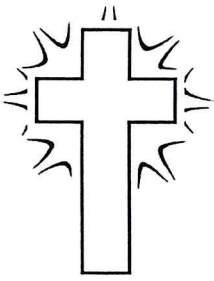


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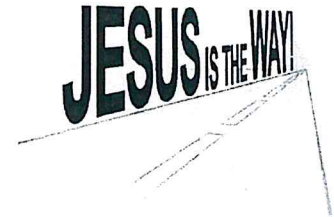


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SALVATION

The Journey to the Father



What does it mean to be saved?

Share some of your thoughts together

We are now going to look at a verse in **1 Timothy 2:3-4**, to see what the Bible says about *being saved*.

“³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

From this verse, what happens when we get saved?

The Knowledge of the Truth!

Before we are saved, we are living a life in darkness, lost in a lie that life is just about me, myself and I. We live life with no real purpose and consideration of things that are eternal.

Being saved is coming to the **knowledge of the truth**. The truth is what sets you free! (**John 8:32**).

1. The Truth is a person. Jesus is the Truth

Write out John 14:6 below



2. The Truth leads you into a living relationship with Your Father.
Where did Jesus say **we come to** when we are following, believing and living a life that is in Christ Jesus?

Unjumble the words

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Eternal Life (being saved) is not about a relocation (going to heaven), but it is a revelation of Jesus, and through Him we come into a living relationship with our Father who is in Heaven.

The Father draws us

Fill in the missing words

"⁴⁴ No one can c_____ to Me unless the F_____ who sent Me d_____ him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

We are drawn to Jesus by our Father. It is the Father in Jesus drawing us to Himself. **Jesus and the Father are One (John 10:30)**. Not only does God want you to believe in Jesus, He wants you to KNOW that it is the Father who is drawing you close to Himself. He does this so that He can pour out His abundant love into your heart.

Colour and decorate the verse below

"Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God!"

1 John 3:1



The Beginning of our Salvation

1 John 2:12 - 13b, tells us about the different stages of **spiritual growth**. We begin as **little children** (babes), then we become **young men** (male and female) and then **Fathers** (mature). Just like in a family, we are born babes and grow up to be adults, who become mothers and fathers.

In this passage, we learn two very important areas that we must come to understand and experience at the beginning of our walk of Salvation – coming to know our Father!

Read the verse together: **1 John 2:12, 13b**

“I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.....I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.”

What are the two areas that ‘Little children’ are to know and experience?

1. Little children know _____

2. Little children have _____



Let us now look at these two areas.

We are to know our sins are forgiven

To receive Salvation and be born again into a new life in Christ, we first need to acknowledge that we are sinners and need to be forgiven.

WHAT IS A SINNER?

Fill in the missing letters.

Someone who has m__s__ed the __a__k and f__ll__n
sh__r__ of what God has for th__m.



Answer: *Someone who has missed the **mark** and **fallen short** of what God has for them.*

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"

How many have sinned? _____

You and I cannot become what God has created us to be without Jesus.

We need to confess our sin to Jesus. The things we know we have done wrong toward God and others. Jesus can forgive us and give us a **new, clean heart** and a **new Spirit** to worship Him. We need to know that we are forgiven and washed clean. **When our heart is clean, Jesus can come to live in it by His Spirit.** We need to know that He has come to live in us by His Spirit. This is what it means to be **born again**.

How do we get forgiven?

Read 1 John 1:9 and fill in the missing words

**"If we c_____ our sins, He is faithful and just to
f_____ us our s_____ and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness."**

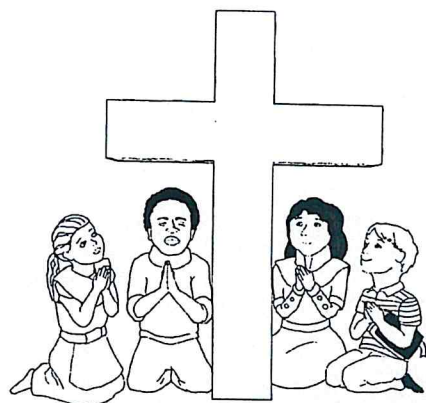
**We need to confess (speak out) to Jesus our sins. What we have done wrong.
Where we have missed it.**

You can have some time to do this together in prayer.

