

Harvest Baptist Church Discipleship Program

LESSON 1 Salvation

Lesson 1: Salvation

Eternal Security

Your new life in Christ begins with Salvation. When we accept Christ as Savior, we no longer live for the flesh. Christ saves us once, and we are expected to live for Him.

This lesson will give you the confidence to live a victorious life for Christ. Salvation comes through Christ, it's an eternal promise from God. It is the first step to living a life that glorifies Christ.

KEY MEMORY VERSE **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Questions

1 John 5:11-13

1. Who gives eternal life?
2. Can we be sure we have eternal life?
3. What things has John written?

Romans 10: 9-13

4. Who can be saved?
5. What must we do to be saved?

Ephesians 2:8-9

6. Can we reach God on our own?

Isaiah 59:2

7. What has our sinfulness done to us?

Romans 5:8

8. How has God showed us He loves us?

John 6:44

9. Can we be saved by our own decision?

John 1:12

10. How did John say a person receives the gift of Salvation?

John 5:24

11. According to John, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

Present-

Future-

Past-

John 10:27-29

12. What does God promise once we receive salvation?

11 Corinthians 5:17

13. What has to take place in the life of a Christian according to this verse?

1 John 2:4

14. If a person continues to live and act the same way before they were saved, does it mean they are not saved?

15. What changes have you experienced in your own life?

_____ Inner Peace
_____ Desire to Read the Bible
_____ Awareness of Sin
_____ Desire to Fellowship
_____ Victory over Sin
_____ Concern for Others
_____ Love for God
_____ Changes in Attitudes

True / False Section

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| T | F | A person must go to church to be saved? |
| T | F | A saved person never sins? |
| T | F | A Christian has a desire to please God? |
| T | F | Christ didn't have to shed his blood for my salvation? |
| T | F | If I sin against God, I must confess my transgression to be saved again? |
| T | F | Christ died once for all my sins, past, present, and future? |
| T | F | Christ's death on the cross was my fault? |
| T | F | Salvation is a free gift from God? |
| T | F | If I am a good person God will give me special attention? |
| T | F | If I had been the only human being that needed to be saved, the plan would have been the same? |

**REFERENCE THE LAST PAGES OF THE BOOK FOR
THE 6 EVIDENCES OF SALVATION**

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LESSON 2 Baptism

Lesson 2: Baptism

“Now That I Am Saved, Where do I Start?”

There are many false ideas about baptism. Every denomination has baptism as part of its doctrine, and the teachings are very diverse.

This study will give the Bible's clear and definitive truth regarding this essential topic in the life of a Christian.

KEY MEMORY VERSES **Matthew 3:13-15**

Questions

Matthew 3:13- 17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22

1. Why does God instruct us to be baptized?

Romans 6:1-7

2. What are the two purposes of baptism?

Acts 8: 26-39, Romans 10: 9-10

3. What are the requirements for baptism?

Acts 8:38-39, Matthew 3:16

4. What is the only Biblical method of baptism?

Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 3:13-17

5. Is baptism essential for Salvation?

6. What is baptism by immersion a picture of?

True / False Section

T	F	Baptism comes before Salvation?
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T	F	You must be at least 18 years old to be baptized?
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T	F	Your whole body must get wet during baptism?
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T	F	If you are not baptized you are a sinner?
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T	F	Jesus had to be baptized to go to Heaven?
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T	F	Baptizing babies is Biblical?
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T	F	Baptism is the second step of obedience to Christ?
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Lesson 3 The Holy Spirit

Lesson 3: The Holy Spirit

“What are the Functions and Attributes of the Holy Spirit in My Life?”

The moment you were saved, the Holy Spirit began to dwell within you. At that moment, He filled you with His presence and you have all the Holy Spirit you'll ever get. He desires to guide and direct your life with His wisdom, how much we yield to Him is up to us.

This lesson will give you the scripture to have the understanding of who and what the Holy Spirit is and does in your life.

KEY MEMORY VERSE 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Questions

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, John 14:17, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 2:22

1. Where do you find the Holy Spirit?

Ezekiel 36:26, John 3:3-8, 1 Corinthians 3:16, John 6:63

2. At what time does the Holy Spirit come into a believer's life?

John 16:8-9

3. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the lost of sin?

Psalms 139:23-24

4. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the Christian of sin?
5. What is the difference between conviction and guilt?

