

Growing in CHRIST

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Study No 1:
New Life



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As a person with a Christian faith it is important to establish the right foundations. These studies will help you to do this. They will enable you to develop your relationship with God and to serve Him effectively. This session will show how to be really sure you are a Christian and what this means for your everyday life.

Read the verses carefully and look for the answers within the verses rather than guessing them.

Write the answers in your own words.

Note: The *Good News Bible* has been used in preparing these studies unless otherwise indicated.



A. Read John chapter 3, verse 16.

1. How did God feel toward the world?

2. What did God do to show his feeling?

3. What happens to those who refuse to believe (or trust) in God's Son?

4. What happens to those who do believe (trust) in God's Son?

Read John 3 verse 36.

5. What does a person who believes in Christ receive?

6. When does a believer in Christ receive eternal life?

Read John 1:12

7. What does Jesus Christ give to a person who receives him?

8. If you have received Christ into your life, then, according to this verse, what can you now call yourself?

Note: In English, it sounds as though becoming a child of God is a gradual progress. In the original Greek language however, the word “become” is used in such a way that it means an **immediate** change. To receive Christ, is to become a child of God **immediately**.

Read John 1:13

9. To become a child naturally, you must be born to human parents. To whom is a child of God born?

B. Read Romans 3:20-24

1. According to verse 20 can anyone be justified, or made righteous, by keeping laws or obeying rules?



2. How does verse 22 say that we are made righteous?

3. Look at verses 23 and 24 together.

a) How many people can be made righteous by themselves?

b) How many people can be made righteous through Jesus Christ?

Being a Christian means being made right with God. A Bible word for this is **Righteousness**. It is 'right-ness' with God and means we do not have to feel condemned, guilty or inferior. Another Bible way to explain being made righteous is to say that we are **Justified**. You can therefore say to yourself, "God thinks of me 'just-if-I'd' never sinned."



C. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1. In verse 17 what happens when we accept Jesus as our Saviour?

2. According to verse 18, what do we see God doing for us through Jesus Christ?

3. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, God gives us a job, or a ministry. What does verse 18 say that this is?

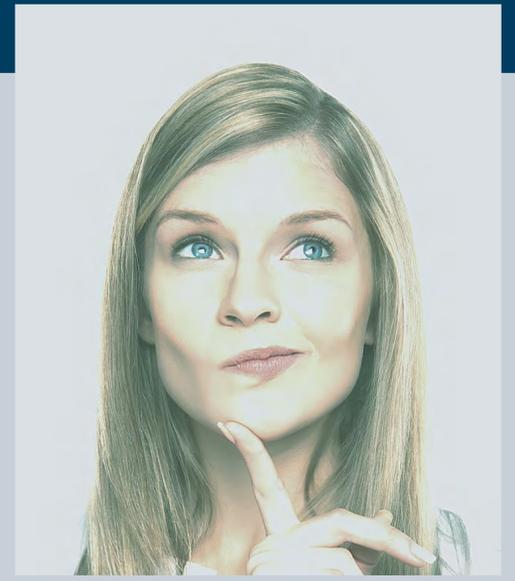
4. Verse 21 in the Contemporary English Version of the Bible reads as follows: "Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God". What was the price He paid for us to be made righteous?

Read Romans 8:1, 2

5. Are we still guilty of sin—if not why not?

6. In verse 2, what is the result of sin?

A Time to Think



1. How do you know that God loves you?

2. What would you say to the thought "I have to do something good in order to please God and be accepted by Him?"

3. If you have genuinely confessed and turned from your sin, yet still have feelings of guilt, what should you do?

Summary:

Two things take place when you receive Christ...

Firstly you receive something. Secondly you become something.

You receive...

And you become...

Complete the following statements by selecting the most appropriate answer from those given.

1. Those who receive Christ...

- Have eternal life.
- Hope they have eternal life.
- Do not have eternal life.

2. Eternal life is...

- Something you receive only after you die.
- Something you possess in your heart right now.

3. When you receive Christ you become...

- A child of God.
- A religious person.
- No different.

4. Upon receiving Christ, you become a child of God...

- Gradually.
- Immediately.
- After you die.

5. A believer knows they are a child of God because...

- They feel emotions in their heart.
- The bible tells them so.
- Other Christians tell them so.

6. Righteousness comes by...

- Being sorry for our sins.
- By faith.
- Doing good works.

7. We can have righteousness by...

- Faith in ourselves.
- Faith in the church.
- Faith in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse:

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



In our next session together, we will look at **Getting Started.**

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