

BEDROCK





*"He is like a man building a house,
who dug down deep, and laid the
foundation on bedrock. When a flood
came, the river burst against that
house but could not shake it, because
it had been well built."*

Luke 6:48 NET

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INTRODUCTION

- Bedrock is defined as the hard solid rock beneath surface materials such as soil and gravel.
 - Bedrock is consolidated rock, meaning it is solid and tightly bound.
 - It is a layer of solid rock beneath the surface of the earth so it is the foundation of the earth.
 - We named this class Bedrock because it provides the “bedrock” for future study and growth in your Christian life.
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WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

MATTHEW 26: 18-20 | THE GREAT COMMISSION

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 8:31-32

John 13:34-35

John 15:8,16

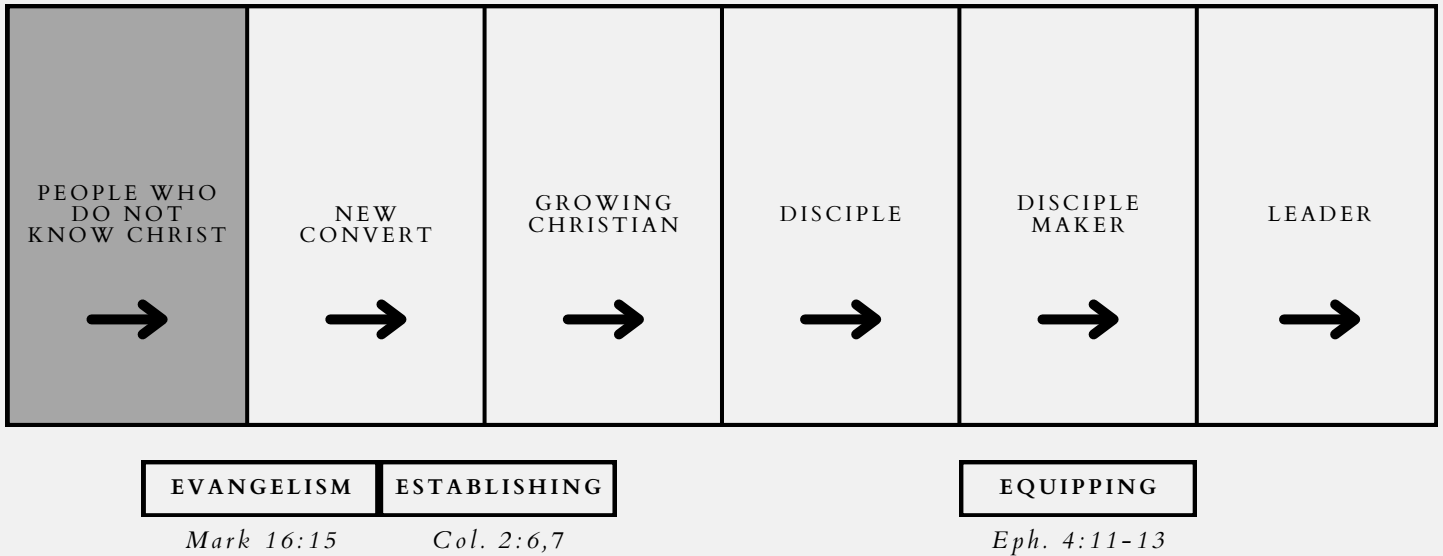
Luke 14:26 (with Matthew 10:37)

Luke 14:27

Luke 14:28 (with 29-32)

Luke 14:33

PIPELINE OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH



MARK 16:15

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”



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WALKTHROUGH ON THE PIPELINE.

THE KIND OF PERSON GOD USES

FROM DISCIPLES ARE MADE NOT BORN

When Jesus Christ voluntarily gave His life on the cross some 2,000 years ago, He did not die for a cause. He died for people. During His ministry on earth, He “ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach” (Mark 3:14). Just before His death on Calvary, Jesus prayed for His men (see John 17). Over 40 times in that prayer, He referred to His twelve disciples.

During His brief ministry on earth, Jesus had the world on His heart, but He saw the world through the eyes of His men. Prior to His ascension, He gave to these men what is commonly referred to as the Great Commission. As recorded in Matthew 28:19, Jesus charged them to take the Gospel throughout the world by making disciples.

