

Jesus is a Wonderful Saviour

About this lesson:

Welcome to the second lesson in *BibleKeys*. We trust that God has been speaking to you through your Bible. He will surely continue to speak to you today! The Holy Spirit is here to help you.

Today's subjects are:

- **God wants you as his own child!**
- **Sin keeps you away from God.**
- **You can be saved through Jesus!**

Do as follows:

- ✓ Read the text and underline important passages.
- ✓ Find the Scripture verses in your Bible.
- ✓ Mark them.

The more you study, the more you will understand.

God bless you!



1 God wants you to become his child

God really wants you to be his child!

1 Tim 2:4
Rev 20:15
Luke 10:20
John 11:25

God is a wonderful father. He wants every man, woman and child to come to him and be saved. He wants to write your name in the Book of Life, and to give you eternal life. Then, even if you die today, you will be saved. The goal of today's lesson is that you should know, deep down in your heart, that God has accepted you. But first we must explain some Bible truths that will change your life!

God wants to save you from your enemy

God and you have an enemy. He is always opposed to God and



John 10:10

God wants you to become his child *(continued)*

his name is Satan. His name means accuser. Satan wants to stop you from becoming a free, happy and stable child of God. He comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But don't worry. God knows how to handle Satan. The victory has already been won by Jesus, and he has come to give you eternal life! This life is for everyone, including you. To make this clear, we will first explain how Satan got his grip upon human beings, then how you can become totally free from his power! Read through to the end and you will see what a wonderful solution God has for you!



Gen 1:26,27
Gen 1:31
(Read all of
Gen 1-2)

2 In the beginning, everything was perfect

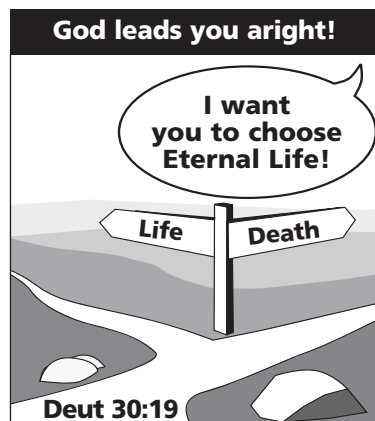
In the beginning, there was no sin. God created a man and a woman, Adam and Eve. They were the climax of all the wonderful things he had made. And he saw that it was very good!

He gave Adam and Eve complete freedom. He gave them a wonderful world and all their needs were met. They had happiness, health, a fabulous place to live and a garden full of fruit trees which they could enjoy as much as they wanted. And the best thing of all was that they had a deep, constant fellowship with God himself. Adam and Eve were God's children and his friends! The Bible tells us that God even took a walk together with them in the cool part of the day. Stop and imagine walking around in a beautiful garden – with GOD!



Gen 2:8

3 Freedom to do right and wrong



Gen 2:17

God is a wonderful father, and he likes his children to be free. Therefore he gave them free access to everything he had created on earth: to all the lovely trees and all the springs of water. He gave them authority to rule over the animals and to enjoy his creation. There was just one exception – they were not to touch the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.



Gen 3:1-6

4 Satan fooled them so that they sinned

Satan entered in the shape of a snake. He saw his chance! If he could deceive Adam and Eve, they would rebel against God! He lied to them about what God had said. He made them believe that they would be like God if they ate from the tree. He fooled them completely with a pack of lies. But something inside of them was hungry for the evil things he was speaking about!

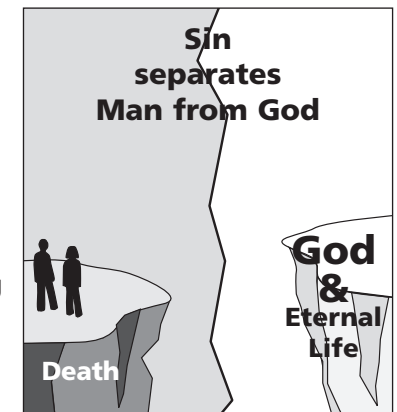
This was exactly what God had wanted to prevent. Adam and Eve chose to forget everything God had done for them and told them. They obeyed Satan's voice instead of the voice of their wonderful father and friend. Their evil desire dragged them away. God did not want them to be forever bound in spiritual death, so he stopped them from eating of the Tree of Life. The fall into sin had become a fact, and it was a catastrophe.

