

THE WORD OF

TRUTH

Bible Study Course

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

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WHY WE NEED A SAVIOUR

Some people, when they hear of Jesus Christ and that He is the Saviour of the world, find it difficult to understand that they need to be saved from something and why God is making such a big issue of life for some people and death for others. Why not just allow every one into heaven?

This study points out why we need a Saviour, how things went wrong and how God will set about to restore the world to its original beauty and faultless condition.

1. God is the Creator. He made all things, living and non living. List the items created on each day:-

Genesis 1:3-5 Day 1 _____

Genesis 1:6-8 Day 2 _____

Genesis 1:9-13 Day 3 _____

Genesis 1:14-19 Day 4 _____

Genesis 1:20-23 Day 5 _____

Genesis 1:24-31 Day 6 _____

2. Describe the quality of God's workmanship.

Genesis 1:31 _____

3. Apart from beautiful trees that provided food for Adam and Eve in their garden home, what two trees warranted special mention?

Genesis 2:9 a) _____

b) _____

4. The fruit of one tree was forbidden to be eaten. Which tree was it and what did God say would be the result of disobedience?

Genesis 2:17 _____

5. In respect to this tree, what did Satan (disguised as a serpent) suggest to Eve?

Genesis 3:4 _____

6. What is God's warning about the behaviour of Satan toward us?

John 8:44' _____

1Peter 5:8 _____

Note: The last two questions illustrate Satan's objectives with respect to the human race. He would lead them into sin by deception that men may become estranged from God and perish.

7. What eventually did happen to Adam and Eve?

Genesis 5:5 _____

8. Sin means disobedience. How does the Bible define sin?

1John 3:4 _____

9. Disobeying God's law in the garden of Eden, is as much a sin as our refusal to obey God's commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) today. With what result?

Ezekiel 18:20 _____

Isaiah 59:2 _____

10. Every man and woman are descendants of Adam and Eve, how many of them sin as a result of their inherited weakness towards sin?

Romans 5:12 _____

Note: Inheriting the weakness toward sin, is not the same as inheriting actual sin and guilt. No man is born a sinner, we choose to sin. This is further explained in lesson 6 page 5.

11. The consequence of sin is self destruction, while the penalty for sin is eternal death. What plan did God devise that all men may again have access to eternal life?

Romans 6:23; John 3:16,17; John 1:29 _____

12. How does God's plan remit and cancel the penalty for sin for the repentant sinner and that person receive everlasting life?

Romans 5:6-8; John 3:36 _____

13. What people will receive of the salvation through Jesus Christ?

Romans 10:13; John 6:37; 1John 1:9 _____

14. The first dominion God made was Eden. Will this paradise kingdom be restored? If so, who will inherit it?

Micah 4:8 _____

Note: Here, Zion and Jerusalem are terms referring to God's faithful and obedient people, His Church, those who will inhabit the New Jerusalem. The name Jerusalem is used in a symbolic sense, in much

the same way that "Israel" is a term used to denote God's people. (Micah 4:1,2; Zech.8:3; Rom.9:6-8; Gal.3:6-9; Rev.3:12; 21:2,27). This symbolic application is discussed again in lesson 19 page 5.

15. What will be granted to the redeemed in the kingdom restored?

Revelation 22:14

Note: What did man lose in Eden? -- Access to the tree of life. In the earth made new this loss will be reversed and the redeemed will enter the New Jerusalem, the city Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him (John 14:1-3; Micah 4:7,8).

There is no sin that God cannot forgive (Isaiah 59:1). Whatever the burden of your heart, in a quiet place, talk to God as you would to an intimate friend, confess to Him every wrong act that comes to mind, and ask Him to forgive you. He has promised to hear. (2Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 55:7).

So why do we need a Saviour? Because Christ, our Creator, in the beginning made man perfect, physically and morally. Then when man sinned, he broke his connection with the Source of life and took a course of self destruction. The only plan that would work for the restoration of this fallen race, was for God, in the form of Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for their sin (i.e. death). He then made available to them, the power to cease from doing sin (John 1:12). Thus, when Jesus returns, He will take the mind of the man, who, while on this earth, has ceased from all known sin and place it into an immortal body (1Corinthians 15: 51-54). That man will have reached the former state of Adam before the fall.

God never forces anyone. The free gift of eternal life is given to all of those who ask for it, take it and accept its conditions. Heaven cannot be granted to those who refuse the terms of entry (Revelation 21:27). But why not allow the unconverted sinner into heaven? The sin loving heart would feel out of place and completely unhappy there and the discord and misery

we now see would be transferred to heaven. In mercy, God will end sin and the affliction will not rise up a second time (Nahum 1:9).

Our next lesson will explain more of the works of the devil, that we may understand a little more of the enemy we fight. Subsequent lessons will discuss how to gain the victory over this enemy and attain to the righteousness of Christ.

*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, whom God has set forth to be a propitiation
through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the
remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God.
Romans 3:23–25*