Jesus had world vision. He expected His men to have world vision. Jesus expected them to see the world through the twelve men He had raised up. His vision of reaching the world through the use of multiplying disciples is not found in an obscure passage in the Bible; it is a theme that pulsates from page to page.

It was obviously the thought that was on the apostle Paul’s heart as he wrote his “last will and testament” to his son in the faith, Timothy. Let’s briefly analyze 2 Timothy 2:2: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

Thou indicates the importance of the individual. At Jesus’ meeting with Peter, He said, according to John 1:42, “Thou art Simon ... thou shalt be called Cephas.” (You are Simon, you will become a rock.) When Jesus saw Peter, He did not see him as he was but as he would someday be. There is tremendous potential in the life of one man.

Thou ... me indicates the importance of personal relationships, of mutual confidence and trust built up through years of laboring together. When Paul wrote from prison to the church at Philippi, he said that because he was unable to visit them, he would send Timothy, his son in the faith. In essence what he said was, “When Timothy arrives, it will be as though I myself were present.”

Many years earlier Paul had seen the potential in this young man from Asia Minor and decided to invest his life in him.

Commit suggests transmitting something from one person to another. It indicates the deposit of a sacred trust. Paul is saying to Timothy, “You are my disciple. This is the relationship that exists between you and me. Now transmit this as a disciple-maker to other disciples.”

When we invest in the lives of other people, we transmit not only what we know but, more importantly, what we are. Each of us becomes like the people with whom we associate. I am sure that if we could meet Paul and Timothy, we would find them similar in many respects.

Later Paul wrote to him, “But thou hast full known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions” (2 Tim 3:10-11). This gives a synopsis of what was committed to Timothy by Paul and what in turn was to be committed to Timothy to faithful men.

Faithful men – Discipling stands or falls with these two little words. Solomon, that wise king of ancient Israel, said, “Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?” (Prov 20:6) Faithful men and women have always been in short supply. God still seeks them out. “For the eyes of the Lord runs to and from throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him” (2 Chron 16:9).

Teach others also – This is where the discipling process begins to pick up a head of steam. We are now in the fourth generation. We began with Paul, then Timothy, then faithful men, and finally, others also. Teaching others cannot be done solely through a classroom situation. It entails the imparting of a life – the same in-depth transmission that occurred between Paul and Timothy.

This is a multiplicative process. While the faithful men are teaching others also, Timothy is in the process of raising up more faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Implementing this vision of multiplying disciples constitutes the only way Christ’s commission can ever ultimately be fulfilled. Other ministries and approaches can augment it but never replace it.

Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators, used to say, “Activity is no substitute for production. Production is no substitute for reproduction.” Whatever ministry we are engaged in, it ought to be reproductive.

We have already pointed out that the key to this disciple-making ministry is faithful men and women. What are the qualifications for a faithful person? What qualities of godliness must be characteristic of his life? Let’s mentally digest a few essential traits of the person who wants to qualify as “a faithful man.”

He Has Adopted the Same Objective in Life that God Sets Forth in the Scriptures

Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt 6:33). Rarely did the Lord Jesus ask people to seek something, but here He suggests we seek two things which are to become the twofold objective of every believer: His kingdom and His righteousness.

Notice that Jesus does not say to seek money or a wife or a dozen other things that could easily occupy our attention. Rather, He is saying that if we seek His kingdom and His righteousness, He will assume responsibility for meeting every other need in our lives.

A friend of mine is a lawyer in a prestigious law firm. Year after year he had the highest earnings in the firm, but his colleagues would not make him a senior partner. The reason was that all these men gave their lives, their time, and their energy to the firm. But because my friend was a Christian, he did not feel that the practice of law rated that high on his priority list. He was a superb lawyer and did a good job – as the financial records indicated. But his objective was Matt 6:33. Being a lawyer was a means to an end, not an end in itself. I believe it was because of his commitment that God entrusted him with so much success.

Whatever your vocation is, it must never be your life objective; for your vocation, no matter how noble it may be, is, in the final analysis, temporal. A faithful man is a man who has chosen eternal objectives for his life.