James 1:14



5 Separated from God

Immediately Adam and Eve had to leave all the wonderful things in the garden. **And, worst of all, they no longer had fellowship with God.** Death came; not through their physical death, but through the death of the God-life inside them. It was like turning the light off. Satan's plan had succeeded: "After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."



James 1:15



Col 1:13,14

Separated from God *(continued)*


The
Kingdom of
Darkness


God's
Kingdom of
Light

God wants to move all of us
into his Kingdom of Light!

There were now two opposing kingdoms: God's and the enemy's. Since Adam and Eve had separated from God, they belonged to the kingdom of darkness. The Bible tells us: "You were dead in your transgressions and sins, when you followed...the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient."

The superb life of Adam and Eve changed. Work became a struggle and it was hard to get

food. Death started to rule. Eve's first son killed his brother because of envy. Soon all the thoughts of men became evil. They committed sexual sin; they were filled with pride. The epidemic of sin began to spread.

Gen 4:1-12



Rom 3:23

6 You and I have sinned

Since then, all the children of Adam – and that is all of us – have sinned. The Bible states it very clearly: "For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard." You feel it on the inside of you. You already know it. Because "all" means "all": every man, every woman, and every child. If we were left in that condition, we would die eternally, just as Adam and Eve did. But God is so good! Satan did not have the last word! God had a rescue plan, and the last word is JESUS!

7 Jesus – the Complete Solution!

What would God do now? He had lost his friends and children; Adam and Eve had left him. And they had brought all human beings under the power of darkness. God knew that they could not escape by their own power. And he knew that Satan had a grip on them because they had sinned.

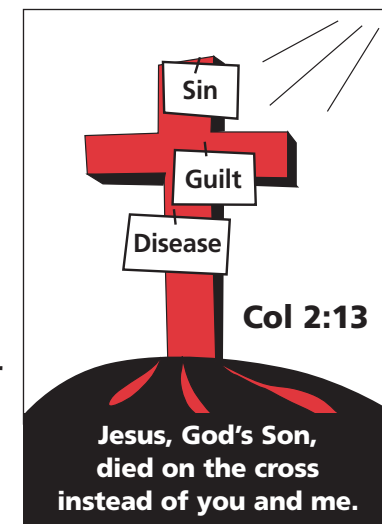
John 3:16

Just one way!

There was just one way to rescue people from eternal death. Someone must take their sin upon himself, and deliver them. And there was only one person who could do that: God's own Son, Jesus!

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

Praise be to God! God gave his Son, and changed history. It became possible for us to have fellowship with God through Jesus!



Salvation

What God did through Jesus is called salvation. Jesus was innocent, but he died a terrible death in your place.

Jesus did not have any sin, but he took yours on himself.

Jesus did not have any sickness, but he took yours on himself.

Jesus died to make you the freest, happiest and most fruitful person you could ever dream of!

Jesus died in your place. He did it to liberate you from the powers of darkness – **to move you from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light!** Wherever Jesus went, he drove out evil spirits that tormented people with fear, uncleanness and sickness (Matt 8:16). Jesus is the same today! If you are bound by an evil spirit, he will deliver you now. Cry out: "Help me, Jesus!" Command Satan to leave you alone: "In the name of Jesus, I order you Satan to leave me alone! I claim protection through the blood of Jesus!" Now thank God for the victory.

When Jesus died, he made you free from every evil that resulted from Adam's sin:

- sin
- sickness
- evil spirits
- everything else that binds you!

Read Isaiah
chapter 53

Bible Quest

Here are things for you to do. They will help you to understand God's Word better.



Exercise 1: What is sin?

Sin is to disobey God. God tells us what is right and wrong in the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:3-17). Write down how each one applies to you.

Ex 20:3. "You shall have no other gods besides me."

Ex 20:4. "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below."

Ex 20:7. "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name" (i.e. uses his name without due reverence).

Ex 20:8-10. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." (NB: Believers mostly set aside Sunday as a special day for worship and rest.)

Ex 20:12 (Eph 6:2,3). "Honour your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life."

Ex 20:13 (Matt 5:22). "You shall not murder."

Ex 20:14 (Matt 5:28). "You shall not commit adultery."

