

## LESSON 2: SALVATION

## “What happened when I got saved?”

## KEY = SURRENDER

Your decision to repent and trust Jesus Christ as your Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. To understand the true significance of what has happened in your life, let's look at what took place and how your decision has affected your basic relationship to God.

**I. There are only two spiritual families in the world.****A. The devil's family**

## 1. Your father

John 8:44 speaks of a group of people who are “*of their father the devil.*” See also John 8:38.

## 2. Your birth

You enter the family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. Genesis 5:3 shows that descendants of Adam are born in Adam's image and likeness, which is that of a fallen sinner.

## 3. Your nature

You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam. Romans 5:12 states, “*Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*”

## 4. Your problem – eternal condemnation and damnation

a. Romans 6:23: *The wages of sin is death...*”

b. I Corinthians 15:22: *...In Adam all die...*”

**B. God's family**

## 1. Your Father

John 1:12-13 says, “*But as many as received him (that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior), to them gave he power to become the sons of God (your entrance into God's family), even to them that believe on his name: which*

*were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man (it is not a physical birth), but of God.” (it is a spiritual birth).*

2. Your birth

You also enter God’s family by birth; but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father. John 3:3 states, *“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

This new birth puts you into God’s family in exactly the same way your physical birth puts you into your father’s family. You are now a son of God by birth.

3. Your nature

As a result of your new birth, you have inherited God’s divine nature. Colossians 3:10 says, *“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him”*

4. Your problem solved - eternal life

You now have eternal life.

- a. John 6:47: *“He that believeth on me hath (present tense) everlasting life.”*
- b. John 3:36: *“He that believeth on the Son hath (present tense) everlasting life.”*
- c. I John 5:12: *“He that hath the Son hath (present tense) life...”*

**II. Being in God’s family separates you from the devil’s family.**

Now that the Spirit of God dwells or lives inside you (1 Corinthians 3:16), your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. I Corinthians 6:19 says, *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and you are not your own?”*



As a result, II Corinthians 6:14-18 commands the believer to maintain a difference between himself and the unsaved.

A. You are a new creature

1. Your new life is perfectly summarized for you in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...”*
2. At the moment of your salvation, your old self died and was buried with Christ. What arose out of the grave was something completely different from what went into the grave. You became a new creature in Christ!

Colossians 2:12, 3:3

B. Without a new body and mind (Romans 12:1-2)

1. Upon your salvation, however, you did not receive a new body or a new mind. That will be our future glory. Colossians 3:4 says, *“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”*
2. Because our bodies (flesh) and our minds remember what we used to do and how we used to think, they constantly seek to pull us toward sin. That is why Paul tells us that we must:
  - a. “mortify” or kill the deeds of our body (Colossians 3:5)
  - b. “put off” the sins of the mind (Colossians 3:8-9)

**III. What is my relationship with God now?**

A. He is your Heavenly Father and you are His child. Now that you are saved, God no longer deals with you as a sinner. He deals with you as a son.

1 John 2:1 says, *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*

B. That relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and a son.

1. *“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”* 1 Peter 5:7



A good father loves and cares for his son.

2. Matthew 18:6  
A good father protects his son.
  3. *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*  
A good father provides for his son.
  4. *“...he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance...” John 14:26*  
A good father guides and teaches his son.
  5. *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1*  
A good father helps his son.
  6. *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheth me.” Philippians 4:13*  
A good father encourages his son.
  7. Hebrews 12:5-11  
A good father disciplines his son.
  8. *“...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4*  
A good father feeds his son.
  9. Romans 8:28-29  
A good father has a plan for his son.
- C. A good father will NEVER do anything to purposely hurt his son. He will only do those things that will help him to grow and mature into the young man he wants him to be. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way, only His ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err, God never makes a mistake in His dealings with His sons.

Matthew 7:11: *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*

#### IV. What about sin after I am saved?

Because you still have a body of flesh (Romans 7:18), you will sin after you are saved.

##### A. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?

God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you as a son.  
Hebrews 12:5-11

##### B. What should I do when I sin?

Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you. Proverbs 28:13 says, *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

See also 1 John 1:6-10

#### V. Memory Verses

**John 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.