

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON FOUR

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- ☐ 1. Prepare to give from memory Psalm 119:9 & 11.
- ☐ 2. Read and study John 8 - 14 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- ☐ 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- ☐ 4. Complete all material in Lesson Four, "Acknowledging Jesus as My Lord."

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- ☐ 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Three.
- ☐ 2. Quote from memory Psalm 119:9 & 11.
- ☐ 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- ☐ 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- ☐ 5. Review Lesson Four. Emphasize committing yourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- ☐ 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Five". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- ☐ 7. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet.

DYNAMIC

--- Discipling ---

Lesson Four

ACKNOWLEDGING JESUS AS MY LORD

We have considered our relationship with God, and we have studied the character qualities of God and how to communicate with Him. What a comfort it is to have put our trust in one who is so completely worthy of our trust.

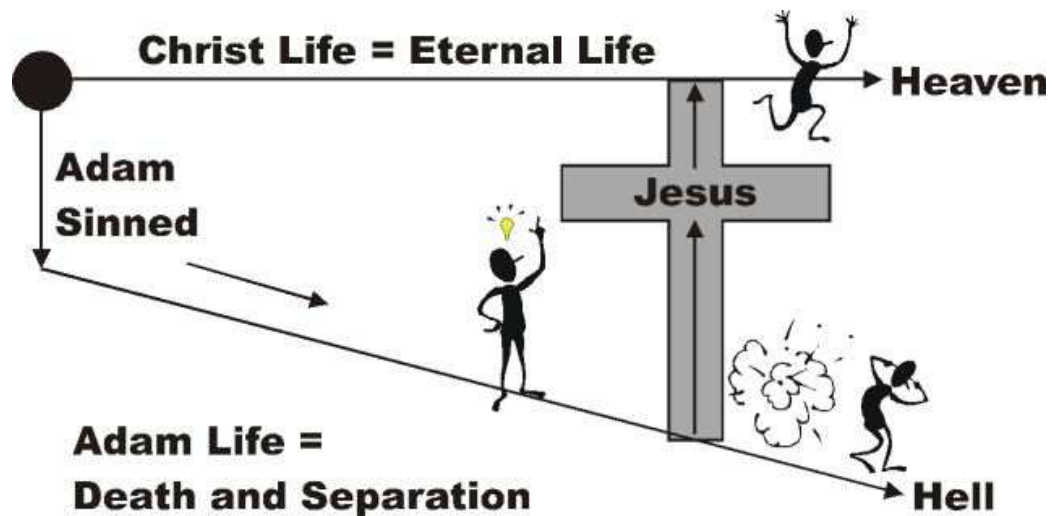
In this lesson, we will look at who we are in Christ and the significance of what it means to be “IN CHRIST” and have “CHRIST IN ME.” Life is a growth process.

We will study our progress as we grow from knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior, to acknowledging Him as our Lord, and to where we claim Him as our very Life.

Let's go back to the beginning - actually before the beginning of time. God is eternal; He has always existed (Isaiah 40:28). He created the heavens and the earth and everything in them (Genesis 1). He created man (humanity) in His own image (Genesis 1:26). The first man was Adam; the first woman was Eve. They lived in a perfect environment and in fellowship with God. They could have continued that way and in fact they would never have died (Genesis 3:22), but they disobeyed God. Their sin separated them from fellowship with God (Isaiah 59:2) and they died spiritually (Romans 5:12). Let's consider why that is important to us today.

Read Romans 5:12. How did sin enter into the world?

It says that death (spiritual and physical) spread to all men because all sinned. What does this mean? When Adam disobeyed God, all of humanity was in Adam since they had not yet had any children. When Adam sinned, you and I were in Adam, we were a part of him (a very small part, but a part). The decision to disobey God was in part our decision and we became sinners. When he died, we died (became separated from God). All of us are born separated from God. You did not become a sinner when you told your first lie, or cheated for the first time. No, **you were born a sinner** because you are a descendent of Adam. You do acts of sin because you have a sin nature. This may not be easy to understand or accept, but that's what God tells us. When you receive Christ, you are taken out of the old Adam life and put into the Christ life by the Spirit of God. Once you are in Christ, you are in an eternal existence - a life that is not based on time.