He Has a Love for the Word of God

The Prophet Jeremiah said, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name. O Lord God of hosts” (Jer 15:16) Do you have an insatiable appetite for the Word of God? Do you crave it like you crave food? Are you in submission to the authority of the Word of God? Or do you pick and choose what to believe and obey?

A carpenter whom I have known for years averages 10 hours each week in Bible study. This man has never gone to college or Bible school. He is not a learned scholar, but for him the Scriptures have a place of priority. I believe it was St. Jerome who said that the Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for theologians to swim in without ever touching the bottom.

One day I was in the office of a surgeon. In the course of his training, he had to master the contents of scores of books. If he were to operate on me or one of my family, I would certainly want it that way!

As I thought about this, it occurred to me that, as Christ's disciples, we really only have one Book we must master – the Bible. Yet, when I talk to people about investing five hours each week in Bible study and memorizing a couple of verses a week, they look at me as though some monstrous demands were being made on them.

What is your Scripture intake? Do you have a regular Bible reading program? Are you systematically studying the Scriptures? Is your craving for the Bible so great that it is impossible to satisfy?

He Has a Servant Heart

Jesus once reminded His disciples that non-Christians enjoy being served and exercising authority over others. In contrast to this He said, "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt 20:26-28).

The motto of the British Royal Military Academy is "Serve to Lead." This is the same truth Jesus was seeking to communicate to His disciples when He washed their feet (See John 13). If, as their Lord, He washed their feet, they ought to be willing to do the same for others.

He Put No Confidence in the Flesh

The Scriptures emphasize this principle often. Paul said, "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead" (2 Cor 1:9). Again, he said, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing" (Rom 7:18).

Worldliness and having confidence in the flesh are very closely related, for worldliness can be defined as "living as though you had no need for God." For example, to leave for work in the morning without first spending time with the Lord to me indicates having a tremendous amount of confidence in oneself. It is equivalent to saying, "I can run my life today without an absolute dependence on God."

One of the ways of determining exactly how much confidence you have in the flesh is to take an inventory of the number of times you come into your own conversation. How often do you talk about how great you are and the things you have done?

He Does Not Have an Independent Spirit

There is a great deal of talk today about “doing your own thing.” In this antiauthoritarian society in which we live, the attitude is, “Don’t let people tell you what to do.” Accomplishing the work of God, however, is a team effort. It is done in concert with like-minded brothers and sisters in the faith. There is no room in the life of the disciple for a loner’s attitude the kind of attitude that says, “If it is not done my way, then I’m not going to do it at all.”

A young man once told me, “I will listen to what God has to say to me, but I will not learn from other people.” To have such an attitude is to live in self-deception. People are often God’s instruments to communicate to other people. God is looking for faithful people who are willing to subjugate their own idea for the sake of the team.

He Has a Love for People

The apostle John said, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). To be godly is to be God-like. To be like God is to love people, because God loves people.

I remember reading a “Peanuts” cartoon in which Charlie Brown said, “I love the world. I think the world is wonderful. It’s people I can’t stand. Yet, people are the reason Jesus invaded human history. He came to redeem people. That is what the Gospel is all about. The disciple is one who is involved in the lives of people. The faithful person has a love for people.

He Does Not Allow Himself to Become Trapped in Bitterness

The writer of Hebrew warns us to be watchful “lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled” (Heb 12:15). The context of this verse is the giving and receiving of rebuke. Many a person has become bitter because someone pointed out a fault in his life. He takes the attitude, “Huh, who does he think he is, telling me about my sins? Why doesn’t he take the beam out of his own eye before he takes the little speck of sawdust out of mine?”

As a young Christian, I remember hearing someone preach on this verse, and I jotted in the margin of my Bible next to it. “Bitterness comes as a result of real or supposed ill-treatment – it doesn’t really matter which.” Somebody may really wrong you, or you may just think that somebody wronged you. In either case, if you are not careful, it can cause you to become bitter.

A wise, old saint once said, “I will never allow another person to ruin my life by making me hate him.”

The root of bitterness can come through a competitive spirit, a breakdown in communication between you and fellow Christians or from feeling that you have gotten a raw deal. I believe more disciples become ineffective in the Christian life because of a root of bitterness than because of any other sin. Faithful Christians guard their hearts well in this critical area.