Psalms 139:23-24
Conviction:

Revelation 12:10
Guilt:

Galatians 5:22-25

6. According to these verses, what is the result of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us?

Galatians 6:7-8

7. What is God's promise, according to this verse?
8. According to the following verses, how does the Holy Spirit work in the life of the Christian?
 - A. Genesis 1:2, Job 33:4
 - B. John 3:3-8

C. Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30

D. 1 John 4:13, Romans 8:16

E. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 3:1, 1 John 2:27

F. Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 2:18

G. John 14: 15-18, 11 Corinthians 1:3-4

H. Ephesians 3:16, 11 Corinthians 4:7

True / False Section

T F I must get more of the Holy Spirit daily?

T F Being controlled by the Holy Spirit is a lifelong process of spiritual growth?

T F Romans 8:1 teaches that you must walk after the flesh?

T F John 16:13 shows us that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth?

T F Romans 8:26-27 shows us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our

prayers to God?

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LESSON 4 Prayer

Lesson 4: Prayer

“How Important is Prayer in My Life?”

Prayer is a Christians communication with God. We are exhorted to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Praying on a daily basis and having our devotion time with God on a regular and consistent schedule will help us determine God's will for our life. If you are struggling in an area of growth, maybe it's a result of a weak prayer life.

This chapter will show you what prayer is and how a Christian should strive to maintain it in our lives.

KEY MEMORY VERSE **Psalms 66:18**

Questions

Philippians 4:6-7

1. What is the result of a good prayer life?
2. Prayer keeps you close to God so He can prove His sufficiency for your every need. What do the following verses teach us about God and our needs?
 - a. Matthew 6:8
 - b. Psalm 50:15

Revelation 3:16-18

3. Why is it dangerous for all our needs to be met?

1 Thessalonians 5:18, James 1:2

4. According to these verses, what are we supposed to do?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

5. What should be your first reaction in a tough situation?
6. There are some primary principles concerning prayer. Briefly explain them from the following verses:
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1
 - b. Matthew 6:7
 - c. Exodus 33:11, Proverbs 18:24, John 15:13-14
7. What can hinder our prayers according to the following verses?
 - a. Isaiah 59:1-2, Psalms 66:18
 - b. Matthew 6:14-15
 - c. 1 Peter 3:7

d. James 4:2-3, Proverbs 21:13

e. Proverbs 28:9

8. What do the following verses teach about prayer?

a. Matthew 7:7-11

b. John 15:7

c. 1 John 5:14-15

9. What are the characteristics of God's answer to prayer, according to these verses?

a. Jeremiah 33:3

b. Ephesians 3:20

Lamentations 3:25, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 130:5

10. Is God's answer always a clear yes or no?

True or False Section

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| T | F | God only hears our prayer when we are in a prayer closet? |
| T | F | I only need to pray about the things I can't handle on my own? |
| T | F | My prayers will always be answered? |
| T | F | A strong prayer life comes through practice? |
| T | F | God is interested in my needs, wants, and desires? |
| T | F | Prayer is a two way conversation with God? |

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LESSON 5 The Word of God

Lesson 5: The Word of God

“What is the Significance of the Bible in My Life?”

What separates Christianity from any “religion” in the world is its claim to an absolute written authority from God. Having the Word of God is essential to a Christian’s growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The standard by which a Christian is to govern his life in every detail are found in the pages of the Word of God.

The purpose of this lesson is to acquaint the new Christian with the basics of the Bible and how to understand how its principles are to guide every facet of his walk with Jesus Christ.

Read this quote concerning the Bible:

“The bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good, its design, and the glory of God, its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be open at the judgment, and be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.”

Author Unknown

A Brief History of the Bible.

The bible was written over 3,000 years ago. It consists of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. It has many writers for the individual books, but only one author, the Holy Spirit. (II Peter 1:21) It is infallible in its history, prophecy, and the future of man. It is a living word useful for instruction. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

How do I Learn God's Word?

The Holy Spirit of God will lead and guide you into all truth. God may use other instruments to aid in teaching (books, tapes, preachers, etc.) But, ultimately, truth is revealed by the Holy Spirit. See John 14:26 and John 16:13-15.

The Bible is learned by comparing scripture with scripture, relying on God's Spirit to teach you and not your own natural intellect. See 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.

KEY MEMORY VERSE

11 Peter 1:21

Questions

1. The Word of God is active in our salvation. Briefly explain how the following verses apply to this.

A. 1 Peter 1:23

B. Romans 10:17

C. James 1:21

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

2. What are the four key elements of the Gospel according to these verses?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

3. According to the following verses what are the major purposes of the Word of God in a Christian's life?

A. Ephesians 6:10-18, II Timothy 3:16-17

B. Psalm 119:9-11, John 15:3

C. Psalm 78:24, Psalm 119:103, Proverbs 16:24, Luke 4:4, Hebrews 5:12-14, 1 Peter 2:2

Job 23:12, Jeremiah 15:16

4. Your physical body needs food in order to function properly. Your spiritual body also needs food. What do these two verses have to say about spiritual food?

