

Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

Lesson 6 NEW BIRTH AND CONVERSION



God has provided salvation for all who believe in, and accept, Christ's sacrifice and ministry on their behalf. Although many people know that Christ died for their sins, not all understand how to receive the free gift of salvation, or what it entails.

A question echoes repeatedly through the corridors of time, from the lips of kings, rulers, and common people alike. We all have had occasion to reiterate this pointed, essential, yet basic question, What must I do to be saved?

In today's study we will discover God's plan for our salvation and how we may experience the new birth. The Bible says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

A. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR GUILT

1. What must we first acknowledge if we are to be saved?

Jeremiah 3:13

2. Why must all acknowledge and confess their sins? Romans 3:23



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B. REPENTANCE FOR SINS

3. After acknowledging our sin and guilt, what is the next step in God's leading? Acts 8:22; Acts 17:30
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4. What is the difference between true and false repentance? 2 Corinthians 7:10
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NOTE: True repentance always brings about a genuine sorrow for our sins and turning away from them. As we behold Jesus hanging upon the cross we are brought to realize what our sins have done to Him: they have broken His heart.

5. Who gives us true repentance? Acts 5:31
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NOTE: Self-generated repentance does not enable us to turn away from sin. God supplies as a gift the deep repentance required for salvation.

C. CONFESSION AND FORSAKING OF OUR SINS

6. What will true repentance lead us to do? Proverbs 28:13; See Acts 19:18-19
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7. To whom should we confess our sins? Ezra 10:11; 1 John 2:1; compare Acts 4:10-12
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Definition: Advocate:... one who pleads the cause of another: DEFENDER. Webster's Third New International Dictionary

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**9. What else has Christ presented as a prerequisite for salvation?
Acts 16:30-31; John 3:16**

11. Upon what must our belief be based? 2 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 6:12; 2 Corinthians 7:1

12. What two aspects of the new-birth experience did Jesus identify as essential to salvation? John 3:5

13. What does it mean to be born of water? Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:4-5; Acts 19:4; Romans 6:4-5; Titus 3:5-8

- 14. To whom is the Holy Spirit given? Acts 5:32; John 3:6-8; Romans 8:11; 1 John 2:29**

NOTE: To be born of water and of the Spirit is to have a transformation in our lives whereby old habits and desires are replaced with new God-given habits and desires.

- 15. In what ways does the new birth change our lives? 1 Peter 1:22-23; 1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:4, 18**

F. THE NEW-BIRTH EXPERIENCE

- 16. When our life becomes new in Christ, what will happen to our old life? 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24**

- 17. As we become new in Christ, what does He give us? Ezekiel 36:26**

- 18. What does receiving a new heart bring about? Psalm 51:10; Galatians 5:22-25**

- 19. How do we maintain our new-birth experience? 1 Corinthians 15:31**

NOTE: To be dead, in this sense, means to be free from sin. Romans 6:7; 2 Corinthians 4:16

- 20. What will dying to self allow Christ to do in us? Galatians 2:20**

SUMMARY.

Review the section titles in this lesson: Acknowledgment of our guilt; Repentance for our sins; Confession and forsaking of our sins; Belief and acceptance of Christ; Being born of water and the spirit; The new -birth experience.

Salvation is a free gift from God, for we can do nothing of ourselves to earn it. God has promised it to all who will "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31. God has given His all in the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the forgiveness of all our sins. Our part is just to acknowledge our need of Him because of our guilt and sinfulness; to repent, confess and forsake all our sins in the strength of Christ. Then daily, as we renew our surrender to Christ's will, we walk in newness of life.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Today I ask Jesus to give me repentance for my past sins in order that He may live in me. I submit myself to Him daily that His will may be done in my life.

Signed: _____