



Answer Version

Bible Basics One

"Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation." 1 Peter 2:2

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Foreword

I strongly encourage you to apply this course to yourself and to multiply it into the lives of others. This course can help you begin your life as God's child ... or help you start your walk with God again. And it is an easy way to teach others the basics of the Bible.

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Lesson 1: Salvation

Salvation ... An Explanation

Definition: Salvation is God's deliverance of man from the power and the consequences of sin through the work of Christ on the cross.

Before you were saved, your sin separated you from God. You were alienated from God . . . spiritually dead in your sins . . . and headed for an eternity without Him. However, He has provided a solution to this problem. He offers that solution to you as a free gift. That gift, offered in love, is eternal life. This gift is free to you. But it was not free for Jesus. He had to pay for your sins by His death on the cross. No gift has ever been more costly. Jesus took your sins onto Himself. He took your place. He did that so you might die to sin (stop living for sin) and live for righteousness. Because of God's love, He sent Jesus to die on the cross.

There is nothing you can do to pay for your own salvation . . . the cost is too high. The only solution is to accept God's free gift. The Bible states that the way to accept that gift is by *believing in* Jesus. By believing in Jesus you are saved . . . you will never perish . . . you have eternal life.

Wonderful changes take place at the moment you receive Jesus as your personal Savior. You become a child of God. In addition, you have God's promise that you will never perish. You are born again to a living hope, guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus. Because He conquered death, you will live even if you die. Sin was paid for in full by the blood of Jesus. When you *believe in* Jesus, His payment is applied to your sins. Then you receive forgiveness of all your sins. With your sins forgiven, you are no longer separated from God. He gives you the free gift of eternal life . . . an eternal relationship with Him.

Salvation ... A Worksheet

Directions: Carefully answer each question below.

Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses.

1. *"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God."* Isaiah 59:2

Question: Before you were saved, what separated you from God?

My iniquities . . . my sin . . . the wrong things I have done.

2. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:23

Question: What was the spiritual result of your sin? *My spiritual death.*

Question: What did God give to you when you believed in Jesus? *Eternal life in Christ.*

3. *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

Question: What has Jesus done for sinners? *He died for us.*

Question: What does this demonstrate to you about God? *His love for us.*

4. *"And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness."* 1 Peter 2:24

Question: What has Jesus done for you? *He took my sins onto Himself on the cross.*

Question: Jesus did that so you could do what two things? *Die to sin and live for God.*

5. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."* John 3:16
This is a good verse to memorize.

Question: What motivated God to send Jesus? *His love.*

Question: Having believed in Jesus, you will never do what? *I will never perish.*

Question: What do you now have? *Eternal life.*

6. "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 1:12

Question: By receiving Jesus as your Savior, what have you become?
I have become God's child.

Question: Receiving Jesus is the same as what? **Believing in His name.**

7. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Question: What has happened to you because of God's mercy?
I have been born again to a living hope through Christ's resurrection.

8. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses." Ephesians 1:7

Question: Your redemption (payment for sin) is through what?
The blood of Jesus shed on the cross.

Question: What has happened to your sins? **They were paid for and forgiven.**

9. "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life." John 6:40

Question: Having believed in Jesus, what do you now have? **Eternal life.**

10. "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3

Question: What is eternal life? **Eternal life is knowing God.**

11. A personal question: Are you completely sure about your relationship with God? Are you right with God? If you have any doubt about it, you can settle this issue once for all eternity. Be sure that you have *believed in* Jesus. The next page will help you do that.

Salvation ... Are you sure you are right with God?

This is very important. You need to be sure that you have taken your step of faith. By putting your faith in Jesus, you become God's child (are *born again*). Then as His child, you are eternally secure. However, the Bible includes a serious challenge for you in 2 Corinthians 13:5: "*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves.*" God gives you an internal confirmation when you are born again, 1 John 5:7-13. His Spirit authenticates that fact in your heart. Why not examine yourself right now? Are you sure? Do you have that internal confirmation?

Are you sure that you have truly *believed in* Jesus as your Savior? If you would like to be sure that Christ is yours, this would be a good time to settle it for eternity. Invite Jesus to be your Savior right now. The prayer that follows is a good way to do that. Pray it now if it expresses the sincere desire of your heart.