He Has Learned to Discipline His Life

One of the most motivating passages of Scripture that I know was penned by the apostle Paul. “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. Therefore, I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, less possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified” (1 Cor 9:24-27 NASB).

One day I sat down and meditated on what would be the most horrible thing that should happen to me as a Christian. The conclusion to which I came was that when I die, God would take me aside and say to me, “Henrichsen, let Me show you what your life could have been like if only you had done what I asked, if only you had been faithful to Me, if only you had disciplined your life and made it really count, as I wanted you to.”

Have you learned to discipline yourself? Have you learned to say no to temptation? Maybe there is a habit that you have been unable to conquer. You know that the Spirit of God would like you to get victory, but you have done nothing about it, having rationalized that, “If God wants me to give up this habit, then He will have to give me the power to do it.’ Although this is true, it is avoiding the issue, because God has already given you the power. It has been made available to you through the Holy Spirit. All you need to do is appropriate it – and such appropriation requires discipline. Never blame God for your failure to do what you know is right.

It is the evening that you have set aside for Bible study but discover that one of your favorite programs is on television. So, you rationalize by saying you will do the study some other time. Not only does the Bible study not get done, but you also stay up so late that night that you are unable to get up in the morning in time to fellowship alone with the Lord before going to work.

It is not the one or two isolated times of compromise that will make the difference. The problem is that once you make an exception, it is so easy to do it again, and again, and again. You sow a thought and reap an act. You sow an act and reap a habit. You sow a habit, and you reap an eternity.

It is evident that one does not become a “faithful person” by being a weekend Christian. The faithful person is one who has applied the Scriptures to every area of his life. The life of discipleship is a life of discipline – the two words come from the same root. A disciple is a disciplined person. Such a life is not easy, but God never promised us it would be. That it is not easy is clearly seen by the fact that there are so few faithful people around today.

The gold medal goes to the athlete who has worked hard , who has learned how to discipline himself, who has learned to say no to the myriad distractions that cross a person’s life, who has a clear-cut objective and has resolved in his soul to stay with it until he accomplishes it. This is the kind of person God uses.



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Essential Reading on Theory of Discipling

- MY HEART CHRIST'S HOME -
Relationship and lordship with Jesus Christ

- THE TYRANNY OF THE URGENT -
How to prioritize life

- THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU -
Teaching and ministering baptism of the Holy Spirit

- WHEN HEAVEN INVADES EARTH -
Understanding Church

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LESSONS ON ASSURANCE

To assure is to “put beyond all doubt.” Lessons on Assurance will help to assure you or “put you beyond all doubt” regarding some basic promises God has made to Christians. You can become convinced of the reality of these promises in your life as you memorize, meditate on, study, and apply the Scripture verses presented here.

Always memorize the verse presented at the beginning of each lesson. You may want to begin by memorizing the verse, or you may prefer to do the study questions about the verse first. In either case, be sure to memorize the topic and the references as well as the verse.

One good way to memorize these is to quote the topic and reference at the beginning of the verse, and the reference at the end of the verse. For example, in quoting the verses in Lesson 1 you would say, “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve,” and then repeat the verse. At the end you would repeat the reference again.

Learn one phrase at a time. Say, “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve, ‘And this is the testimony ...’” Repeat this several times until you know it. Then, repeating what you have just learned, add the next phrase: “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve, ‘And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life ...’” Repeat all of this several times until you know it. Then add the next phrase. Repeat the process until you have memorized the verse.

An essential part of Scripture memory is review. Review, review, review! This will help you retain what you have memorized. Be sure to review each verse daily. You can take advantage of spare moments by carrying the verse cards you have learned wherever you go.

In each lesson you will:

- Memorize a verse.
- Think over what the verse says and means, and answer questions about it.
- Study other related passages.
- Write out the verse from memory.
- Write out a way to apply the verse to your everyday life.

Going through this process of memorizing, meditating, studying, and applying will help you understand and live by the principles presented in the verses.

OICA

OBSERVATION | INTERPRETATION |
CORRELATION | APPLICATION

OBSERVATION

What does it say?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

CORRELATION

Where else do you find this in scripture?

