (B) When we join and faithfully adhere to a congregation that faithfully teaches the Word of God;
- (C) When we do our part to maintain, promote, and extend the Church by prayer, personal mission work, service, and financial support;
- (D) When we avoid all erring churches and all organizations that profess a false religion.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 15.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Acts, chapters 5-11.

**Work Sheet No. 15**

**ONE**

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) The Holy Christian Church consists of all who profess the Christian faith. True [ ] False [ ]
- (B) It makes no difference which Christian church one joins. True [ ] False [ ]

**TWO**

Name three churches that teach a doctrine that is contrary to God's Word, and tell what that doctrine is.

- (A).....
- (B).....
- (c) .....

**THREE**

Name some churches which deny the fundamental truths of Christianity and are therefore not Christian churches, but cults.

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**FOUR**

Religious unionism consists in joint worship of those who teach contrary to God's Word. Which Bible passage in Lesson 15 forbids unionism ?.....

**FIVE**

- (A) Most lodges (such as the Masons) are religious organizations, having chaplains, rituals, burial services, etc. The heart of lodge religion is **salvation by character, or good works**. Prove with a Bible passage from Lesson 15 that such lodge religion is anti-Christian and does not lead to heaven .....
- (B) Most lodges accept people of all faiths, Jews, Christians, etc. In order not to offend those who are not Christians, the name of Christ is omitted in their rituals. Which Bible passage in Lesson 15 condemns this ? .....
- (C) In most lodges people of various faiths worship together. What is such joint worship called ?.....
- (D) Mention other reasons why a Christian may not join an anti-Christian Lodge

.....  
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**SIX**

Supporting the work of our Church with our contributions is our Christian duty and privilege.

- (A) What did God demand of His people in Old Testament times ? (See Lev. 27:30-33.)

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- (B) Which three things concerning our giving are emphasized in 1 Cor. 16:2 ?

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# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS OR JUSTIFICATION ?

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## 1. DO WE NEED FORGIVENESS OF SINS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Ps. 51:5. Behold, I was **formed in iniquity** ; and **sinful** when my mother **conceived me** .*
- (b)\* *Ps. 19:12. Who can **understand his errors** ? Cleanse Me O Lord from **hidden faults** .*
- (c) *Is. 59:2. Your iniquities have separated **you from your God** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

We need forgiveness of sins

- (A) Because we are conceived and born in sin;
- (B) Because we sin daily and more often than we know;
- (C) Because we cannot enter heaven without it.

## 2. DOES GOD FORGIVE SINS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- Ps. 130:4 . There is **forgiveness** with You.*
- Ps. 103:2, 3 . Bless the Lord, O my soul, . . . who **forgives all your iniquities** .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God forgives us all our sins.

## 3. HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE SINS ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- Rom. 8:33 . Who shall **lay anything to the charge** of God's elect? It is God who justifies.*
- Rom. 4:5 . When a man does not work, but trusts in Him who **justifies the ungodly** , his faith is counted for righteousness.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God no longer charges our sins to us, but declares us righteous, or just. (Justification.)

## 4. HOW CAN GOD, WHO IS HOLY AND JUST, AND THEREFORE MUST PUNISH SIN, FORGIVE SIN ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- 2 Cor. 5:21 . He (God) has made Him (Christ) who knew no sin, **to be sin for us** ; that we might be **made the righteousness of God in Him** .*
- 1 John 2:2 . He is the **Propitiation for our sins** : and not for ours only, but also for the sins of **the whole world** .*
- 2 Cor. 5:19 . God was **in Christ** , **reconciling the world unto Himself** , not imputing their trespasses unto them.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) God charged the sins of the whole world to Christ, man's Substitute.
- (B) When Christ died He rendered full satisfaction to God for all sins. (atonement).
- (C) Therefore, forgiveness is already there for us through the blood of Christ.

**5. WHERE DOES GOD OFFER US THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS WHICH WAS THUS EARNED BY CHRIST ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*Luke 24:47* Forgiveness of sins should be **preached** in His name among all nations.

*2 Cor. 5:19* . (God) has committed unto us **the Word of Reconciliation** .

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

God offers us the forgiveness of sins in the Gospel.

