

UNDERSTANDING LIFE'S CHALLENGES FROM A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

Lesson 5

How Do I Get Saved? *(Become part Of GOD'S Family)*

What do I have to do to really move in another direction and see that there's a better way to live my life? **I must become a part of God's Family.**

When we get saved, we enter another realm of living. A place where we can encounter God's glory.

- 1) **1st John 3-1,2** These scriptures combined tell us that we are members of God's family (**Sons of God**) and who we are becoming---reflections of God, when we make the decision to get saved and trust Him and depend on His guidance and direction. This will allow us opportunities and realities we never dreamed of.
- 2) **Romans 8-14-17** These scriptures remind us, once we have been adopted into the family of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we lose all rights regarding our old family (**the world**) and gain all rights of a legitimate child in our new family (**salvation**), along with privileges and responsibilities as part of God's family. We are no longer fearful slaves of the world, but we are the Master's children that share in great treasures as joint heirs. God has already given us his best gifts; they are as follows: His Son, forgiveness, and eternal life. God encourages us to ask him for whatever we need. There is a price for being identified with Christ. As Christians we will receive great treasures but there will also be great sufferings. We will suffer social and economic persecutions. We cannot become complacent while living for Christ as we profess our Christianity through our daily walk of a holy life. Learning how to serve others, giving up our rights to do as we please, and resisting the pressures to continually conform to this world are absolutes for salvation, all that we give up cannot compare to the great price Jesus paid for us.
- 3) **Romans 8-29** This scripture helps us understand that God's ultimate goal for us is to be like His son, Jesus, in every way. For us to be Christ like our character must reflect Him. We must study His life by reading His word

and learning about His time while here on earth through the Gospels, which teaches us about the filling of His spirit (**the Holy Ghost**).

- 4) **1st Corinthians 3-12** This scripture gives us a peak into the future that one day we'll see God face to face and only then will we be complete. This truth should make our faith stronger and provide great hope in the fact that we do not have all the answers now, but on that wonderful day we will.
- 5) **Isaiah 55-6,7** These scriptures suggest that we must turn to the Lord while He may be found. That simply means seek God while you have the opportunity to reach him. We should not wait until we have drifted so very far from him that it becomes difficult to come into his presence. God may come to judge the earth before we can seek and find him.
- 6) **James 4-8** This scripture shows five ways to draw close to God: **1)** Realize you need his forgiveness and be willing to follow him; **2)** Resist the devil do not allow him to tempt and entice you; **3)** Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts (lead a holy life) be cleansed from sin replacing it with God's purity **4)** Let there be tears, sorrow and sincere grief for your sins, do not be afraid to express deep heartfelt sorrow; **5)** Humble yourself before God and he will lift you up
- 7) **Galatians 3-26,27** These scriptures remind us of when we are trying to get closer to God, we begin to mature and put away childish attitudes. As we draw closer, we move into adult citizenship with full rights and responsibilities. Once this is combined with baptism we are spiritually growing up. Now we are ready to put away the old way of thinking and put on Christ's new robe of righteousness.
- 8) **Matthew 28-18-20** These scriptures let us know that Jesus' last words to the disciples was to make more disciples by baptizing and teaching them obedience in him. Previously Jesus had sent them only to the Jews, but they are to go to all nations spreading the good news. Jesus is Lord of the earth and He died for all people. The disciples were to baptize people because baptism unites a believer with Jesus Christ in his death to sin and his resurrection to new life. Jesus was with the disciples physically until He ascended into heaven and then spiritually through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus which is with us always. Jesus continues to be with us today through His Holy Spirit.

- 9) Mark 16-16** This scripture lets us know that the baptism of water is not what saves us, but God's grace accepted through Christ is what brings salvation. Baptism alone, without faith does not automatically take one to heaven. Those who refuse to believe will be condemned regardless of baptismal status.
- 10) Matthew 3-13-16** John had been explaining that Jesus' baptism would be greater than his and Jesus suddenly appeared and requested that John baptize him. John felt unqualified and unworthy. Jesus did not ask to be baptized for repentance, because He was without sin. Jesus was to fulfill all righteousness in order to accomplish His God given mission. He was baptized because he was personally confessing the sins of the nation. He also was showing support for John the Baptists' ministry. He was publicly inaugurating his ministry and identifying with the people of God and not the critics such as the Pharisees.