

## LESSON 2

### HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

#### **Required Bible Reading:**

Genesis Chapters 2 & 3

John chapters 19 & 20

Romans chapter 10

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Revelation 20:12-15

John 1:29

Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23

Ephesians chapter 2

2 Corinthians 5:17

John chapter 3

Hebrews 9:22

1 Corinthians 3:16

The first truth you must understand is that all people are born into sin because Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. Rich or poor, king or beggar we all were born with the sin nature that was passed down to us from Adam. You may wonder if we were born sinners does that mean that little babies and small children go to hell if they die. No, they are not held accountable for sin until they grow up enough to know the difference between what is right and wrong, good and evil. This age will be different for each child so there is no set age that they reach before they are held accountable for sin. The moment a child can understand who Jesus is and what He has done for them is the moment they can receive Him as their Savior or be born again. If they reject Jesus as their Savior, then they will be held accountable for their sin.

#### **What is sin?**

Sin is simply not doing what God said to do. God told Adam not to eat of the forbidden tree in the Garden and Adam disobeyed God and that was sin. Anytime you do not obey the Word of God, it is sin.

It was because of what one man did that the entire human race became guilty of sin. You and I had no choice in the decision that Adam made, so it was not right for God to send you and I to hell for the sin Adam committed. God realized that it was unfair and made the decision to give us all a choice to be forgiven for sin and the opportunity to serve God and receive eternal life.

This was accomplished through Jesus Christ. One man (Adam) got us into sin because of his wrong choice. One man (Jesus) was going to be able to get us out of sin because of His right choice. The wages of sin is death. The penalty for the sin of mankind could only be paid through the shedding of blood and death. For God so loved the world (you and I) that He gave His only son (Jesus Christ) that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish but receive eternal life. God sent Jesus into the world to shed His blood and die on the cross for the sin of all mankind. Everyone who receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will be forgiven for their sin and set free from the power of sin.

The moment you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior you are born again and the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you. He helps you to obey God's Word and you have the power to live free from sin. The moment you are born again there should be an instant change in your heart to turn from things that are wrong and begin to serve God.

I was born again while on my third escape from prison. I was a drug addict, alcoholic and criminal. Before I was born again I wanted to stop doing things like drugs, alcohol, and crime that got me into trouble but I never was able to. The moment I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, the power of the Holy Spirit came into my life and from that day, March 1982, I have never taken drugs, drank alcohol, or got involved with crime. I also smoked one cigarette after another but I was set free from that addiction too. Life took on a whole different meaning and I knew for once what life was all about. I knew that I would spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us exactly what to do and believe, in order to be saved (born again). The Bible tells us it is by grace that we are saved through faith and that it is a gift from God. The Bible also tells us that we are to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is our Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and we will be saved. That is how simple salvation is! Many people think that they need to quit something they are doing or do something that they are not doing and they will be good enough for salvation. That is not what the Bible says! The Bible says that we are saved by grace (the love and kindness of God) through faith (simply believing and doing what the Bible says). Don't make the mistake of trying to figure out how all this works. You and I can't figure out how God could do this anyway. Just accept Gods love, grace and mercy by faith and shout and praise God for His goodness!

### **A REVIEW OF HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN**

1. All people were born in sin because of the sin Adam committed.
2. We are set free from sin and forgiven if we accept what Jesus did for us by faith.
3. The penalty for sin is death (separated from God eternity in the lake of fire).
4. Sin is disobeying God's Word.
5. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (doing away with) of sin.
6. Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross for the sin of everyone in the world.
7. You confess Jesus as your Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead.
8. The Holy Spirit comes into your life when you are born again to help you live the Christian life.

### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

To complete this lesson, you must share with someone who is not saved (born again), the truths you have learned in this lesson. Lead them in prayer to confess Jesus as their Lord Savior, if they will. Pray and ask the Lord who you should approach. The Lord is with you! Write a note and tell us the results you got.

Date accomplished: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person spoke to: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEST 2    LESSON 2                    BORN AGAIN**

1. Because of the sin that \_\_\_\_\_ did, everyone was born a sinner.
2. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH-is found in what scripture in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Without the shedding of \_\_\_\_\_, there is no remission of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who tempts you to sin? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is sin? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jesus shed His blood and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sin of the world.
8. You must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Lord and believe in your \_\_\_\_\_ that God has raised Jesus from the dead, to be saved.
9. By \_\_\_\_\_ you are saved through \_\_\_\_\_ and that not of yourself.
10. What scriptures in this lesson tell you that you are the temple of God?  
\_\_\_\_\_

True or False

11. The Holy Spirit comes into your life to help you overcome sin and ungodly habits.                    T \_\_\_\_\_    F \_\_\_\_\_
12. When you are born again you receive life.                    T \_\_\_\_\_    F \_\_\_\_\_