

CHAPTER 1: SALVATION - THE GOSPEL

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM-PIPES INTERNATIONAL

In this chapter, we will study four lessons as outlined below:

Lesson 1: Creator's Love. Lesson 2: Deeply Sinful.
Lesson 3: Fully Forgiven. Lesson 4: Personal Confession.

LESSON 1: Creator's Love (Page 1-3). Read Genesis 1 and 2.

Using the Inductive Bible Study method (an investigative way of studying the Bible), read Genesis 1 and 2 and observe, interpret and apply the Scriptures.

A) **OBSERVATION:** What scripture says.

Example: Let there be light (such statements repeated several times). It was good, it was very good. Let us make man..(Who is us?).

B) **INTERPRETATION:** What is the intended meaning.

Example: God is all-powerful. God is the Creator of all things.

C) **APPLICATION:** How does the Scripture apply to my life, family, church, ministry, and nation today?

Introduction

God created the universe and everything in it. He created man and woman with a purpose. We also see that we are wonderfully made by our loving Creator. God wanted to be in fellowship with human beings in a perfect relationship. Due to sin, God had a plan for salvation and he sent His son Jesus Christ to die on the Cross.

What is Salvation?

Conversion from sinful nature to a child of God. Being born again from a previous state of separation from God.

Definitions

i) Definition of the Reconciliation.

Refers to the restoring of the relationship of two people who had fallen out. Reconciled to God: Through Jesus, we have been reconciled back to a relationship with God. Romans 5:11, 2 Corinthians 5:18.

ii) New Creation.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Discussion Questions

a) What do you understand by "Be fruitful and multiply?" Genesis 1:28

b) **Compare Genesis 1 and 2.** Example: Genesis 1 gives an outline of creation and chapter 2 gives a detailed account of creating (details of how the woman was created, etc.)

Lesson 2: Deeply Sinful (Pg. 3). Read Genesis 3

A) **OBSERVATION:** What Scripture says.

- The Cunning Serpent is introduced for the first time.
- There is a dialogue between the serpent and the woman about eating from the forbidden tree.
- Sin enters the world.
- God confronts Adam and Eve for disobedience.

B) **INTERPRETATION:** What is the intended meaning?

- God allows man to make decisions.
- There are dire consequences when we disobey od.

C) **APPLICATION:** Application in life, ministry, society, etc.

- We should be aware of Satan's schemes to lure us into disobeying God.
- We should resist the devil and his deceit.

Discussion/Questions.

-Fear and shame enter, and judgment begins

Discuss the following statements.

- a) "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord od had made." Genesis 3:1
- b) Where did the serpent come from?
- c) "...And between your seed and her Seed.." Genesis 3:15. Who is this scripture referring to?

Lesson 3: Fully forgiven (Pg. 3-4). Read Leviticus 4 and Hebrews 10:1-18

A) **OBSERVATION:** What Scripture says.

The blood of bulls and goats (repeated)

Lists of people, groups of people, sins committed, and what to offer to God for forgiveness.

INTERPRETATION: Intended meaning.

God is holy and righteous, and He cannot tolerate sin. Sin must be atoned for by blood for forgiveness.

APPLICATION:

Through the holy blood of Jesus that was shed for us, our sins are forgiven. Jesus is the final and perfect sacrifice.

Discussions/Questions.

- a) What is atonement?
- b) What was the significance of the annual sacrifices of bulls and goats?
- c) Who is the perfect sacrifice, and why?

OBSERVATION:

The words; heart and mouth have been repeated twice (emphasis).

INTERPRETATION: One is saved when he or she believes and confesses Jesus as Lord and Savior. Only Jesus can save us.

APPLICATION: The messenger of the Good News must give listeners a chance to believe and confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. When we preach, we need to ask people to respond.

Read Romans 10:9-10 and John 1:9-12.

Romans 10: 9-10 says, "...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

SUMMARY

Leviticus 4 and Hebrews 10:1-18

After taking one through the four spiritual principles of salvation; Creator's love, deeply sinful, and fully forgiven, he or she should be given a chance to believe and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, which is the fourth principle; personal confession.

Being born again is not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AT THE END OF CHAPTER 1

Bible Study Discussion Questions-Part 1

- a) What is the significance of confessing Christ as Lord and Savior?
- b) Discuss what you understand about the four principles learned in Chapter 1.
1: Creator's love, 2. Deeply sinful, 3. Fully forgiven, and 4. Personal confession.
- c) How have you recently participated in sharing Christ's love with a friend or family member?

Bible Study Discussion Questions-Part 2

- a) How often do you share the gospel? / How often do you talk about your faith?
- b) What prevents you from sharing the gospel?
- c) Whom did God use to share the gospel with you? Share a brief story of the way you came to faith in Christ.
- d) Describe some experiences you've had when you presented the Good News to an unbeliever.
- e) Are we seeing more people dedicated to reaching the world with the gospel due to our ministry?