What is eternal life? It's a life that never ends, but this is only half of the truth. Once we have entered into Jesus Christ, we have an eternal life with God that spans the past as well as the future.

Calvary is an event in eternity. Being in Christ means being in Him eternally - eternally future and eternally past. Our life in Christ is an eternal relationship. Eternity is always present tense since it is not based on time. Being in Christ means that we were in Him when He died on the cross.

Read Romans 6:3-11. To be baptized means to be totally identified with Christ.

(v.3) When Christ died I _____

(v.4) When Christ was buried, I was _____

(v.4, 5) When Christ was raised to new life in the resurrection I too was raised to walk in

(v.6) Knowing that my Old Self was crucified with Christ, I should no longer be

(v.7) Because I died, I am now _____

(v.11) I must now consider as fact that I am _____

but alive to _____ in Christ Jesus.

Counting upon the facts of our co-crucifixion and co-resurrection with Christ is an act of the will. By **faith**, appropriate that which God's Word states to be true of you in Christ.

The Apostle Paul understood this. In Galatians 2:20, what did he say was the result of his being crucified with Christ?

Read Colossians 3:1, 2. What should our new desires be?

Ephesians 2:5, 6 says we are alive and _____

_____ in Christ Jesus.

List some attitudes or actions in your life that you will view differently in the light of what it means to be "IN CHRIST".

Knowing Jesus as our life will be discussed in Lesson 5.

A NEW KINGDOM

If you have received what Jesus did on the cross as the only and complete payment for your sin, then you have passed out of death into life - "Eternal Life". Your new position "In Christ" means "it is no longer you but Christ" who is living "His" life in you. You have changed citizenship.

Read Colossians 1:13, 14. To what kingdom **did** you belong?

To whose kingdom **do you now** belong? _____

In the kingdom of darkness, Satan, the king, lets you have lots of freedom. He knew you would do what he wanted because you were a slave to sin.

List the deeds that characterize those of the kingdom of Satan?

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

Read Romans 6:17-23. Although you were a slave to sin, through obedience you received Christ and have been freed from sin. What have you become?

(v. 18,22) _____

What was the final result of your former life? (v.21) _____

What are you now free from? (v.22) _____

To whom are you enslaved (v.22) _____

What is the outcome (v.22) _____

Through Christ's death you have been set free from the penalty and power of sin.

Should you continue to sin? Romans 6:1, 2 _____

A NEW KING

Jesus is "Lord". After Jesus had died for our sins, was buried and rose again (I Corinthians 15:3, 4), the apostle Peter was preaching to the people of Jerusalem. He told them to know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Read Acts 2:36-38. What was their response?

(v.37) _____

What did Peter tell them to do? (v.38) _____

In that day the word "Lord", meant absolute authority. They repented when they realized Jesus was "Lord", because it is the only proper response if one really believes "Jesus is Lord". To disobey Him would be unthinkable.

Jesus is now your Lord, your King, your absolute authority. You are His slave.

A slave in the first century had nothing in this world. His liberty, his freedom, his will, even his name was gone. He had been bought at the market like an animal. He was taken home as the property of his owner, to do whatever his master desired. He was the slave - his owner was his lord.

We, too, have been bought as slaves.

What was your purchase price? 1 Peter 1:18, 19 _____

You must be of great value to Him. He must love you a lot to set you free from a tyrant, and bring you into His own kingdom. Don't ever forget, however, that He is your King and that He expects absolute obedience in all things.

What does the Bible call disobedience? James 4:17 _____

To what does Jesus compare the life of a person who hears and obeys His Word?

Matthew 7:24-27 _____

A NEW LIFESTYLE

You now live in a new kingdom, under the rule of Christ the King. This puts some very positive but very high demands on you. It would be humanly impossible for you to fulfill His requirements, so He has provided for you a new life - His Eternal Life!