**6. HOW DOES THE SINNER ACCEPT THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*\*Rom. 3:28* . Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith** without the deeds of the Law.

*Gen. 15:6* . (Abram) **believed** in the Lord; and He **counted it to him for righteousness** .

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

The sinner accepts the forgiveness of sins and is justified when he believes the Gospel. (justification)

**7. HOW DID JESUS TEACH US TO PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*Luke 11:2, 4* . When you pray, say, *Our Father who is in heaven, . . . forgive us our sins* .

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

We are daily to repent of, and pray for forgiveness of, our sins.

**8. WHAT, THEN, IN BRIEF, DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, OR JUSTIFICATION ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*\*Rom. 3:22-24* . There is no difference: 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** .

*\*Rom. 5:1* . **Being justified by faith** , we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

We receive forgiveness of sins and are justified before God

(A) Not by our works, but by grace,

(B) For Christ's sake,

(C) Through faith.

**9. WHY CAN AND SHOULD EVERY BELIEVER BE CERTAIN OF THE FORGIVENESS OF HIS SINS AND OF HIS SALVATION ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

*Tit. 1:2* . God, who **cannot lie, promised** (eternal life).

*\*2 Tim. 1:12* . I know whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

*Rom. 8:38, 39* . **I am persuaded** , that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

Every believer can and should be sure of the forgiveness of his sins and of his salvation because God's promise is sure.

**10. WHY MUST WE EVER FIRMLY MAINTAIN THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE,  
FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, THROUGH FAITH ?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS -**

- (a) *Acts. 10:43. All **the prophets testify** of Him, that through His name whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins.*
- (a) *John 20:31. **These are written**, . . . **that** believing you might have life through His (Christ's) name.*
- (b) *Gal. 5:4, 5. Christ is of **no benefit** to those of you who seek **righteousness by the Law**; you are fallen from grace. For **we** through the Spirit wait for the hope of **righteousness by faith** .*
- (c) *Matt. 9:2. Son, be of **good cheer** ; your sins are forgiven.*
- (d) *Rev. 1:5, 6. Unto Him who loved us, and **washed us from our sins** in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; **to Him** be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*

**FROM THIS WE LEARN -**

We must ever firmly maintain the doctrine

- (A) Because it is the chief doctrine of the Christian religion;
- (B) Because it distinguishes the Christian religion from all false religions, which all teach justification by works;
- (C) Because it gives enduring comfort to poor sinners;
- (D) Because it gives all glory to God.

**Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 16.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Acts, chapters 12-18.

**Work Sheet No. 16**

**ONE**

(Complete these sentences.)

(A) The worst thing in the world is .....

(B) The greatest blessing is .....

**TWO**

(Check whether true or false.)

(A) Only God can forgive sins. True  False

(B) God forgives us our sins because His kindness moves Him to overlook them. True  False

(C) God forgives the sins of those who by their conduct show themselves worthy of forgiveness. True  False

(D) We receive forgiveness and get to heaven by believing in Christ and doing good works. True  False

(E) We receive forgiveness and get to heaven through faith in Christ alone. True  False

**THREE**

The world is full of religions. Yet, upon close investigation, we find that in reality there are only two religions.  
*Which are these two religions ?*

(A) .....

(B) .....

**FOUR**

(Check the correct statement.)

(A) Faith saves because it is a God-pleasing thing.

(B) Faith saves because it lays hold of forgiveness in Christ.

**FIVE**

(A) What is the, "atonement" ? .....

(B) When did it take place ? .....

(C) What is, "justification" ? .....

(D) When does it take place ? .....

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PRAYER ?

A Look At God's Word

By Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT IS PRAYER ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a)\* Ps. 19:14. *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart , be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.*

(b) Ps. 10:17. *Lord, You have heard **the desire** of the humble.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Prayer is speaking to God

(A) With heart and lips, or only

(B) With the heart.

## 2. WHAT SHOULD MOVE US TO PRAY ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a b) Matt. 7:7. *Ask , and **it will be given to you** .*

(a b c d)\* Ps. 50:15. *Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me .*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

We should be moved to prayer by

(A) God's command;

(B) His promise;

(C) Our own and our fellow men's need;

(D) Gratitude for blessings received.