Ex 20:15 (Eph 4:28). "You shall not steal."

Ex 20:16 (James 4:11, Col 3:9). "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour."

Ex 20:17 (Luke 12:15). "You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."



Exercise 2: The root of sin

There are other sins not listed above, but there is a common root for all sinful acts. What is this root? See John 16:9.

Therefore, to get rid of sin, one must first believe in Jesus Christ!



Exercise 3: Who is a sinner?

Read Rom 3:23 and write your answer.



Exercise 4: What is the result of sin?

Read Rom 6:23 and write your answer.

Bible Quest (continued)**Exercise 5: God forgives your sins**

Through Jesus, you have forgiveness of sins. Hallelujah!
Read the following Bible verses and underline the words *save*, *forgiveness*, *sins*:

Matt 1:21 (The name "Jesus" means salvation.)
"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matt 26:28
"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Acts 10:43
"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 13:38
"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you."

**Exercise 6: God hates sin but loves the sinner**

What happens when a sinner repents? See Luke 15:10.

**Exercise 7: Jesus did everything for you, so that you can be saved**

Read 1 Peter 2:24 and fill in the blanks:

He (Jesus) personally carried away our _____
in his own body on the _____ so we can be
_____ to sin and _____ for what is right.

John 1:29 says: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Why is Jesus called the "Lamb of God"? _____

Read John 3:16 and write it below.
Memorize this verse!




Action Time


Jesus died for you – and he can change your life!

Col 1:14

The Kingdom of Darkness



God's Kingdom of Light



Today you can begin a new life!

Everything Jesus did, he did for you. God wants you to be saved, so that you will live with him. Jesus has completed 100% of all that must be done for your salvation.

Listen! God is now offering you a wonderful gift. You can become God's child! If you have prayed for salvation before, but were never really sure that you had received it, he wants you to know, deep inside, that you are God's own child. At the same time, he

wants to heal you. **God has been waiting for you all of your life!** And when you come, he will not ask you a thousand questions! Just: "Do you want to receive this gift?" He wants to give you a wonderful new life – now!

Do this!

- **Talk to God – he can hear you**

Matt 7:7,8

God has promised in his Word that he will hear you when you talk to him, or, in Bible language, pray.

When you pray, he hears you. And he does what he has promised to do.

- **Listen to God**

Acts 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

John 6:37

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."

Rev 3:20

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

You pray to God

FREEDOM FROM THE OLD LIFE

"Father, I come to you. Thank you that you promise to move me from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light.

I know I'm a sinner. I'm sorry. Please forgive my sin.

I leave my old life and step into new life with you!"

You say out loud

CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR ONLY LORD

"From this day on, I confess that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is my only Lord. I leave all other gods, and I want to serve Jesus with all of my heart for the rest of my life!"

Signature _____

Date _____

You receive!

BEGIN TO THANK GOD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN TO YOU

- **You have been saved**
Say: "Thank you, Lord, that you have saved me from my old life of sin. Hallelujah!"
- **You have been healed**
When you got saved, Jesus also took your sicknesses! "You have been healed by his wounds" (1 Peter 2:24). Start to thank him for healing in your body!

GOD ANSWERS

Jesus "personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right." 1 Peter 2:24 NLT

"He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code... he took it away, nailing it to the cross." Col 2:13,14

God answers YES!!!

GOD PROMISES

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."

Rom 10:9,10

"There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

God confirms YES!!!

Say: "Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you carried away my sicknesses on the cross. I receive healing from all diseases! Hallelujah!" (Matt 8:17).

- **You have been set FREE**
"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Say: "Thank you Lord that I am absolutely free from every binding power! I am free indeed!!!"



Praise Time

Now praise God. Thank him for all he has given you.

I praise and thank you for all you have done for me!

You are such a good God!

Thank you that now I know that I am saved, and if I die tonight,

I know that I will go to be with you in Heaven. Hallelujah!

(God will help you find other words of love and thanksgiving.)

Remember: Praise Time is Anytime!



Memo Time

Memorize & Speak God's Word

Here is this week's Bible verse to memorize. Read it aloud many times. Choose two other Bible verses from this lesson and memorize them.

**"If anyone (write your name _____)
is in Christ, he/she is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Cor 5:17**



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