II Peter 1:16-21

5. What do these verses say concerning God's Word?

6. According to Genesis 1 and 2, man's theory of evolution is a lie. What do we learn from the following verses regarding this subject?

A. Psalm 33:6

B. Hebrews 11:3

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

7. Why can't lost people properly understand what the Bible teaches?

True / False Section

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| T | F | To learn about God's Word, we must rely on history books? |
| T | F | The Bible must be translated into a new version for every generation? |
| T | F | The Bible can be understood according to how God intended? |
| T | F | The Bible does not contradict or misrepresent the Bible? |
| T | F | Only spiritual people can understand the Bible? |
| T | F | The Word of God reveals God's intentions for mankind? |

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LESSON 6 The Will of God

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“God’s Will”

What is God’s will for my life? What would God have me do? Where should I live, work, go to church?

These are the questions we have as Christians. Pondering these issues without a clear understanding of what God’s will is can stunt our growth as Christians.

This lesson will show us God’s will; what it is and how it’s revealed.

KEY MEMORY VERSE

Romans 12:1-2

Questions

John 6:38-40

1. What is God’s will for mankind?

Romans 12:1-2

2. How are we to discern God’s will for our lives?

1 Peter 5:10, 1 Peter 3:15-18, II Corinthians 12: 6-10

3. When bad things happen, does that mean we are no longer following God’s will?

Galatians 6: 7-8

4. God has given all men a free will, therefore, He will not force man to do anything. But when God offers an individual salvation or direction, and this is rejected, there are consequences to pay. What lesson do the above verses give concerning free will?

5. According to the following verses, list seven things that God specifically wills for us.

a. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

b. James 1:22

c. Hebrews 10:24-25

d. II Peter 3:9

e. 1 Peter 2:13-15

f. Romans 12:1-2

g. Ephesians 6:5-8, 5:15-17

Romans 8:28-29, John 17:20-23, Ephesians 4:13-15

6. According to these verses, summarize God's will for a Christian's life?

7. What must be active in the life of a believer to

fulfill God's will and receive His direction in life, according to the following verses?

- a. Galatians 5:25, John 16:13, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- b. Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 55:6-11, Philippians 2:4-7, II Timothy 3:16-17
- c. Acts 20:28, Ephesians 4:11-12, Hebrews 10:25
Romans 8:28-29, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 10:36
- 8. Before God will give His direction in your life, what must take place?

True / False Section

- T F God has a different will for all people?
- T F God makes it hard to understand His will?
- T F The results of following God's will aren't always pleasant?
- T F God wants all people to be saved?
- T F It's our choice to evangelize the world?
- T F God will not lead us where we can't follow Him?
- T F Challenges in a Christian's life are always the result of sin in his life?
- T F Concerning revelation, God has revealed every aspect of His will?

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LESSON 7 Giving/ Tithing

LESSON 7: GIVING/ TITHING

“What are the differences of Giving and Tithing, and what are my responsibilities in this area?”

Tithing is an extremely controversial subject in Christianity today largely due to the severe pressures exerted on God's people to give to so many worthy causes.

Not only is it difficult to understand where our giving should be directed, but how much do we give? God's word is clear in this matter. Following we will learn the truth of God's Word is clear in this matter. Following we will learn the truth of God's Word and how it is to be applied to these matters.

Before you can properly understand the nature of New Testament giving, one fact must be made clear; God does not need your money, He owns everything.

KEY MEMORY VERSES **II Corinthians 8:5**

Questions

1. What is expected before we give of our resources?
 - A. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - B. Romans 12:1
 - C. II Corinthians 8:5, 12
2. If God does not need my money, why am I expected to give?
 - A. II Corinthians 8:8
 - B. II Corinthians 8:6-7, 9:8

C. Philippians 4:17; Matthew 6:19-21

D. Acts 20:35

I Corinthians 16:1-3

3. Where is my primary responsibility to give according to these verses?

4. According to the following verses, how should a church use the tithes and offerings?

A. 1 Corinthians 9:13-14

B. Philippians 4:14-15

C. Acts 6:1

D. II Corinthians 8:4, 19-20

5. What amount am I supposed to give?

A. Consider these verses from the Old Testament:

1. Genesis 14:20

2. Leviticus 27:30

3. Numbers 18:21

4. Malachi 3:10

That was Old Testament Principles law, does it still apply today?