## 3. WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES OF TRUE PRAYER ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

(a) Matt. 4:10. *You will worship **the Lord your God** , and **Him only** will you serve.*

(a) Is. 63:16. *Surely You are our Father, even though **Abraham does not know us** , and **Israel does not recognize us** : You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer; Your name is from everlasting.*

(b)\* John 16:23. *Whatever you shall ask the Father **in My name** , He will give to you.*

(c) Matt. 6:7. *When you pray, **do not use not empty repetitions** , as the heathen do: for they think that they will be heard because of their **many words** .*

(d) James 1:6, 7. *Let him **ask in faith, without doubting** . For he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Such a man should not expect to **receive any thing of the Lord** .*

(e) 1 John 5:14. *This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything **according to His will** , He hears us.*

(e) Luke 22:42. *Father, **if You are willing** , remove this cup from Me: nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.***

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

(A) True prayer must be addressed to the true God. Prayers spoken to false gods, the Virgin Mary, and other saints, are false prayers and are not heard.

(B) True prayer must be uttered in the name of Jesus. Only when we believe in Him as our Savior and approach God in such faith are our prayers acceptable.

- (C) True prayer must be spoken thoughtfully and sincerely. A mechanical recitation is not pleasing to God.
- (D) True prayer must be offered with the confidence that God will hear us. Unless we expect an answer, we ask amiss.
- (E) True prayer must be made in accordance with God's will. The thing which God has promised in the Scriptures (spiritual gifts, such as forgiveness of sins) we should ask for without condition. The granting of those things which God did not expressly promise (temporal gifts, such as health and prosperity) we should leave to the Lord's wisdom and add, "Not my will, but Yours be done."

#### 4. DOES GOD REALLY ANSWER EVERY TRUE PRAYER ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) 2 Cor. 12:8, 9. **Concerning this** *I pleaded with the Lord three times, to take it away from me. But He said to me, **My grace** is sufficient for you: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*
- (b) John 2:4. **My hour** *has not yet come.*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God answers every true prayer, but

- (A) In His own way, and
- (B) At His own time.

#### 5. WHAT ELSE DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF PRAYER ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) 1 Tim. 2:1. *First of all then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made **on behalf of all men** .*
- (a) Matt. 5:44. *Pray for those who despitefully use you, and persecute you .*
- (a) Heb. 9:27. *Men are appointed to die once, but **after that comes the judgment** .*
- (b) 1 Tim. 2:8. *Therefore I want men to **pray everywhere** .*
- (b)\* Matt. 6:6. *Tou, when you pray, enter into **your room** , and when you have shut the door, pray to the Father who is unseen; and your Father who sees **what is done in secret** will reward you openly.*
- (b) Ps. 26:12. ***In the congregations** will I bless the Lord.*
- (c) 1 Thess. 5:17. *Pray **without ceasing** .*
- (c) Ps. 50:15. *Call upon Me **in the day of trouble** .*

##### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) We should pray for ourselves and for all other people, even for our enemies; but not for the souls of the dead.
- (B) We should pray everywhere, especially in private, that is, when we are alone, and in public worship.
- (C) We should pray at all times, especially in time of trouble.

#### 6. HOW DOES OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TEACH US TO PRAY ?

##### THE BIBLE SAYS -

**Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4.**

*When ye pray, say: \*Our Father who is in heaven. May your name be kept holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

##### A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer may be divided into the Introduction, the Seven Petitions, and the Conclusion.

"**OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN**": Our Father, You almighty Ruler over all things, we, Your beloved children by faith in Christ Jesus, pray to You,

"**MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT HOLY**": Let us not dishonor You by false teaching and ungodly living, but help us to cling faithfully to Your pure and precious Word and to lead a life which is well-pleasing to You.

*"YOUR KINGDOM COME"* : Grant us a steadfast faith in our Savior that we may always remain members of Your kingdom, the holy Christian Church. Fill our hearts with a passion for souls, and bless the work of all who preach and spread Your saving Word, that Your kingdom may grow and prosper.