Dear God,
I admit that I am a sinner.
I turn to You from my sin.
I believe that Jesus, being God, died on the cross for me.
I invite Him to be my Savior.
Thank You God for saving me.
Amen

If you have just now prayed that prayer, congratulations. Today is your spiritual birthday. John, the author of Bible Basics One, would like to pray for you. If you would like that, send an email to him at John@JohnDMorris.org. If you need a more detailed explanation of the Gospel (the goods new of salvation), you can find it on www.911GOD.org.

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Lesson 2: Eternal Security

Eternal Security ... An Explanation

Definition: Eternal Security is the fact that, after being born again, you are safe with God forever and you *cannot* lose your salvation.

The Bible states that you *can know* that you have eternal life. Many verses state this fact. Never doubt it. Doubting your eternal security is doubting the truth of God's Word.

Your good works did not save you and will *not* keep you saved. In addition, your efforts not to do bad works will not keep you saved. You are saved only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Your salvation is based exclusively on the work of Jesus. It is His work . . . plus nothing. Your good works did not save you and will not save you.

The Bible promises eternal security. Jesus has promised never to cast you out. You can trust Him. *All* that come to Jesus will be saved . . . and *none* of them will ever be lost. God's promise is that, when you believe in Jesus, you have eternal life. It is your present possession. He also promised that you will not come into some salvation judgment in the future . . . and that you have passed out of death into life.

Your eternal security is based solely on God's strength. It is not based on your strength. You will never perish because you are safe in the Father's hand. You are not holding on to God. He is holding on to you. Understanding that fact is very comforting. No one is stronger than God. Therefore, no one, not even you, can ever snatch you out of the Father's hand. You are safe forever.

Nothing and no one can ever separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus. Once you have been born again, no circumstance or event can separate you from His love . . . not even death. No person or being can separate you from His love . . . not even you. This is God's promise to you.

Eternal Security ... A Worksheet

Directions: Carefully answer each question below.

Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses.

1. *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."* 1 John 5:13

Question: Is it possible to be sure that you have eternal life? **Yes . . . I can be sure.**

Question: After believing in Jesus can you know that you have eternal life?
Yes . . . I can know.

2. *"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, that no one should boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9
These are 2 good verses to memorize.

Question: By what are you saved? **By grace.**

Question: Through what are you saved? **Through faith.**

Question: Your salvation is not because of whom? **It is not because of me.**

Question: Who has given you the gift of salvation?
God has given the gift of salvation to me.

Question: Is salvation because of my good works? **It is not because of my good works.**

3. Jesus said, *"All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."* John 6:37

Question: How many of those given to Jesus by the Father will come to Him?
All . . . 100%.

Question: What has Jesus promised He will never do to you?
He will never cast me out. He will never reject me.

4. *"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 5:24

Question: What three promises has God made to you as one who has believed?
I have eternal life now.
I will not come under future judgment for salvation.
I have already passed out of death into life.

5. *"And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall 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."* John 10:28-29

Question: Are you holding on to God or is He holding on to you? He is holding on to me.

Question: Who can snatch you out of God's hand ... and why?
No one . . . because He is stronger than anyone and everyone.

Question: Are you stronger than God is? No.

Question: Therefore, when could you perish? Never.

6. *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:35-39

Question: What are some of the things that, and who are some of the people who, cannot separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus? No trials or difficulties . . . no one . . . not any religious leader . . . not my family . . . not myself . . . no power . . . no angel . . . no demon . . . no thing . . . nothing today . . . nothing tomorrow . . . nothing can separate me from GOD! This is just a partial list . . . you may want to add more.

Question: How does all of this make you feel?

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Lesson 3: Prayer

Prayer ... An Explanation

Definition: Prayer is talking to God and includes offering praise to Him for who He is . . . thanking Him for what He has done . . . confessing sins . . . and making requests to Him.

Prayer is the special privilege that you have to talk to God. The Psalmist wrote, *"Let everyone who is godly pray,"* Psalm 32:6.