B. Consider these verses from the New Testaments:

1. Matthew 23:23
2. Luke 18:12
6. What are the New Testament Principles of tithing and giving?
 - A. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - B. II Corinthians 9:7
 - C. II Corinthians 8:3
 - D. II Corinthians 8:12

E. Galatians 6:7-9

7. According to the following verses, how does tithing differ from benevolent giving?
 - A. Acts 20:35, Romans 12:12, Ephesians 4:28
 - B. II Corinthians 9:6
 - C. Mathew 6:1
8. What three areas do the New Testament principles apply?
 - A. Structure

1 Corinthians 10:11, Matthew 23:23, Luke 18:12

B. Cheerful giving
II Corinthians 9:7

C. Sacrificial Giving
II Samuel 24:24, II Corinthians 8:3

9. What are some other principles from the New Testament?

A. I Corinthians 16: 1-2, II Corinthians 8:12

B. II Corinthians 9:6, Galatians 6:7-9

10. What does God seek through our giving?

A. Romans 8:29

B. II Corinthians 8:9

C. II Corinthians 9:8-15

D. I Chronicles 29:8-13
To fill our heart with joy and thanksgiving, when we are obedient to him.

True / False Section

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| T | F | Before we give our resources, we must offer our life to God? |
| T | F | Tithing to my local church is my first priority in obedience to God? |
| T | F | The tithe was established before God's law? |
| T | F | God promises to bless you financially when you are obedient to Him? |
| T | F | Generous people find favor with God? |
| T | F | Tithing fulfils my obligation as a Christian? |
| T | F | The church needs your money? |
| T | F | If God is going to do something big He needs lots of willing people with alot of money? |
| T | F | Large sums of money secure your home in Heaven? |

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LESSON 8 The Local Church

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“What is the Purpose of My Involvement in a Local Church?”

God has established three major institutions on this earth: the family, civil government, and the local church. It is the local church which has been commissioned by God to carry out His purposes in reaching the lost and perfecting the saved. Therefore, God's plan for a Christian will always be fulfilled best when connected with the local church.

KEY MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 10:25

Questions

1. What are the three institutions God has established?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
2. Define the following terms:
 - A. Local Church- Acts 2:41-47
 - B. “The church” - 1 Corinthians 12:14- 27

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

3. Paul teaches that in many ways the church body is

similar to the human body. What are four lessons we learn from these verses?

1. Vs. 14-20
 2. Vs. 21
 3. Vs. 22- 24
 4. Vs. 25-27
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4. What are Five qualities of a biblical local church?
 1. Matthew 7:20, Acts 2:47
 2. Titus 1:9
 3. Acts 17:10-12
 4. Acts 6:1
 5. Acts 13:1-3
 5. What is the most important priority of a local church according to Ephesians 4:12?

6. The first local church in the Bible was at Jerusalem. In Acts 2:41-47, we see this local church functioning. List the functional purposes found in this passage of Scripture.
7. There is a proper order for you to follow in participating in the church body. List three general stages connected with spiritual growth, as stated in 1 John 2:12-14.
- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

True / False Section

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| T | F | Christians can fulfil God's plan without the Local Church? |
| T | F | God has established the local church to teach the saints His Word? |
| T | F | To really learn the Bible, you must go to Bible College? |
| T | F | The pastor is responsible for the spiritual growth of the Local Church? |
| T | F | God instituted the Local Church to equip and encourage saints? |
| T | F | Satan has no power over the church? |
| T | F | All Biblical ministries will come out of the Local Church? |
| T | F | A local church body needs only to be concerned with the local mission Field? |

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LESSON 9 Dealing with Sin

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“How Do I Overcome Sin in My Life?”

Once we accept Salvation through Christ, every sin, past, present, and future is forgiven. With this said, why do we have to continue to ask forgiveness of sins?

This question may have been on your mind from time to time. It's true, our sins are forgiven. As we know, living the Christian life can get difficult and we may find ourselves caught in a sin against God. At that point we don't need forgiveness, we need restoration.

At the point we acknowledge our sin and confess and repent of it our relationship with God is restored. We may still face consequences, but God promises to guide us. In this section we will look at sin. What it is and what God thinks of it. God's Word also gives us practical advice on how to live in this world victoriously.

KEY MEMORY VERSE

1 John 1:9

Questions

1. The Bible describes two types of sin. According to the following verses, identify either the sin of commission or omission

Matthew 23:23

Matthew 25:45

Luke 11:42

Luke 12:47

Acts 3:17

Proverbs 14:21

Romans 14:23

Proverbs 24:9

James 4:17

2. Why do we battle with sin?

Romans 5:12

Romans 7:14-25

3. Sin is a part of living the Christian life here on earth.
What instructions do the following give to deal with this?

Romans 13:14

1 John 1:8, 10

1 John 1:9

II Corinthians 10:5

4. According to Ephesians 1:7, on what basis are your sins forgiven?

5. What does Hebrews 10:12 say about Christ's death on the cross?

6. According to Hebrews 10:17, why is it foolish to continue to feel guilty about sin?

s 7. List four ways that help minimize the influence of a sinful world on your life.

