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Lesson 1 – Week 1

Salvation

Objective:

To provide a biblical basis for an understanding of salvation.

Memory Verse:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

You have made the most important decision you will ever make. You have made the quality decision to give your life to Jesus Christ. Your commitment was based on your faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for your sins, and through His shed blood, you have been adopted into the family of God.

Your faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ was based upon your acknowledgment that:

- you are powerless to change your life
- God did not create you to live a life of sin
- God created you with a purpose
- Your destiny is in the will of God
- And through Jesus Christ you will fulfill the purpose for which you were created

Let's review the steps that brought you to this point:

- (1) At some point in your life the Word of God convicted you in your heart that you were a sinner.
- (2) You prayed, confessed your sins and asked God to forgive you.
- (3) You asked Christ to come into your life and to take control over your life.
- (4) As you prayed, you were reborn and adopted into the family of God.
- (5) Your salvation was based upon the Word of God:

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Romans 3:23

Romans 10:9-10

Romans 5:12

I John 1:9

Nearly All New Christians Go Through Stages

NEW BORN STAGE – As a new Christian you become aware that you need to learn to walk all over again. You now have a new spiritual family that you must develop a relationship with.

Developing an ongoing relationship demands quiet time (I John 4:13–15). Each day, you must find time to be alone with Christ who is your spiritual source of power. Discipline yourself to:

- (a) have a specific time and place to be alone with God;
- (b) be consistent;
- (c) read your Bible daily;
- (d) begin with prayer;
- (e) ask God for direction and power for the day ahead.

BATTLE FATIGUE – Your very body houses both your old nature and your new nature. The challenge comes when your new nature tries to evict the old, comfortable sin nature that has dominated and controlled your life.

Your new nature will take control as you embrace the Word of God by hearing and applying the Word to your life. The minute you do not allow the new nature to function in your life; the old nature will take control.

When we speak of a person's "spirit," we are speaking about the total of what that person is: thoughts, motives, impulses, desires, and actions. The old nature expressed itself through sin; the new nature expresses itself through the Holy Spirit.

Read:

Romans 8:5–11

Romans 7:22–25

Galatians 2:20

Galatians 5:13–18

Colossians 2:9–10

THE DOUBTING STAGE – Accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior did not make you perfect and without sin for the rest of your life. Many Christians struggle with the concept of becoming a "new creature in Christ Jesus."

Jesus promised that when you became a Christian, the Holy Spirit would come to dwell in you and be with you, for the purpose of teaching and guiding you in your everyday affairs.

As your old nature continually challenges your new nature, you may occasionally revert back to your "old ways" and sin. The new Christ nature within you convicts and points to the sin that has taken place. Once you confess the sin and ask God to forgive you, your old nature has been defeated again.

Salvation is an ongoing process. As you continue to grow in the Word of God, you will experience new victories over sin in your life. You must never give up, turn back, or question

your salvation. Your salvation is based on your faith in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed you from all sin.