

## Lesson 2: The Gospel • What Really Happened to You

1. Write down the character of God beside each Scripture reference:

- John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 22:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 3:26 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 10:14 (*what does God own?*) \_\_\_\_\_

As you can see, God is magnificent! He is best defined as *holy*. He is completely unlike us. He is not just a super human, but of a completely different nature than we are.

2. Look at the following verses and see what the human nature is like.

- Jeremiah 17:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 14:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_

3. We are very different from God. Because of this difference, God cannot allow us into His presence. That means we cannot pray to Him, speak to Him, or go to be with Him in Heaven. We must become like Him in order to have a relationship with Him. Here is where character really matters. Unless we have His character we will not see Him. How does one become like God in character? Look at the following verses:

- John 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 5:1 \_\_\_\_\_

4. To be ***justified*** means that God considers you as if you had never sinned! He decrees that you are without blame. How is this possible since we know from Romans 6:23, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*, that we should die for our sins? Read the following verses and write down what Christ has done for you.

- 1 Peter 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 53:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Christ died for you. He took your place—He was your substitute! This is called *substitutionary atonement*. He did for you what you could not do for yourself. What is your responsibility now?
- John 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 10:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 10:13 \_\_\_\_\_
6. When you believe in your heart that He has been resurrected, and confess Him as your Lord there are two specific attitudes that must accompany your believing. Read the two Scriptures and note them:
- Ephesians 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Luke 13:3 \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Faith** is the certainty that God will do what He says. (*see Hebrews 11:1*). **Repentance** is a change in attitude that now says you want to follow Him and obey Him. Where once you did according to **your** will, now you will do according to **His** will.
8. Write down the word that best summarizes **God's involvement** in your salvation from each of the verses below:
- John 15:16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - John 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 11:6 \_\_\_\_\_
9. **Grace** is the unmerited favor of God. Paul used the word grace in the introduction to every letter he wrote. He wanted us to remember our place in the salvation process.
- When you consider that God could only be known if He chose to, you are left with only a grateful heart toward Him! You realize that you could do nothing to force Him to make Himself known. Salvation is a gift that is **unmerited, undeserved**, and completely under God's sovereign control.
10. List some of the **benefits** (*things that are a result*) of your salvation: From the following Scriptures
- Ephesians 1:1-14 (*pick out 4*)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 5:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Titus 3:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 12:50 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 2:18 \_\_\_\_\_

**11.** We have seen the nature of God, our own nature, our need to become like God, and the benefits of being a Christian. Has there come a time in your life when you prayed and gave your life to Him, confessing Him to be your Lord and Savior? **If so**, put the date that occurred below your signature.

- Signature \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If not**, read and pray the following prayer:

***Salvation Prayer***

*Lord Jesus, I recognize that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I also recognize that Jesus died for me on the cross, taking the punishment for my sins. I further acknowledge that I have been following my own way and desire now to change and follow you. I want to be Your disciple. I give You my life to do with as You please. You are my Lord and Master. Thank you for forgiving me and I receive the Holy Spirit as the seal of this new agreement today.*

*In the Name of Jesus, Amen.*

If you prayed the above prayer for the first time today, sign your name below and place today's date as a seal of your commitment to Jesus as your Lord and Master!

- Signature \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_

**12.** Read the following Scriptures and write down a word or phrase to help you remember their meanings:

- 1 John 4:15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 5:13 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 5:24 \_\_\_\_\_

**13.** Thank the Lord for your life in Christ!