Review

Lessons

- 1. The Bible teaches all we need to know so that we can do everything God wants us to do.
- 2. We follow Christ's Testament and do not add laws from the Old Testament.
- 3. True obedience is doing exactly what God says without changes.
- 4. God's kingdom is the church that Jesus built.
- 5. Christ is the head of the church. He controls what is done in the church.
- 6. We worship God's way by doing the five things He commanded without changes.
- 7. Sin separates us from God and brings death, but there is hope.
- 8. Man is saved by God's grace when it is accepted through obedience to His will.

Lesson 9 - After You Are a Christian

After you are saved, can you be lost?

2 Peter 2:20-22

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them to not have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

- 1. Have the ones in verse 20 gotten away from their sins?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 2. What happened to these people who had been cleansed of sins?
 - A. They were still saved
 - B. They were caught up in sins again
- 3. After they go back into sin, how is it for them?
 - A. The same
 - B. Worse than before they learned God's way

Definitions:

Escape: to run away from

Pollution: to live outside the laws of God

Entangle: to be caught up in a thing

Righteousness: in the right way with God

According to: to be like

Wallowing: rolling in

When people are cleansed of their sins and they choose to live in any sin again, they are worse off than before they had their sins taken away. We are lost before God washes us of our sins. If we go back to sin and make sin our habit, we are lost. If we die without returning to God, we will remember for all eternity that we had salvation, and gave it away.



Where do the saved have to be when they die?

Colossians 3:1-4

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.

Definitions:

Seek: put a lot of effort into finding something

Appear: make it so it can be seen

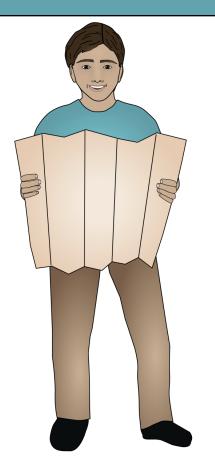
Declare: to make known

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- 4. What are we to put a lot of effort into finding?
 - A. Earthly things
 - B. Spiritual things
- 5. What are we to understand?
 - A. Earthly things
 - B. Spiritual things
- 6. A Christian's life is to be where?
 - A. In Christ
 - B. In Family
- 7. To be in glory with Christ where does a person have to be?
 - A. In Christ
 - B. In Family
- 8. How much darkness is in God?
 - A. A little
 - B. None

4. B 5. B 6. A 7. A 8. B



When we are baptized, we have died to sin, and God puts us into Christ's body. As Christians, we are to put a lot of effort into living God's way. Sin is darkness, and there is no darkness in God. If we use the Bible like our map, it will guide us in how we live, and we will not become lost again.

What if being a Christian becomes hard?

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes; you go out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, No; lest there not be enough for us and you: but rather you go to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say to you, I do not know you 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man comes.

Definitions:

Vessel: pot to hold oil

Tarry: wait to come

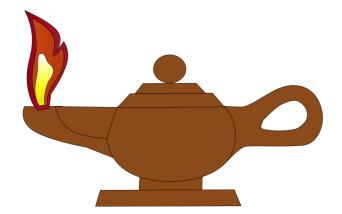
Slumbered: to sleep

Lest: for fear that

Verily: in truth

All the people in the parable were in the kingdom and had made some preparations for their Lord to come. But the foolish ones had not made enough preparations. This lesson helps us to understand that some people in the church will be lost. It also shows that there are things we must do after becoming a Christian.

- 9. Are the virgins like a person in the kingdom?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 10. Were all of the virgins waiting on the coming of the bridegroom?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 11. Did all of the virgins have some oil?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 12. Did the wise virgins have enough oil?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 13. Did the foolish virgins have enough oil?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 14. When the virgins returned and asked for the door to be opened, what happened?
 - A. They were allowed to come in
 - B Jesus said that He did not know them



| 9. A | 10. A | 11. A |
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| 12. A | 13. B | 14. B |

Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which you shall suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days: but you be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.

Definitions:

Suffer: to feel pain or have hard times

Tribulation: very hard problems

Ten days: In Revelation, this stands for an unknown

period of time

Revelation was written to Christians who were being persecuted for believing in Jesus as the Son of God. They were to be faithful even if it cost them their physical life. If they did so, they were going to get the greatest reward anyone can receive — eternal life. The same is true for anyone who will live for God until they die.

- 15. Should a Christian fear suffering?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 16. If we are faithful all our lives, what will we receive?
 - A. A crown of life
 - B. A throne



15. B 16. A

Do not let anything stop you from following God.