What do the following verses say about how we should live (walk)?

Romans 6:4 _____

2Corinthians 5:17 _____

Ephesians 2:10 _____

Ephesians 5:2 _____

Ephesians 5:8 _____

1 John 2:6 _____

2 John 4 _____

What should be our goal as Christians?

1 Peter 1:13-16 _____

Philippians 3:8-14 _____

Read Hebrews 12:1-5

What must we do in order to achieve our goal? (v.1) _____

Whose example are we to follow? (v.2) _____

As a loving father what will God do to correct His children (v. 5)

The cost of disobedience

Read 1 Samuel 15:18-23. What did God's prophet Samuel say to King Saul about his disobedience?

What did his disobedience cost King Saul? _____

Read 1 John 2:3, 4. What does it prove when we:

Disobey God? _____

Obey God? _____

The rewards of obedience

1 John 2:5 _____

John 14:23 _____

John 15:10 _____

John 15:14 _____

At times God's Word seems to contradict our own human logic.

See example in Luke 5:4-11. What was Simon Peter's response to Jesus' command?

What resulted from his obedience? _____

Jesus asked something that was not logical for Peter, a fisherman. Jesus did a miracle in this situation. Peter and his partners were so amazed that when they brought the boats to shore, what did they do?

(v.11) _____

Give an example from your life, where God expected something of you that seemed to be unreasonable.

What was your response? _____

What resulted? _____

Give an example of an area of your life in which God wants you to trust Him at this time.

APPLICATION

Is Jesus Lord of:

The above example? _____

Your finances? _____ Your family? _____

Your home? _____ Your occupation? _____

Your friendships? _____ Your recreation? _____

Your future? _____ Your ambitions? _____

Your health? _____ Your time? _____

If God chose to change or remove any of the above, would you be able to

say, "I trust You Lord to do what is best"? _____

What one thing will you do this week to develop your trust in Christ, your Lord?

ADDITIONAL STUDY ON THIS TOPIC

IN CHRIST I AM:

1. Set free. John 8:31-33
2. Crucified. Galatians 2:20
3. Dead to sin. Romans 6:2, 11, I Peter 2:24
4. Free from condemnation. Romans 8:1
5. Firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude. Colossians 2:7
6. A fellow citizen with the saints and part of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19
7. Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20
8. Born of God; the evil one does not touch me. I John 5:18
9. His disciple because I have love for others. John 13:34, 35
10. Raised up and seated in heavenly places. Colossians 2:12, Ephesians 2:6
11. Indwelt by the greater One because greater is He who is in me than he that is in the world. I John 4:4
12. An over-comer of the world. I John 5:4
13. A possessor of eternal life; I will not be condemned. John 5:24, John 6:47
14. Always triumphant. II Corinthians 2:14

MY DAILY TIME WITH GOD

Week of _____ to _____ 19 ____

This Week's Memory Verse: (Review Each Day)

_____ Reference: _____

Day 1 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 2 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 3 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 4 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

Day 5 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 6 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

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**MUCH PRAYER -
MUCH POWER -
MUCH PRAISE!**

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MESSAGE OUTLINE

Topic _____

Date _____ Speaker _____

Scripture Reference _____

List Main Points and Key Thoughts for Each

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response is _____

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON FIVE

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- ☐ 1. Prepare to give from memory Luke 6:46.
- ☐ 2. Read and study John 15 - 21 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- ☐ 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- ☐ 4. Complete all material in Lesson Five, "Claiming Jesus as My Life."
- ☐ 5. Read "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit Filled Life?" (Obtain a copy from your discipler.)

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- ☐ 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Four emphasizing our commitment to Christ's lordship. Discuss application.
- ☐ 2. Quote from memory Luke 6:46.
- ☐ 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- ☐ 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- ☐ 5. Review Lesson Five. Emphasize the importance of knowing that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Six". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- ☐ 7. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet.