



# Lion Ministries International & The Lion Group

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

(A Series of Studies for the New Believer of the Christian Faith)

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

(Lesson #1)

Note: Scriptures Are Quoted From Various Bible Versions For The Sake Of Clarity In Communication.

### THERE IS A GOD

There is a God who created the heavens and the earth, and all that is within them.

**“In the beginning God, God created the Heavens and Earth – all you see, all you don’t see.**

**- Genesis 1:1**

John 1:1-3 tells us, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that is made.”**

### GOD IS A SPIRIT

God is a Spirit.

**“God is a Spirit...” - John 4:24**

### THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO WHO YOU REALLY ARE

- (1.) Man is a spirit.
- (2.) Man has a soul (*mind, emotions and a will*), and
- (3.) Man lives in a temporal (*physical*) body.

**“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**-1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23**



**NOTE:** Just as an Astronaut needs to be housed in a space suit in order to function in outer space, so likewise your spiritual man needs your physical body in order to function within the earth.

Your body is however only temporal (*temporary, not eternal*) and when something happens to your body (*death*), your spirit and soul will continue to exist for eternity, the question is where?

**“And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”**

**- Hebrews 9:27**

Once your body no longer is able to function in this physical realm, your human spirit/soul will leave your body for another eternal realm, the realm of the spirit world.

### **THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD**

**Kingdom #1. The Kingdom of Light which is God’s.**

**1 John 1:5** tells us, **“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.”**

**Ephesians 5:8** says, **“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”**

**Kingdom #2. The Kingdom of Darkness which is Satan’s.**

**Ephesians 6:12** tells us, **“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”**

Although you currently live in the earth you are either subconsciously or consciously operating by the principles of one of these two kingdoms.

You do so either by default or by your own choice.

By default everyone is born into the kingdom of darkness, separated from God (*through sin*) but with a simple decision using the power of choice from your own free will (*which God gave to you*) you can choose which kingdom you will operate out of, and where you will spend your eternity.

This very important decision will need to be made while you are still alive on earth in your temporal body. Once this life is passed your future eternal state will either be one of peace and joy in the presence of God and His kingdom (**“...in God’s presence is fullness of joy, at his right hand are pleasures for evermore.”- Psalm 16:11**), or of untold eternal horror with Satan in his kingdom called Hell where **“There shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.”- Matthew 8:12.**

The best decision you ever made (*as you well know*) was to receive God’s Son - Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord because **Acts 4:12** tell us that **“There is no other name under heaven and earth whereby a man can be saved (from their sin) than by the name of Jesus Christ.”**



## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN BY BEING SAVED? WHAT IS SIN?

The word “**Saved**” used in the Bible is the Greek word “**Zozo**” which means...  
**“To be set free, To be delivered, To be made whole, and To do well.”**

What were you set free and delivered from? The answer is “Sin” and its consequences.



Sin is actually a term used in Archery. It means “*To Miss The Mark.*” It is the difference in the distance from the Bull’s Eye (*where the originally intended goal was*) and where the arrow actually ended up.

The Bible (*God’s Word to us*) tells us that...

**“All men have sinned (*missed the mark*) and fallen short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23**

“**All Men**” refers to all mankind including you and I.

Our “*Sin*” is something that separated us from God for He is Holy (*without sin*).

**“Thou art Holy.” – Psalm 22:3** and (*in reference to Jesus*) **“...I know you, you’re the Holy One of God.”-Luke 4:34**

Our “*Sin*” in reality was not even really all of the outward things that we did that were displeasing to a Holy God. In fact, all of these outward actions were just an expression of who, are what, we really were on the inside - Sinners.

I like to say it like this...

**“Chickens cluck because they are chickens.” “Cows moo because they are cows, and sinners’ sin - make sinning sounds** (swearing, cursing, etc.) **and have sinning ways** (stealing, lying, adultery, murder, etc.) **because they are sinners”.**

These are all just outward expressions of one’s true inner nature.

Mankind has tried to be acceptable to God through his own efforts and on his own terms through “Going To Church”, observing his own “Religious Traditions”, and even through his own “Good Works”, yet inspite all of these efforts mankind still continues to miss the mark.

**“All men have sinned (*missed the mark*) and fallen short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23**

**“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all of our own righteousness is as filthy rags...”**

**- Isaiah 64:6**

Originally (*as we saw*) mankind was created in the nature and image of God (**Genesis 1:26:5:1**). When the first man (*Adam*) sinned through his disobedience his spiritual and soulsh nature changed and his spiritual relationship with God ended or died as well.

**Romans 6:23** tells us, **“For the wages of sin is death...”**

So now, the desire to sin is the instinctive nature of all mankind for all those who have not been reconciled (*brought back*) into a relationship with God through a personal faith in the sacrifice of His son Jesus Christ.



## WHY IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO BEING SET FREE FROM SIN?

The Bible tells us that **“The first Adam, made of earth, came from the earth; the second Adam (a reference to Jesus) came from heaven.”- (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:47)**

God said to Mary, the mother of Jesus that she would have a son; that she should call his name Jesus, and that he would save His people from their sins. **(Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:31)**

The Bible (*God’s Word to us*) says that there is no other name (*Jesus*) under heaven or earth whereby a man (*mankind*) might be saved. **(Acts 4:12)**

## WHAT QUALIFIED JESUS TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD?



To understand this you must also understand that a human baby receives his blood type from his Father.