APPLICATION

How can you put this into practice in your
life?

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TO DO OICA AS PART OF YOUR
BIBLE STUDY.



OICA EXAMPLE

TOPIC:

Assurance of Guidance

VERSE:

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

OBSERVATION:

3 commands:

Trust
Do not Lean
Acknowledge
Him

result:

He will make path
straight

Acknowledge -recognize the importance of
something -
All your heart & All your ways

INTERPRETATION:

Our own understanding is limited and I need to
not listen to my heart but trust Him. When I
acknowledge His place in my life, my life is more
ordered and my path forward is straight.

CORRELATION:

1 Thes 3:11-13 — God directs us

Isaiah 55:8-9 — my thoughts aren't His thoughts,
His ways are not my ways.

Psalms 1 — I am wise when I meditate on His law,
I'm a tree firmly planted.

Romans 8:28 — all things work together for the
good for those who love God and are called to His
purpose.

APPLICATION:

If my path isn't straight, I need to ask myself:

1. Am I trusting God?
2. Am I leaning on my own understanding?
3. Am I acknowledging Him in all my ways?

CHAPTER 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 5:11-12 | ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

“And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

The five verses you will memorize and study in Lessons on Assurance will equip you for your first encounter with the enemy. His first approach is often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear his audible voice, he will whisper this in your mind:

“You don't think you are saved, and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely that is not enough?”

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's Word. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing to know.

On the basis of this “testimony” – God's written Word – you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with Him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this first test of your faith. The attack may recur, but now you can meet it with the Word of God in your heart.

EXPLORING: 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Who gives eternal life?

Where is eternal life found?

Who has eternal life?

Who does not have eternal life?

“THIS IS THE TESTIMONY”

What did John say in John 20:31 about why he wrote the book?

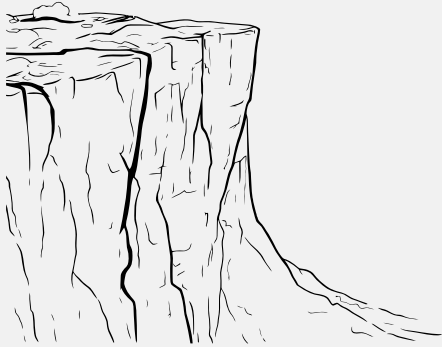
“GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE”

According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that He loves you?

CHAPTER 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

What results of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?

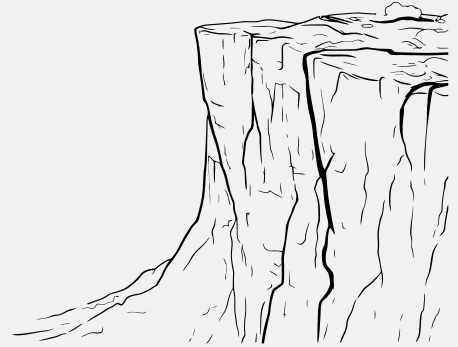
SINFUL MAN



DEATH

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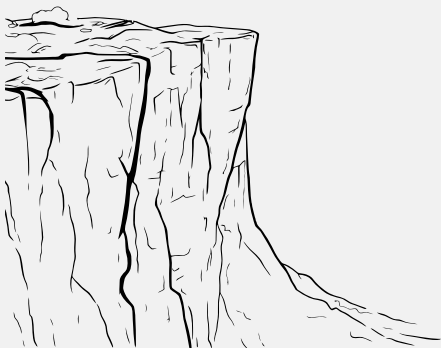
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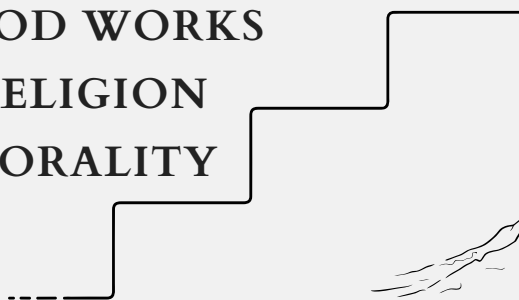
Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?