The Bible includes many prayer promises. However, these are also prayer conditions. Meet God's conditions and He will answer your prayers. God is not looking for some magical combination of your words and phrases. He is looking for your righteousness and your obedience. Abiding in Jesus Christ is the first condition for effective prayer. You must dwell in Christ. You must be rooted in Him and draw your strength from Him. And His words, the Bible, must abide in you. Then, as your will conforms to God's will, you can pray with confidence.

God is responsive to the prayers of the righteous. However, He turns away from those who do evil. Therefore, your prayers are more effective when you are pleasing to God . . . when you obey Him . . . and when you bear fruit (that is, help someone find Christ). And a husband's prayers are more effective if he treats his wife with honor and understanding. Praying in unity with other believers is also very important. You should pray in faith, believing that God will answer. Jesus taught that prayer should be directed to the Father. In addition, prayer should be in the name of Jesus (in unity with Him).

Your prayers are more effective if you meet all of God's conditions. God always keeps His promises. He will answer your prayers. Then your joy will be made full. He wants you to talk to Him. God wants you to pray.

Prayer ... A Worksheet

Directions: Carefully answer each question below.

Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses.

1. *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."* John 15:7

Question: Abiding in whom is the foundation of prayer? **Abiding in Jesus.**

Question: And what should abide in you? **His words . . . the Bible.**

2. *"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* 1 John 5:14

Question: What must you do to have confidence in prayer? **Ask in His will.**

3. *"For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."* 1 Peter 3:12

Question: What two things are true about the righteous?
God is watching them in a special way ... and He listens attentively to their prayers.

Question: What is true about those who do evil? **The Lord is against them.**

4. *"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."* 1 John 3:22

Question: What helps your prayers? **Obedying God and doing the things that please Him.**

5. *"That you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you."* John 15:16

Question: What happens to your prayers when you bear fruit (help others find Christ)?
My prayers are answered.

Question: To whom should your prayers be directed? **To God the Father.**

Question: In whose name should you pray? **In the name of Jesus.**

6. *"You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way . . . and grant her honor as a fellow-heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered."* 1 Peter 3:7

Question: What two things must a husband do so that his prayers are not hindered?
Live understandingly with his wife and honor her as a fellow-heir of the grace of life.

7. *“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.”* Matthew 18:19

Question: Is it advantageous to pray in unity, in agreement, with others? **Yes.**

8. *“All things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you.”* Mark 11:24

Question: Is it important to believe that God will answer your prayers? **Yes.**

9. *“I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.”* John 16:23-24

Question: To whom should you pray? **To God the Father.**

Question: What happens to you when God answers your prayers? **My joy is made full.**

A reminder: These are prayer promises *and* prayer conditions. God always keeps His promises. It is up to you to meet His conditions for answered prayer.

A Pattern for Prayer

God wants you to talk to Him. Be devoted to prayer, Colossians 4:2. Be open and honest with God. Do not pray with hypocrisy and meaningless repetition, Matthew 6:5-8. The Biblical pattern for prayer includes the following four elements. These four elements (**PRAISE, THANKS, CONFESSION, and REQUESTS**) should be in your prayer life. However, all four do not need to be in every prayer.

PRAISE expresses your admiration of God. Your praise honors and glorifies God for who He is, Psalm 34:1-3. Continually offer up your praise to Him, Hebrews 13:15.

THANKS expresses your appreciation to God for what He has done. Thank Him, Psalm 107:1. Have an attitude of thanksgiving, Colossians 4:2. Give thanks in everything, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20.

CONFESSION is your acknowledgment of your sins to God. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,”* 1 John 1:9. This is a good verse to memorize.

REQUESTS are the things you ask God to do for you and for others. God invites you to make your requests known to Him, Philippians 4:6. Be sure that you ask God with the right motives, James 4:2-3. And trust His answers, Matthew 7:7-11.

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Lesson 4: The Bible

The Bible ... An Explanation

Definition: The Bible is the inspired, true, and authoritative Word of God exclusively consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.

The Bible is the preeminent book. No other book is like the Bible. It is a book from God . . . not simply a book about God. The Bible is much more than inspiring. It is inspired . . . that means *God-breathed*. It is actually His unfading words given to us. Therefore, it is different from all other books. God's Word is pure. It is accurate and without error. His Word does not need to be purified, refined, or filtered. Therefore, the Bible is a source of great joy and understanding.