"Jesus I am sorry for....."

Please forgive me and give me a clean heart

I ask you to come into my heart. I receive you"



We are coming to our Father in Christ

Read together 2 Corinthians 5:19,

“that is, that GOD WAS IN CHRIST reconciling the world to Himself.....”

What does reconcile mean?

It means to bring us back into friendship and close relationship again



There are many examples of forgiveness in the Bible. We are going to look at one in **Luke 15:18-24**. This is the parable of the lost son. The younger son went away and wasted all that his father had given him. He was very lost and in great need. He shows us what it means to acknowledge and confess sin.

Answer these questions together.

- What did the son decide to do in verse 18?
- Where is he going?
- What is he going to say to his father?
- In verse 20, what did his father do?

This is a beautiful picture of what repentance and forgiveness is and how we are to approach Jesus. The Father is in Christ and, when we come to Jesus, we are actually coming to our Father. He loves you and embraces you. He receives you and does not condemn you.

Little children know that their
sins are forgiven and they have
come to know the Father!

KNOWING OUR FATHER -

The Son has Declared the Father

Key Verse: John 1:18,

"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

- What are some things we learn from this verse?



Remember we were learning before that in **John 14:6**,

*"Jesus is the _____, the _____ and the _____,
no one comes to the _____ except through Him".*

WE CAN ONLY SEE AND KNOW OUR FATHER IN JESUS.

"Jesus is the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father"

- What does that mean?

Read John 8:42 and fill in the blanks

*"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and _____
_____"; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me."*

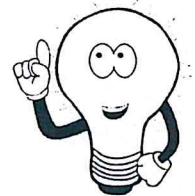
The Bosom of the Father is the deep place of God. He came from GOD. The intimate, close presence of God.

The Son of God came to declare and make known the Father - That was His purpose!

- **What does declare mean?** Declare mean to speak out boldly for all to hear. It means to make it known.

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He prayed a very awesome and powerful prayer. **Fill in the blanks.**

John 17:24-25, "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be _____, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! **THE WORLD HAS NOT KNOWN YOU**, but I have known You; and **THESE HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU SENT ME.**"



- **How did Jesus declare the Father?**

John 14:10, "Do you not believe that I AM IN THE FATHER, and the Father in Me? The _____ that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the _____."

The Son speaks the Words of the Father

Read these verses out loud together

John 15:15, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

John 12:50, "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

The Son does the Works of the Father

Read these verses out loud together.

John 10:37-38, *"If I do not do the WORKS OF MY FATHER, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, BELIEVE THE WORKS, that you may know and believe that THE FATHER IS IN ME, AND I IN HIM."*

John 12:44-45, *"Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me."*

The Son has
declared
the Father



KNOWING OUR FATHER

The Son Declares the Father's Words

Last lesson we looked at this verse. Read aloud the verse together.

John 12:50, "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, JUST AS THE FATHER HAS TOLD ME, SO I SPEAK."

- Jesus only spoke the Words of the Father!
- Jesus was the Word made flesh who dwelt among us! (**John 1:14**)
- We need to receive the Words that Jesus has given to us! When we receive His Word, we are receiving the Father's Word!

John 17:8, Fill in the missing words

"For I have given to them the _____ which _____ have given _____; and they have _____ them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me."

- **What are we to do with the Words Jesus has given us?**

Receiving His Word is allowing His Word into our hearts to work in us and change us. We first believe but then we need to receive!

John 1:12, "But as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them He gave the right to become CHILDREN OF GOD, to those who believe in His name"

- What happens when we believe and receive Jesus?
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Let's now look at **John 14:23-24**

"Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

- What two amazing things happen when we keep His Word?

1. _____

2. _____

How much do you love the Word of God? We keep His Word because we love Him. **How much do you read your Bible?** Do you have a living relationship with the Word of God (**John 1:1**). Jesus wants you to have a close relationship with the Father through His Word.