James 1:21-22, 4:4

Psalms 119:9-11

Ephesians 5:15-17

Ephesians 5:6-8

True / False Section

T F I only have to confess the big sins in my life?

T F A saved person never sins?

T F When I ask forgiveness for my sin it is given because of Christ's shed

blood?

T F Sometimes I have to sin because of circumstances out of my control?

T F If I sin too much I'll lose my salvation?

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LESSON 10 The Lost World

Lesson 10: The Lost World

“As a Christian, How Do I Relate to the Lost World?”

The Bible is very clear that the present world system is contrary to God’s eternal purpose. The Word of God commands His children to be separate from this world system; yet at the same time, to reach lost men and women who live in it for Jesus Christ.

This lesson is designed to show Christians how to live a balanced and consistent life in order to influence people for the Lord Jesus Christ, without the world influencing them for evil.

KEY MEMORY VERSE

John 15:18

Questions

1. If we live a life that glorifies Christ, why can we expect opposition?
 - A. John 15:18-21
 - B. II Timothy 3:12
2. In what areas can we expect opposition to come?
 - A. Matthew 10:36
 - B. Galatians 4:29

C. 1 John 2:15-17

D. II Corinthians 4:3-4

3. How can I overcome this resistance?

A. Philippians 1:27

B. 1 Peter 3:15

C. Proverbs 15:1; Romans 12:18

D. Romans 12:14, 20-21; Matthew 5:44

E. 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20

4. How am I to live in this world?

A. 1 Corinthians 8:3; II Timothy 2:19; Matthew 5:16;
John 15:8

B. II Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 Peter 2:9

C. Philippians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 9:22

D. II Corinthians 8:21; Romans 12:17

E. Philippians 2:14-15

F. Colosians 4:5-6; Proverbs 22:1

5. How do Christians view the world?

A. Hebrews 11:13; Peter 2:11

B. Ephesians 2:6; Philippians 3:20

C. Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20

6. What is a Christian's purpose in this world?

A. Joshua 24:15

B. Matthew 6:33

C. John 4:34; John 17:4

D. Acts 20:24

E. Philippians 3:13-14

II Corinthians 5:20

7. According to this verse, what does Christ say we are?

True / False Section

T F All governments are controlled by satan (Luke 4:5-6)
therefore it's ok for
me not to follow their laws?

T F I don't need fellowship as long as I read my Bible
daily?

T F As a Christian we can expect persecution?

T F The world persecutes us because we are better than
them?

T F We must do all we can a Christians to let the world
know how bad they
are?

T F The best way to let people know we are a Christians
is for them to
Noticed?

T F If I love the people or things of the world I will keep
my beliefs to myself?

T F If I am friends with the world (allowing the world to
influence me) I hate
God?

T F It's all right not to witness because some other
Christians will do it?

6 Evidences of Salvation

1. NEW AWARENESS OF RIGHT AND WRONG

There will be a greater awareness of words, thoughts, and actions which do not please the Lord. "... He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement." John 16:8 "For I know that in me... dwelleth no good thing." Romans 7:18-25 "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." 1 John 5:19

2. HUNGER FOR GOD'S WORD AND A GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-16

Certain sections will begin to stand out to you with new meaning and understanding. "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12 "...Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Jeremiah 15:16 "But strong meat belongeth to them that... have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:14

3. DESIRE FOR A CHANGED LIFE

There will be a genuine desire for a changed life and a new delight in the direction commandments of the Lord. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17

4. INCREASE IN TESTING

There will be an immediate increase in personal testing, often from those closest to you who do not understand salvation or from other Christians who have lost their first love. "Blessed

are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you.” Luke 6:22, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” II Timothy 3:12

5. LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS

There will be a sincere enjoyment in the fellowship of other Christians. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.” 1 John 4:7-13

It is essential that every Christian become an active member of a local church. This church must be true to the Word of God and active in proclaiming the Gospel to others who have not yet heard it.

6. DESIRE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST

One of the first signs of a genuine born-again Christian is that he will want to share his experience with others. It is important to provide opportunities for him to tell others who will encourage him rather than discourage him. “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...” Psalm 107:2 “...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you...” 1 Peter 3:15