**Leviticus 17:11** tells us that **“The life of the flesh is in the blood”** - the blood represents life.

Adam, (*after his disobedience in the Garden of Eden*) could only reproduce physical offspring that could only inherit Adam’s old fallen internal nature which ultimately resulted in spiritual death. Adam’s blood line was tainted with death physically and spiritually. Sin has a severe and ultimate penalty – Spiritual Death, which is an eternal separation from God.

Yet God, (*the Creator who is Life Himself*), in His compassion to restore Humanity back into a relationship with Himself became the Father of Jesus who chose a virgin named Mary to introduce a sinless man into the Human Race and **“This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.”**

– **Matthew 1:18**

Having been born of God, the Heavenly Father, this allowed Jesus to be the only sinless man to have entered the human race since the fall of Adam, a man free from sin and its eternal consequences.

A man who was guilty of sin could not pay the price for other guilty men and women which is why **Romans 5:18-19** tells us, **“Therefore, as through one man’s offense (Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden) judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation (Physical and Eternal Death), even so through one Man’s righteous act (Jesus dying on the cross for the sins of you and I and for all who would believe upon his name) the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience (Adam) many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience (Jesus) many will be made righteous.”**

Jesus became our substitute because he was the only man who was free from sin to do so.

Just as you have done so must all men and women acknowledge through the belief in their hearts and through the confessions of their mouths that Jesus died for their sins, and paid the price for their eternal death sentence as well.

And even as you have, so must all men follow the instructions of **Romans 10:-9-10** which says, **“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

In **John 14:6** Jesus said, **‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’** Jesus as you have come to acknowledge is the only way to be saved (*delivered*) from eternal death, He is the only way to obtain eternal life, and his word to us – the Bible, is his Instruction Book to us on how we might continue to develop our daily relationship with our loving Heavenly Father God.

When you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins you were really asking Him to change your nature from that of being a fallen sinning individual who was separated from God, to that of a person who is now righteous (*in right standing*) with God.

**2 Corinthians** speaks of you as well as others who have also made Jesus their Savior and who are learning to make Him their Lord when it declares to us **“Old things (*the old sinful nature*) pass away and all things have become new.”** Spiritually you become brand new or as the Bible also calls it **“Born Again”** as by the belief in your heart and by the confession of your mouth you became a Child of God the Father, and a Citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**1 Peter 1:23** says **“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever”.**

## What Are The Benefits Of Receiving Salvation Through Faith In Christ?

The Bible says that your name is recorded in Heaven, in what is called The Book of Life. (**Phil 4:3; Rev. 3:5, 17:8**)



God now declares that He is your Father and you are one of his Children. (**Romans 4:11, 8:15**)

**John 1:12-13** tells us, **“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

**2 Peter 1:8** tells us that your Nature, your Character, your Values and Desires will begin to change as you become **“A partaker of His Divine nature”** through your study and application of God’s wonderful word – The Bible.

God’s Word and all of its promises (*guarantees*) have become accessible to you now that you are a Child of God (**1 Peter 1:4**), and **2 Corinthians 1:20** confirms this for us by stating **“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”**

In addition to the instruction of the word of God there is the witness of God’s Spirit, the Spirit of Life within you that affirms beyond mere words that you are truly a child of God. (**1 John 5:10**)

So as a Christian you no longer need to walk aimlessly, empty and lacking fulfillment in life because **Proverbs 21:28**, and **Proverbs 3:6** tells us that **“God will direct and guide your life”** now that you have given him access to it. This truth will become ever more clear to you as you learn to yield yourself to God’s guidance as He instructs you through the leading of both His Word (*The Bible*) and His Spirit.

In closing, Jesus said, **“Learn of me”** (**Matthew 11:29**) and this you will continue to do in your following lessons.



# REVIEW QUESTIONS

(Lesson #1 of 6)

- PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING TRUE OR FALSE AND MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.
- THERE IS ONLY ONE RIGHT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION BASED UPON YOUR LESSON.
- YOU MAY REFER TO YOUR LESSON FOR ASSISTANCE IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS.

(1). **There is a God.**

- True.    False.

(2). **Man is a Spirit, he has a Soul, and he lives in a Physical Body.**

- True.    False.

(3). **There is no such thing as “The Spirit World”.**

- True.    False.

(4). **Zozo means to be “Saved”.**

- True.    False.

(5). **The word “Sin” means to “Miss The Mark”.**

- True.    False.

(6). **You can become acceptable to God by...**

- A. Going To Church.
- B. Being A Good Person.
- C. Accepting Jesus Christ As Your Personal Savior.

(7). **A Baby receives his “Blood Type” from...**

- A. His Father.
- B. His Mother.
- C. He Gets It From Himself.

(8). **“The Father” of Jesus was ...**

- A. Joseph.
- B. God.
- C. None Of The Above.

(9). **The following will help you to grow as a Christian ...**

- A. Hanging Out And Partying With All Your Old Friends.
- B. Doing What You Want When You Want.
- C. Reading Your Bible And Going To Church.

(10). **Now that you are a Christian God has promised to...**

- A. Direct And Guide Your Life.
- B. He Makes No Guarantees.
- C. Leave You Alone.