*"YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"* : Bring to nothing the schemes of the devil and other enemies who seek to rob us of our soul's salvation. Help us in all things to obey you as gladly as do the angels in heaven. When You lead us in ways that seem dark and mysterious, grant that we may cheerfully submit our wills to Yours.

*"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"* : Give us each day the things we need for this life, and make us truly grateful for them. Let us cast all our care upon You, for You care for us.

*"AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE ALSO FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US"* : Forgive us our many sins for Jesus' our dear Savior's sake, and, moved by Your great love to us, we promise readily and heartily to forgive all who wrong or grieve us.

*"AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"* : Do not let the devil and other foes tempt us, and if for our own good You do permit them to do so, make us strong and victorious. Also help us to remember that we must never willfully expose ourselves to temptation.

*"BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL"* : Shield us from harm; and if in Your wisdom You do place a cross on us, help us to bear it with Christian patience and trust, and finally take us to our home in heaven.

*"FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER"* : You alone are our King from whom we seek help. You alone have the power to grant our desires. You alone shalt have all glory now and in eternity for what You have done for us.

"AMEN": It shall be so.

#### **FROM THIS WE LEARN-**

The Lord's Prayer is the most excellent of all prayers

- (A) Because in few and simple words it expresses our every need of soul and body:
- (B) Because it places the emphasis on our spiritual needs.

#### **Before the Next Lesson**

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 17.

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Romans, chapters 5-11.

**Work Sheet No. 17**

**ONE**

Give two reasons

(A) Why only a Christian can really pray;

(1)..... (2).....

(B) Why praying the rosary is not in harmony with the Bible;

(1)..... (2).....

(C) Why most lodge prayers must be condemned.

(1)..... (2).....

**TWO**

(A) One hymn contains the words, "Prayer is the Christian's vital breath". What does that mean ?

.....

(B) The Bible tells us to "Pray without ceasing". How can we do that ?

.....

(C) Why does God find it necessary to urge us to pray ?

.....

**THREE**

3. When we are praying for bodily blessings we should add, "If it is Your will". Why ?

.....

**FOUR**

4. Mention some postures or attitudes of prayer (folding of hands, etc.) which you have noticed

.....

**FIVE**

We are to use "free prayers", in which we talk to God in our own words. At the same time we should make use of the Lord's Prayer

Which book of prayers did God give us in the Bible ? .....



# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE LAST THINGS ?

A Look At God's Word  
by Oswald Riess

## 1. WHAT TAKES PLACE AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) Eccl. 12:7. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit will return to God** who gave it.
- (a b) 2 Cor. 5:8. (We are) willing rather to be **absent from the body** and to be **present with the Lord** .
- (b)\* Luke 23:43. Truly I say to you, **Today** you will be **with Me in paradise** .
- (b)\* Rev. 14:13. **Blessed** are the dead who die in the Lord **from now on** .
- (c) 1 Pet. 3:19, 20. He went and preached to the **spirits in prison** ; who were disobedient long ago.

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) When man dies his immortal soul leaves his mortal body.
- (B) The soul of the believer is at once received into heaven.
- (C) The soul of the unbeliever immediately finds itself in hell.

## 2. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) Acts 1:11. This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so return in the same way as you have **seen** Him go into heaven.
- (a) Rev. 1:7. Behold, He comes with clouds; and **every eye will see Him** , and those also who pierced Him.
- (b) Matt. 25:31. When the Son of Man comes **in His glory** , and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit upon the **throne of His glory** .
- (c d) Acts 17:31. (God) has **appointed a day** in which He will **judge the world** .
- (c)\* Mark 13:32. Of that **day and hour no man knows** .
- (c) 2 Pet. 3:10. The day of the Lord will come **as a thief in the night** ; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the **elements will melt** with fervent heat, and the earth and everything in it will be **burned up** .
- (c) 1 Pet. 4:7. **The end** of all things is **at hand** .  
(Concerning the signs of Christ's coming see Matt. 24; Luke 21; 2 Thess 2; 2 Tim. 3:1-4.)

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

Christ will return

- (A) Visibly;
- (B) In glory;
- (C) On the Last Day, known only to God, which will mark the end of the world;
- (D) To judge mankind.

