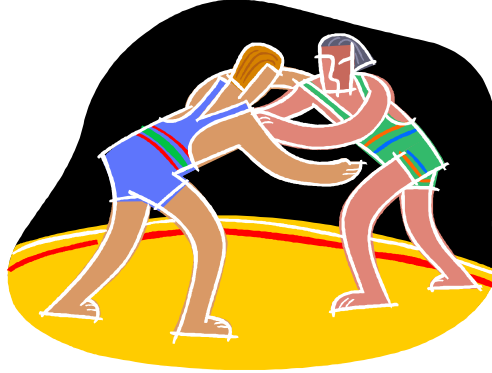


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**Two Spiritual Fathers****Lesson 1**

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Throughout history, GOD has given every individual a chance to accept HIS eternal plan of salvation. Sadly, many people have rejected it and will suffer the consequences forever.

Thus, accepting JESUS CHRIST as your own personal Saviour is the most significant decision you could ever make during your lifetime. Instead of being destined for Hell, you could spend eternity with THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. No longer living life in vain, you could have a reason to live with eternal results. The emptiness inside could be filled by HIM.

The devil knows when you have of your new life in JESUS CHRIST. His desire for you to reject GOD's salvation is no longer in effect. However, he will now exert every effort to keep you from growing close to GOD and fulfilling GOD's plan for your life.

These lessons are designed to help you begin your new life in JESUS CHRIST. They are to help you understand what your relationship to GOD is, how to communicate with HIM, how to apply basic Bible principals to your life, and how you can be an influential witness and testimony of GOD's grace. Whether you just got saved or have been a Christian for years, understanding these principles will help establish a solid foundation in your life whereby you can learn to enjoy the victorious life in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our sincere prayer for you is that these lessons might help you grow in the grace and knowledge of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

What happened when I got saved, what is my new relationship to GOD?

Your decision to trust JESUS CHRIST as the only means by which God will allow you into heaven when you die is only your starting point.

However, it is very unlikely that you understand the true significance of what has happened in your life. The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place when you received eternal life, and how this has affected your basic relationship to GOD.

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I. There are only two spiritual families in the world.

A. The devil's family.

John 8:44 speaks of a group of people who are of "their father the devil." See also John 8:38 You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. Genesis 5:3 shows that the descendants of Adam are born in Adam's image and likeness which is that of a fallen sinner. (Since he willfully chose to disobey GOD in the Garden of Eden thus introducing sin into the human race.) You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam.

Romans 5:12 *12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned":*

Romans 5: 12 states that as a result of sin, you were sentenced to die. (Eternal separation from GOD)

See Romans 6:23 *"The wages of sin is death"* and 1 Corinthians 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

B. GOD's family

John 1:12-13 *12 But as many as received him - that is your decision to trust JESUS CHRIST as your Saviour), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, (gave you entrance into GOD's family), even to them that believe on his name:*

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man (It is not a physical birth like your first birth.), but of God. (It is a second birth, a spiritual birth.)

John 3:3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* (Your first birth was physical; the new birth is spiritual.)

This new birth puts you into GOD's family in exactly the same as your physical birth puts you into your parents' family. You are now a son of GOD by birth.

As a result of your new birth, you have inherited GOD's divine nature, and you now have eternal life.

John 6:47 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me (present tense) hath everlasting life.*

John 3:36 *He that believeth on the Son hath (present tense) everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

1John 5:12 *He that hath the Son hath (present tense) life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

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II. Being in GOD's family separates you from the devil's family.

A. Your body is now the temple (dwelling place) of the GOD'S HOLY GHOST.

The Holy Spirit of God lives inside you.

1 Corinthians 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

B. 2 Corinthians 6: 14-18 commands the believer to maintain a difference between himself and the lost (or unbelievers).

C. The new life is perfectly summarized for you in:

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

III. What is my relationship with GOD now?

A. HE is your Heavenly Father, and you are his child.

1 John 2:1 *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

If you sin now, you break your relationship with God. In order to restore that relationship, ask forgiveness, and it will be restored immediately.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

B. Now that you are born again, GOD no longer deals with you as a sinner; HE deals with you as a son/daughter.

C. This relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a parent and his son/daughter.

1. A good father loves and cares for his son. 1 Peter 5:7

2. A good father protects his son. Matthew 18:6

3. A good father provides for his son. Philippians 4:19

4. A good father guides and teaches his son. John 14:26

5. A good father helps his son. Psalm 46:1

6. A good father encourages his son. Philippians 4:13

7. A good father disciplines his son. Hebrews 12: 5-11

8. A good father feeds his son. Matthew 4:4

9. A good father has a plan for his son. Romans 8:28-29

10. A good father will NEVER do anything to purposely hurt his son/daughter. He will only do those things which will help him/her grow into a mature individual. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way. The only difference is that HIS ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometime err, GOD never makes a mistake in dealing with HIS children.

Matthew 7:11 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

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IV. You did not lose your physical nature at the time of your spiritual birth.

- A. That is obvious because you are still alive!
- B. You now have two natures.
 - 1. Old nature - physical, sinful, in Adam's image. (You will sin if you want to.)
 - 2. New Nature - spiritual, perfect in GOD's image.
- C. Both natures are present constantly. The one that will control you is the one you nurture the most.

Read these verses Colossians 3: 5-10; 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

V. Basic Questions

- A. Will I sin after I am born again?
Yes, you still have your old sin nature. (also referred to as the "flesh" or "old man") Romans 7:25
- B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?
GOD does not kick you out of HIS family. When you sin, HE disciplines you as a son. Hebrews 12:5-11.
When we sin, our relationship stays the same with our Heavenly Father, but our fellowship is broken. Restore it quickly 1 John 1:9.

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Your Name _____

1. Who are the two spiritual fathers?
2. How does an individual enter into the devils family?
3. How does an individual enter into GOD's family?
4. Why are people sentenced to die after their physical or first birth ?
5. List three verses (write them out) that promise you eternal life.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. Give two things that make a Christian in GOD's family different from a non-Christian in the devil's family.
 - a.
 - b.
7. Because you have received GOD's gift of eternal life, HE now deals with you as HIS _____ rather than a _____.
8. Your new relationship with GOD can be seen through the relationship of an earthly father and his relationship. List nine ways GOD deals with you as a child.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H.
 - I.
9. Explain the two natures you now possess.
 - A.

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B.

10. What would be the reason for one nature to overpower the other nature?

11. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he/she expect from GOD?

12. According to 1 John 1: 9, when we confess our sins to GOD then HE will _____ us and _____ us from all unrighteousness.

13. Explain the primary purpose of this lesson.



Scripture Memorization: 1 John 1: 9, John 3: 3, & Romans 5:12 Write these down on a separate piece of paper (if necessary) and mail back with this lesson.

Note: (True/False)

- All mankind is part of one large family of GOD.
- All mankind must earn their way to heaven.
- There are many roads to Heaven.
- I will sin after I am born again.

Check one:

() I am born again and I know it

() I am not born again.

() I am not sure.

In the space below, list the reasons why you have not repented of your sin and trusted JESUS CHRIST as your personal Saviour who is able to rescue you from Hell and Damnation.