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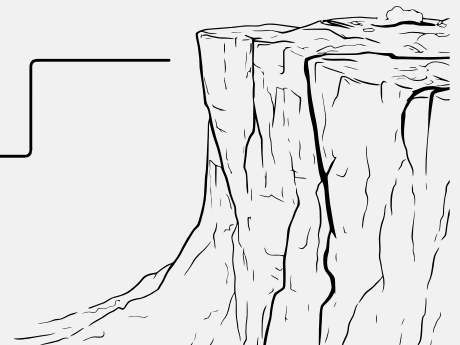


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GOOD WORKS
RELIGION
MORALITY



HOLY GOD

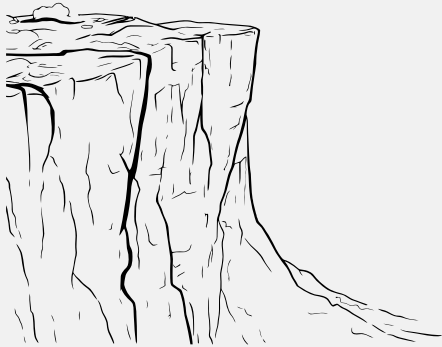


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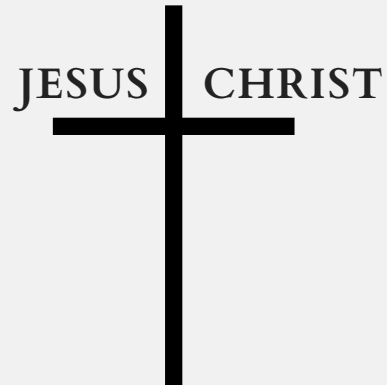
CHAPTER 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

In 1 Peter 3:18, how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to Himself?

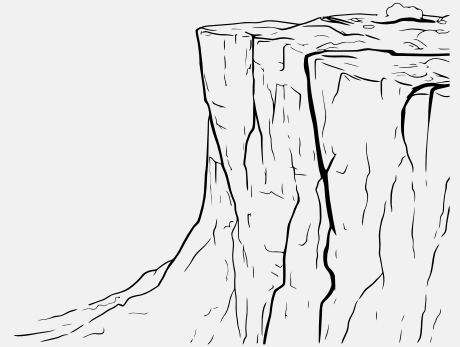
SINFUL MAN



DEATH



HOLY GOD



ETERNAL LIFE

How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?

“HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE”

According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

Present

Future

Past

CHAPTER 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

What did Jesus promise His followers in John 10:27-29?

What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life?

(Place an X next to the appropriate ones .)

Inner peace.

New awareness of sin.

Victory over sin.

New love for God.

Desire to read the Bible.

Attitude changes.

Sense of forgiveness.

New concern for others

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 5:11-12 FROM MEMORY

CHAPTER 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Meditate on 1 John 5:11-12 and consider how to apply it to your life. How do you know that you have eternal life?

Now take a few moments to thank God for all He has given you in Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER 2: ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

MEMORIZE JOHN 16:24 | ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” John 16:24

Another attack of Satan may be to cause you to doubt the effectiveness of prayer. He may whisper to you, “You don’t think God is personally interested in you? He’s far away and concerned about more important things. Surely you don’t think He’ll hear your prayers – much less answer them!”

But with Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you have the unique privilege of speaking directly with your heavenly Father through Him. God wants you to come confidently into His presence through Christ and to talk to Him about everything (see Philippians 4:6 and Hebrew 4:14–16). He is intensely interested in you and your needs.

In the memory verse for this lesson, John 16:24, Jesus was speaking to His disciples the night before His crucifixion. He did not tell them they had never before asked for anything in prayer. But He said they had not asked in His name. You yourself have probably prayed many times, especially when in trouble. But as a believer in Christ, you can ask in Jesus’ name, because you belong to Him. To ask in His name means to ask in His authority and on His merit. Just as the Father answered Jesus’ every prayer, so He will answer you when you ask in Jesus’ name.

Memorize this promise, apply its truth, and experience the joy of answered prayer.

EXPLORING JOHN 16:24

What is prayer?

In whose name should you pray?

What results from prayers?

CHAPTER 2: ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

“UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME”

What does Jesus teach about prayer in Matthew 7:7-8

What are some important conditions for answered prayer?