## 3. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) John 5:28, 29. The hour is coming in which **all who are in the graves will hear** His voice and **will come out**.
- (a) John 11:24. I know that he will **rise again** in the resurrection **on the last day** .
- (a) John 6:44. No man can come to me, unless the Father who has sent me draws him: and **I will raise him up on the last day**.

- (a)\* *Job 19:25-27. I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He will stand at a future time upon the earth: and after the skin worms have destroyed **this body**, yet in **my flesh** will I see God: whom I will see for **myself**, **my eyes will see Him**, not the eyes of another.*
- (b) *Phil. 3:21. (Christ) will **change** our vile bodies, and make them **like His glorious body**.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) On the Last Day Christ will raise up all the dead, reuniting their souls with their former bodies.
- (B) The bodies of the believers will be glorified.  
(Those living at the Last Day will be changed. 1 Cor 15:51, 52, John 6:40.)

### 4. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a)\* *2 Cor. 5:10. We must **all** appear before the judgment seat of **Christ**.*
- (a) *John 6:40. I will **raise** him up **on the last day**.*
- (a) *Acts. 17:31. He will judge the world **in righteousness** by that Man whom He has ordained. (see John 18:36.)*
- (a) *John 12:48. **The Word** that I have spoken, the same **will judge** him on **the Last Day**.*
- (a b c) *Mark 16:16. He who **believes** and is baptized **will be saved**; but **he who does not believe will be damned**.*
- (a b c) ***Matt. 25:31-46**. (Read this passage.)*
- (c) *Luke 16:23, 24. In hell he lifted up his eyes, being **in torment**, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus at his side. And he called and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented** in this flame.*
- (c) *Matt. 10:28. Do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but instead fear Him who is able to destroy both **soul and body in hell**.*
- (c) *Is. 66:24. Their worm will not die, nor will their fire be **quenched**; and they will be **detestable** to everyone.*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

- (A) Christ will on the Last Day judge all men in righteousness by His Word.
- (B) The believers will accompany Christ, according to both soul and body, into heaven.
- (C) The unbelievers will be condemned, according to both soul and body, to eternal torment, shame, and contempt in hell.

### 5. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH OF THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN ?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a b) *1 John 3:2. Beloved, we are now the sons of God, but what we are going to be like has not yet been revealed: however we know that, when **He appears**, we will **be like Him**; for we will see Him as He is,*
- (a b)\* *Ps. 17:15. I will behold **Your face in righteousness**: I will be satisfied, when I awake, **with Your likeness**.*
- (b) *1 Cor. 13:12. Now I know in part; but then **I shall know even as also I am known**.*
- (c) *Rev. 21:4. God will **wipe away all tears** from their eyes; and there shall be no more **death**, or **sorrow**, or **crying**, nor shall there be any more **pain**: for the former things have passed away.*
- (d) *Ps. 16:11. In Thy presence is **fullness of joy**; at Your right hand there are **pleasures forevermore**.*
- (d)\* *Rom 8:18. I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** that will be revealed in us. (Degrees of glory. 2 Cor. 9:6.)*

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The blessedness of heaven consists in this, that

- (A) We shall be with God and see Him as He is;
- (B) We shall possess the fullness of the divine image, consisting in blissful knowledge of God and in perfect righteousness and holiness;
- (C) We shall be free from all ills;
- (D) We shall live in eternal and indescribable joy and glory.

## 6. TO WHOM WILL GOD GIVE ETERNAL LIFE ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *John 3:16. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- (a) *Matt. 24:13. He who will **endure unto the end**, the same shall be **saved**.*
- (a) *John 3:36. He who **believes in the Son** has **everlasting life**; but he who **does not believe the Son** will not see life; but the wrath of God remains on him.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

God will give eternal life

- (A) To all believers;  
(B) To believers only.