Matthew 10:37

He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

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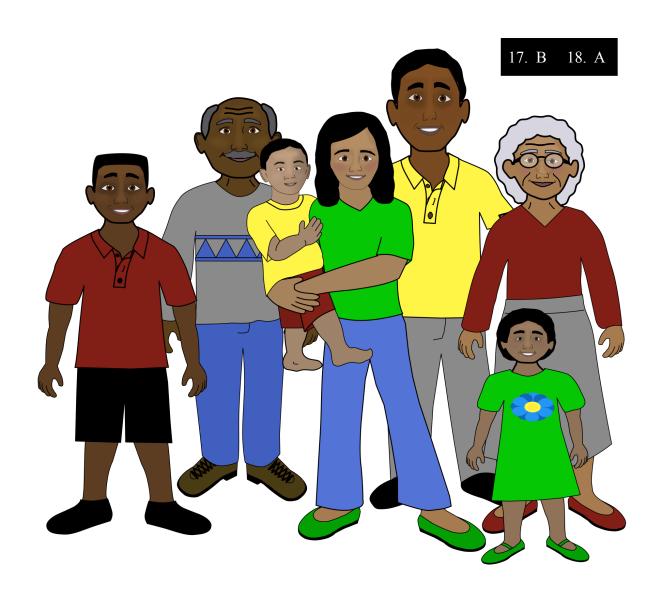
Worthy: to be qualified for a reward

John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

- 17. To be worthy of God what must we do?
 - A. What our family wants us to do.
 - B. Love God more than we love our family.
- 18. To love God what must we do?
 - A. Keep His commandments
 - B. Make our family happy.

To be qualified for a reward from God, we must love God. As a Christian, we are to please God more than anyone, including our family. That means that we must do what He says even if our family wants us to do something else.



Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

Definitions:

Seek: put a lot of effort into finding something

Righteousness: in the right way with God

- 19. What are we to put a lot of effort into?
 - A. Finding the kingdom of God
 - B. Making our family happy

As Christians, we are to use a lot of effort working for God's kingdom and finding out how God wants us to live.

19. A



Matthew 25:14, 29-30

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered to them his goods.

29 For to every one that has more shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby:

Definitions:

Abundance: to have a large amount

Unprofitable: useless

Gnashing: to rub the teeth together in a

hard way

Desire: to have a strong want for

Sincere milk: true, pure and easy

- 20. Who is the person that was called?
 - A. Stranger
 - B. Servant
- 21. Is the person like a worker in the Kingdom?
 - A. Yes
 - B No
- 22. What kind of servant was the person?
 - A Useful
 - B Useless
- 23. Where will this servant spend eternity?
 - A. Heaven
 - B Hell
- 24. What is the new Christian to have a desire for?
 - A. God's word
 - B. A high position in the kingdom
- 25. Why are we to want the milk of the word?
 - A. To grow
 - B. To stay babes in Christ

20. B

23. B

When a servant in the kingdom refuses to grow and do more, this parable shows that they are useless and will spend eternity in hell.

If we feed on the word of God often like a new baby, we will grow and become useful in the church.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Definitions:

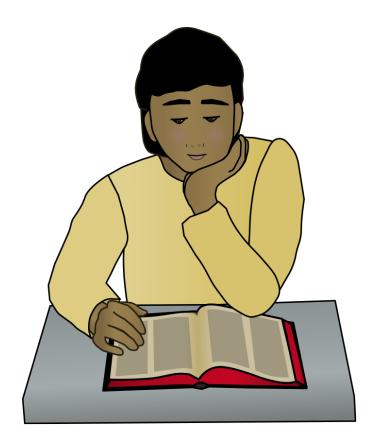
Approved: accepted

Ashamed: a painful feeling for being guilty

Rightly Dividing: to handle correctly

- 26. In order to show yourself approved, what does God command Christians to do in this passage?
 - A. To listen to the preacher
 - B. To study

As we continue to grow, we should continue to study carefully. By handling the Bible correctly, we do not have to feel guilty because we know what God wants us to do. If we obey Him, we can know that we are accepted by God.



26 B

Romans 12:12

rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer;

- 27. What should we continue doing?
 - A. Praying
 - B. Feeling sorry for ourselves

Definitions:

Tribulation: great trouble, trials or suffering

Steadfastly: firm

Cease: to stop

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

Christians should pray often.

27. A



Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.

Definitions:

Consider: to think carefully about

Provoke: to cause someone to act

Forsake: leave

Assemble: to come together

Manner: way of life **Exhort**: to encourage

Approach: to come near

God's command here is for Christians to come together to worship every first day of the week.

28. B 29. A 30. A

- 28. Who are we to think about?
 - A. Ourselves
 - B. Other Christians
- 29. What should we not forsake?
 - A. Assembling to worship
 - B. Doing what makes us feel good
- 30. How do we encourage one another?
 - A. Coming together
 - B. Staying at home



To be saved, we must be in Christ when we die. When a person obeys God by becoming a Christian, God adds them to the body of Christ, the church. However a person may choose to leave the body at anytime. Unfortunately, people often do make this choice. Some do it by following false teachings. Some do it because they are angry at God, or they want to return to the pleasures of sin. Others do it because they do not want to work for God. The great thing about this is that as long as a person is alive, they may choose to repent and return to God, where they are restored to the body of Christ. As children of God, we want to remain faithful servants. This will cause us to want to worship according to His instructions, study, grow, and do our best to live God's way.