John 15:7

1 John 5:14-15

“ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE.”

What is characteristic of God’s answers to prayer?

Jeremiah 33:3

Ephesians 3:20

Read Matthew 7:9-11. What kind of gifts does God give His children?

How do you think God would respond to a request for something He knew would be bad for you?

What do you think God would do if He knew the answer would be better for you at another time?

Read Philippians 4:6-7. What is the wrong reaction to have toward difficult circumstances?

What is the right response?

What is the result of this right response?

CHAPTER 2: ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

“YOUR JOY WILL BE COMPLETE”

From Philippians 4:7, what results from the peace comes through prayer?

Read Luke 1:13-14. What resulted when Zechariah and Elizabeth prayed for a son?

What are some hindrances to answered prayer?

James 4:3

Psalms 66:18

WRITE OUT JOHN 16:24 FROM MEMORY

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CHAPTER 2: ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

FOUR IMPORTANT AREAS OF PRAYER ARE:

ADORATION

Reflecting on God Himself. Praise Him for His love, His power and majesty, and His wonderful gift of Christ.

CONFESSION

Admitting your sins to God. Be honest and humble. Remember He knows you and loves you still.

THANKSGIVING

Telling God how grateful you are for everything He has given – even the unpleasant things. Your thankfulness will help you see His purposes.

SUPPLICATION

Making specific requests, both for others and for yourself.

APPLYING JOHN 16:24

List four specific things you can pray about today. Pause right now and talk to God about them.

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

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CHAPTER 3: ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

MEMORIZE 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 | ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Still another attack from Satan may be along this line: He will whisper to you, “ You have life, all right, but you are a weakling: you have always been a weakling.”

He will remind you of some sin which has gripped you for years. He will point to something of which you are keenly aware, and say, “You are weak, and you will not be able to stand against this temptation. You may be able to stand against others, but not this one.”

How will you answer him? Will you attempt to reason? Will you try to produce your own arguments? Will you run to see what other people will say? Or will you resort to the invincible Word of God?

Knowing 1 Corinthians 10:13 will allow you to ward off this attack. God promises victory. It belongs to you as His child. Believe Him, and you will see how God does things that are impossible with men. It will thrill you to see chains of lifetime habits broken by His mighty power.

EXPLORING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

What is true about every temptation you face?

Who can give you victory when you are tempted?

Does God remove temptation?

What does God do for you?

CHAPTER 3: ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

“TEMPTATION ... IS COMMON TO MAN”

What is a major source of temptation that James described in James 1:13-14?

Read 1 John 2:15-16. What are three primary areas of temptation?

According to Peter's statement in 1 Peter 5:8, what is the devil seeking to do when he tempts you?

“GOD IS FAITHFUL”

What does God do for you, according to 2 Thessalonians 3:3?

What does Hebrews 4:15 tell you about Jesus Christ?

“A WAY OUT”

What are some things you can do to keep temptation from leading into sin?

Matthew 6:9,13

1 John 5:4-5

Hebrews 4:16

James 4:7

CHAPTER 3: ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

WRITE OUT 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 FROM MEMORY.

APPLYING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

What is a temptation that frequently seizes you?

What do you think God's way of escape is?

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CHAPTER 4: ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 1:9 | ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Although victory over sin is rightfully yours, there will be times when you miss the way of escape. You will fail and sin against God. Once you do, your enemy will be on the job immediately:

“Now you’ve done it. Aren’t you supposed to be a Christian? Christians don’t do those things.”

But God makes provision in His Word for the failures of His children, as we see in 1 John 1:9. We receive His full forgiveness as we confess to Him our sins.

To confess a sin means to uncover it and call it exactly what God calls it. This honest confession must include the willingness to forsake the sin. God promises not only to forgive us, but also to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. What a gracious provision!

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 1:9

What does God want you to do about your sins?

What does it mean to confess?

In His act of forgiving us, how is God described?

What does it mean to confess your sins?

CHAPTER 4: ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS”

Read 1 John 1:8, 10. What did John say you should recognize about yourself?

What should be your attitude toward sin?