## 7. WHAT, THEN, MUST BE THE MAIN PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES ?

### THE BIBLE SAYS -

- (a) *Acts 16:31. **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and you will be saved.*
- (a)\* *Rev. 2:10. Be **faithful unto death**, and I will give you a crown of life.*
- (a) *1 Peter 1:5. Who are **kept by the power of God through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
- (b) *Matt. 24:14. This **Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world** for a witness to all nations; and **then the end will come**.*
- (b) *Mark 16:15, 16. **Preach the Gospel** to every creature. He who believes and is baptized **will be saved**.*

### FROM THIS WE LEARN -

The main purposes in our lives must be

- (A) To believe in Jesus Christ and continue in faith unto the end.  
(A) Trusting in God's grace, not our efforts, to keep us in faith.  
(B) To bring the Gospel of salvation to our fellow men.

### Before the Next Lesson

**FILL OUT** Work Sheet No. 18

**MEMORIZE** the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).

**READ** Psalms 32, 46, 51, 73, 84, 90, and 91.

**Work Sheet No. 18**

**ONE**

(Supply the missing words.)

- (A) At death the soul ..... the body.
- (B) The soul of the believer immediately goes to..... ; the body returns to.....
- (C) On the Last Day the body will be..... And..... with the soul.
- (D) Thereupon the Christian, according to both body and soul, will live with ..... in ..... forevermore.

**TWO**

Which Bible passages would you use to expose as false

- (A) The Roman Catholic doctrine of purgatory ?.....
- B) The claim of Spiritualists that the spirits of the departed hover in the vicinity of their former home, endeavoring to guide or to communicate with the living ? .....
- (C) People who try to predict the time of Christ's coming to judgment ?.....

**THREE**

The following Bible passages each contradict a popular teaching. What is that teaching?

- (A) John 6:40. *I will raise him up on the last day* .....
- (B) John 18:36. *My kingdom is not of this world* :.....
- (C) John 5:28, 29. *The hour is coming in the which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice and will come forth* .....

**FOUR**

Sentimentalists often ask: "How can a loving God punish sinners eternally?"  
How would you answer this question ?

.....  
.....

**FIVE**

Write a brief prayer in which you ask God the two main purposes of your life may be fulfilled.

.....  
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# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ?

## Answer Key for Eighteen Lessons by Oswald Riess

This key provides the answers to true-false and multiple-choice questions, but not to questions that the student is expected to answer in his own words

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### Work Sheet No. 1

- Question one – B is correct
- Question two – answers will vary
- Question three – sinned and deserve punishment
- Question four – No
- Question five – A = the universe and conscience. B = the Bible

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### Work Sheet No. 2

- Question one – A is correct. B suggests that the Bible may also contain some things that are not God's Word.
- Question two – C is correct
- Question three – A = prophet, B = apostle, C = prophet, D = Evangelist, E = apostle, F = apostle.
- Question four – A = Moses, B = David, C = Matthew, D = Paul.
- Question five – A = true, B = false, C = false.
- Question six – B is correct

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### Work Sheet No. 3

- Question one – B is correct
- Question three – A = God knows, B = God is in control
- Question four – A, C and F are correct.
- Question five – True











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Work Sheet No. 17

Question one – A =1- because prayer must be addressed to the one true God;  
2- because God only hears those who look to Christ for forgiveness.

B = because 1- those who pray to Mary are placing their faith in her,  
not in Christ; and 2- those who believe that their prayers will be  
answered because they repeat them over and over are trusting in what  
they do, not what Christ did, to make their prayers acceptable to God.

C = 1- because those who deny that Jesus is God are worshipping a  
false god; and 2- those who do not pray in Jesus name will not be  
heard.

Question two – answers will vary. A = prayer is vital to the life of a  
Christian; B = we should not give up, but should pray regularly and  
throughout the day; C = because our sinful nature resists.

Question three – God will do what is best for us. Romans 8:28.

Question four – answers will vary.

Question five – the Book of Psalms.

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Work Sheet No. 18

Question one – A = leaves, B = heaven and dust, C = raised and reunited,  
D = God and heaven.

Question two – A and B both relate to the passages in the first section of the  
lesson. C = Mark 13:32

Question three – A = that Christ will raise believers before the last day. B =  
that Christ will rule an earthly kingdom. C = that believers will be  
raised at a different time than unbelievers.

Question four – Answers will vary, but we know that God is just and that  
those who are lost have rejected His offer of salvation. Luke 13:34.

Question five – Answers will vary, but the two main purposes are given in  
section seven of the lesson.