

Lesson Six

Now What, Again?

Basic Studies in the Good News of Jesus Christ

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You may be ready to be a Christian, believing the same things people in the Bible were taught to believe, and obeying the same instructions that those believers obeyed. We think it's a good idea to involve your study partner or mentor in your decision.

If you have completed the study to this point, then you have probably expressed a desire, one way or the other, about being a Christian. To be clear about your desire and to help everyone involved understand where you are now, answer the following questions by checking them if your answer is "yes." Leave blank any "no" answers.

- ☒ I understand that the problem between myself and God is sin.
- ☒ I understand that, because of sin, I am judged by God, separated from Him, and condemned.
- ☒ I want to be saved from the guilt and consequences of my sins.
- ☒ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He alone can save me from my sins.
- ☒ I believe Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for my sins.
- ☒ I believe Jesus rose from the dead to make it possible for me to live forever.
- ☒ I repent of my sins.
- ☒ I willingly confess my belief in Jesus as the Son of God. ☒ I am ready to be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.

Your bible study partner, or mentor, is probably in the best position to know the maturity of your understanding and decision. If your answers were all "Yes" above and your mentor or study partner agrees with you, then do the following:

- ☒ Call your minister, or any local congregation of the Church of Christ.
- ☒ Tell them you want to be baptized and arrange for a time to meet with the minister. (It may be within the next few minutes, or it may be in a few days, but the sooner the better).
- ☒ After you have set a time to meet, call others and invite them to witness your baptism. This might include family members, friends, Sunday School teacher, elders or other important people in your life.
- ☒ You might want to take a camera and take photos so that you will have a great memory to share later on.
- ☒ Decide who you want to baptize you. Many people want their minister to baptize them, but you might also consider others who have helped you know the Lord. This might be a family member, a teacher, an elder, or someone who has had an impact on you and encouraged you to follow Jesus. Tell that person and determine if they are willing to participate.

✕Write the following information on a card or sheet of paper and give it to your minister or other person at the church where you are baptized.

Your name

Address

City, State and Zip

Phone

Cell phone

Email address

Your age, and other biographical data

Becoming a Christian is the most important decision you will ever make. It is the beginning of something that will last forever. It will shape your whole life. You will never regret it.

On the following page you will find the last quiz in this series of studies. Answer the questions and send them to us by clicking on the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. If we think you need to review any portion of this lesson (or others), we will let you know. Upon completion of this study, we will send you a certificate of completion via email that you can print out and frame.

We hope you have enjoyed these lessons. But even more, we hope at this point, if you're not already a Christian, you will be soon!

The whole purpose of these lessons is to show you that there is hope for sinners like us! Jesus has paid the price of your redemption. You can be forgiven regardless of the sins you have committed. People make two mistakes regarding sin. First, they may think they're not all that bad because their sins are minor compared to other people. The mistake here is that your sin problem doesn't depend on how it compares to any other person. Sin is horrible to an all holy and righteous God. Second, they may think they are too bad to be saved, because their sins are worse than most other people's sins. This is the same mistake just in the opposite direction. You can't be "too bad" to be saved. The sinless Jesus paid the price with his perfect death.

If these lessons have helped you become a Christian and find forgiveness in Jesus Christ, please let us know. We want to rejoice with you. It's always one of life's thrills to know that we have been able to help someone become saved. Besides, it also means you are part of the same divine family that we belong to.

Go to the next page now and complete the quiz.

God bless!

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Sin

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1. I understand that my problem is sin.
2. Sin has caused me to be separated from God.
3. I could solve my sin problem if I tried hard enough.
4. I want to be forgiven of all my sins.

Gospel

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5. Jesus is the Son of God and he alone can save me.
6. Jesus died as a sacrifice for sin.
7. Jesus rose from the dead to give me hope of eternal life.
8. Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Involving Others

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9. I have called my minister or a local Church of Christ.
10. I have made arrangements to be baptized.
11. I have someone in mind to baptize me.
12. I need the encouragement of fellow Christians.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the quiz. You can score your own results by checking the correct answers on the next page.

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Answer Key For Lesson 6

1. T
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. T
6. T
7. T
8. T
9. T
10. T
11. T
12. T