Psalm 139: 23-24

Psalm 38:18

What should accompany your confession of sin, according to Proverbs 28:13?

“HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE ... AND PURIFY”

How is God described in Psalm 86:5?

According to Ephesians 1:7, on what basis are you forgiven?

What does Hebrews 10:12 say about Christ's sacrifices?

Read Hebrews 10:17. Why is it foolish for you to continue to feel guilty about sin?

According to Ephesians 4:32, what should be your attitude toward those who have offended you?
Why?

CHAPTER 4: ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 1:9 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 1 JOHN 1:9

Perhaps as you worked on this lesson something came to your mind which is hindering your fellowship with God – some sin you have committed for which you have not asked forgiveness. If so, write down what God brought to your mind.

Confess this to God and claim the promise of 1 John 1:9 that He has forgiven your sin. Thank Him for His forgiveness.

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CHAPTER 5: ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

MEMORIZE PROVERBS 3: 5-6 | ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”

You may have questions about the future, wondering how this new life of yours is going to work out. What about God’s will for your life? Will He really lead you?

God does promise to lead you as you rely on Him completely. He can guide you perfect, for He knows all your needs and has infinite wisdom, power, and riches to give you the best life possible.

He deserves your trust.

EXPLORING PROVERBS 3:5-6

What three things are you told to do?

When these conditions are met, what are you promised?

“TRUST IN THE LORD”

Read Psalm 32:8. What can you trust God to do for you?

According to Romans 12:1-2, what steps should be taken to experience God’s will?

How is God’s will described?

To whom does God promise special blessing in Jeremiah 17:7?

CHAPTER 5: ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

“LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING”

What warning does God give in Jeremiah 17:5?

Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Why should we not limit ourselves to human understanding?

What principle, described in John 6:38, did Jesus follow in making decisions?

“IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM”

List some of the “ways” of your life in which you need to acknowledge God (for example: spending money, your job, leisure time).

Select one of them and tell how you can better acknowledge God in this area.

“HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT”

What means has God provided for determining His will?

Psalm 119:105

1 Corinthians 2:12

CHAPTER 5: ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

Read James 1:5. What should you do about situations you don't understand?

How are you to ask? (See James 1:6,7)

What precedes the fulfillment of God's promises, according to Hebrews 10:36?

WRITE OUT PROVERBS 3:5-6 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING PROVERBS 3:5-6

Describe a situation in your life in which you are seeking God's guidance.

List ways that show how you can trust God in this situation.

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Psalm 32:8	I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
Psalm 38:18	For I confess my iniquity; I am full of anxiety because of my sin.
Psalm 66:18	If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear.
Psalm 86:5	For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.
Psalm 119:105	Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:9-11	How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.
Psalm 139: 23-24	Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.
Proverbs 28:13	He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.
Isaiah 55:8-9	“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”
Isaiah 59:2	But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Jeremiah 17:5	Thus says the Lord , “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.”
Jeremiah 17:7	Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord.
Jeremiah 33:3	“Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
Matthew 6:9-13	Pray, then, in this way: "Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”
Matthew 7:7-11	“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”
Luke 1:13-14	But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.”
John 1:12	But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.
John 5:24	“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”
John 6:38	For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 10:27-29	<p>“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”</p>
John 15:7	<p>“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”</p>
John 20:30-31	<p>Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.</p>
Romans 5:8	<p>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.</p>
Romans 12:1-12	<p>Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.</p>
1 Corinthians 2:12	<p>Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.</p>
2 Corinthiana 5:17	<p>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.</p>
Ephesians 1:7	<p>In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.</p>
Ephesians 2:8-9	<p>For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.</p>

Ephesians 3:20-21	Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 4:32	Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
Philippians 4:6-7	Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
2 Thessalonians 3:3	But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
Hebrews 4:14-16	For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 10:12	But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.
Hebrews 10:17	“And their sins and their lawless deeds I will no longer remember.”
Hebrews 10:36	For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
James 1:5-8	But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:13-14	No one is to say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God;" for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
James 4:3	You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.
James 4:7	Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
1 Peter 3:18	For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
1 Peter 5:8	Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
1 John 1:8-10	If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
1 John 2:15-16	Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
1 John 5:4-5	For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
1 John 5:14-15	This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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