Jesus said that God's Word is truth. God's Word can sanctify you (make you holy). The Bible is not only true, it is also everlasting. It is not bound by time. It does not age. It does not become outdated. The Bible is as relevant today as it was when it was written. Jesus said that God's Word can be trusted to the finest detail . . . to the smallest letter or stroke of a letter. You can trust the Bible. It is God's true and everlasting Word.

The Bible is powerful and practical. It provides great benefits. It enlightens you and gives you understanding. It gives you God's direction for your life . . . for each step and for each path. The Bible and its promises revive you when you are afflicted. Treasuring His Word in your heart helps you resist sin. The Bible is the only book that can give you all of these benefits.

It is very important that you learn God's Word. You should read the Bible . . . study it . . . meditate on it . . . and memorize it. However, it is not enough to only take in God's Word. You must also obey it. The blessings and benefits come from hearing *and* obeying God's Word. Jesus said, *"If you abide in [live in] My word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,"* John 8:31-32. These are not evangelism verses. These verses record what Jesus said to believers.

The Bible ... A Worksheet

Directions: Carefully answer each question below.

Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses.

1. *"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times."* Psalm 12:6

Question: Whose words are pure as the purest silver? **The Lord's words.**

2. *"The precepts [principles] of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."* Psalm 19:8

Question: What word describes the Lord's precepts? **"Right".**

Question: What word describes His commandment? **"Pure".**

Question: What two effects do they produce?

They give joy to the heart and give light (understanding) to the eyes.

3. Jesus prayed, *"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."* John 17:17

Question: What can sanctify you (that is, make you holy)? **God's Word.**

Question: How did Jesus define truth? **He said that God's Word is truth.**

4. *"The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."* Psalm 119:160

Question: What characteristics of God's Word are given in this verse?

His Word is true and eternal.

5. *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."* Isaiah 40:8. This is a good verse to memorize.

Question: How long will God's Word last? **Forever . . . for all of eternity.**

6. *"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished."* Matthew 5:18

Question: To what level of detail is God's Word trustworthy? **To the smallest letter and to the smallest stroke of a letter. (In the KJV, "jot" and "tittle")**

7. *"The unfolding of Thy words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."* Psalm 119:130

Question: What does God's Word give you? **Light (meaning understanding).**

8. *"Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:105

Question: What does God's Word do for you? **It gives instruction for each step today and gives guidance for my future.**

9. *"Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee."* Psalm 119:11

Question: What does this mean? **God's Word stored up in my heart helps me not sin.**

Question: How can you resist sin? **By storing God's Word in my heart.**

10. *"This is my comfort in my affliction, that Thy word has revived me."* Psalm 119:50

Question: What revives you when you are suffering? **God's Word ... the Bible.**

11. *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."* James 1:22

Question: In addition to being a hearer of God's Word, what should you be? **I should be a doer of His Word. I should obey and live by His Word.**

12. *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it."* Luke 11:28

Question: Doing what two things will give you God's blessing? **Hearing and obeying His Word.**

Bible Study Suggestions

Jesus said, *"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God,"* Matthew 4:4. These are good words for us. Bible reading and Bible study should be an important part of every day. *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth,"* 2 Timothy 2:15.

It takes time to learn God's Word. Spend time in your Bible every day. It takes steadfast effort to learn to handle His Word accurately. Therefore, be sure to put what you study in the correct, full context of its paragraph, chapter, and book. And as you study, answer these three questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I make this part of my life?

To answer these, use 2 Timothy 3:16-17, *"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."* As you study the Bible, look for teaching . . . for reproof . . . for correction . . . and for training in righteousness.

Study the Old and New Testaments. Start with easier books such as Mark, John, and Colossians. Invest in an excellent translation of the Bible. If possible, choose a literal (word-for-word) translation because those are closer to the original Bible languages. In English those include the New American Standard (NASB), the English Standard Version (ESV), and the King James Version (KJV) or New King James Version (NKJV).

CONGRATULATIONS

You have completed Bible Basics One. If you need to review these lessons again, please study them again. It is important that you start out with true understanding. And please don't stop at this point. You've really just begun your walk with God. When you have gotten a good understanding of Bible Basics One, press on in your study of His Word. It might be helpful to visit www.VirtualBibleAcademy.org.

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