- ❖ The Word of our Father brings us into the Love of our Father
- ❖ The Word of our Father brings us into a revelation of the Father's House. He comes to make His home in us! We are the dwelling place of God in the Spirit! (**Ephesians 2:22**)

The Father
has given
us His Word
through
the Son of
God!

KNOWING OUR FATHER

Abiding in the Teaching of Christ

Focus verse for the lesson. Read aloud together.

2 John v 9, *“Whoever transgresses (goes beyond) and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ **does not have God**. He who **abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**”*

What **4 key things** do we learn from this verse?

1. We are not to go _____ or run ahead of what is _____ in the Word of God. We do not _____ to it or take from it.



2. We need to stay with and _____ in the teaching of _____. The revelation of who Christ is.

All Scripture is God-breathed **(2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

3. If we live in the _____ of Christ and who He is and have His word in our _____. We have _____!!

4. He who lives in the teaching of Christ has both the

_____ and the _____. GOD is

_____ and _____! He who has the

Son has the Father also (1 John 2:23).

When we know the Father in the Son, we know God.

THE KEY TO KNOWING OUR FATHER IS TO ABIDE, LIVE and

WALK IN THE REVELATION OF WHO CHRIST IS.

THE TEACHING OF CHRIST.

WE HAVE

GOD!!!

KNOWING OUR FATHER
Having the Spirit of His Son in our hearts

Focus verse for the lesson. Read aloud together.

1 John 2:6, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

How are we to walk? _____

Jesus, the Son of God, walked with the Father. He came to show us how we are to walk with God as a son to our Father. It is a great mystery that we come to know by His Spirit.

Let us now look at how Jesus walked.
Fill in the blanks.

John 5:19, "Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the _____ can do _____ of Himself, but what He _____ the _____ do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 8:29, "And He who sent Me is with Me. The

_____ has not _____ Me
_____, for I _____ do those
things that _____ Him."

- Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing
- Jesus was never alone. The Father was always with Him
- Jesus only ever did the things that please the Father

WE ARE TO WALK JUST AS JESUS WALKED!!!

How does this happen?

Read aloud together Romans 8:14-15 and Galatians 4:6-7

What has God sent forth for us to receive in our hearts?

What do we become when we receive the Spirit of His Son?

To walk just as Jesus walked with the Father, **we need to receive the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.** His Spirit causes our hearts to change and we begin to cry out "Abba Father". This is the most wonderful thing that we can experience. **We were created to know our Father and walk with our Father just as Jesus walked.**

KNOWING OUR FATHER

The Spirit of adoption

Romans 8:14-15

¹⁴ For as many as are led **by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received **the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father.**"

- Fill in the missing verse. Romans 8:15

"For you did not receive

But you received the

_____ by whom we cry out, _____

_____."



- From Romans 8:15, what is the way for us to be set free from fear?

Living in the world without God, without our heavenly Father, we are lost and we walk around as slaves to sin. Jesus desires **all of us** to be completely free in our hearts and that we have a **completely unhindered and fully functioning relationship with God!** Is this possible? Yes, it is!!!!

There are 4 huge areas of fear that grip people in their hearts. We all need to be set free from fear. Fear keeps you locked up, like you are in a prison. Jesus breaks it open and “Whom the Son sets free, is free!” (John 8:31-32)

What are these fears?

- Fear of failure
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of others – what people think and say about us.
- Fear of death



The Way to freedom is receiving the Spirit of God, the Spirit of adoption (sonship) into hearts. Jesus said, _____ your heavenly Father for the _____ and He will _____ it to you.

Have you asked Him? Do you desire Him?

Are you free in your heart? Are you walking closely with God?



When we receive the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **we begin to walk as sons (male and female).**

We find it easy to talk to God as our 'abba Father'.

We find our hearts are always talking with and in fellowship with God. This is what Salvation in Jesus brings us into.

Take time to ask your heavenly Father for His Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you" (John 14:18)

Invite Him in and let your heart receive!!!