

LESSON # 1 - SIN & SALVATION PART I

I. Man's Original Condition

A. In Genesis 1:26-27, man was created in whose image and likeness? _____

"And man had dominion over _____."
"Image" means a representation or likeness. This is not a physical likeness as Mormonism or Sweden-brogan views God, as a great human. God is a spirit (John 4:24). Man is created from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). The "image" of God exists in the Spiritual Nature or personality of God in man. If sin were removed from man, we would have the original creation of man.

B. Scriptural proof of man's nature being in the image of God and not the physical body:

In Ephesians 4:23,24, the word states, "Be renewed in the spirit of your _____, that you put on the _____, which after God is created in _____ and true _____." Also Colossians 3:10, "and have put on the _____ which is renewed in _____ after the image of Him that created him." The image of God consists of Knowledge, Righteousness, and Holiness; moral, not physical likeness.

C. The original man possessed intellectual capabilities. Read Genesis 2:19: "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam and _____." The first man was given the ability to think, reason and decide through intellect and speech. The world degrades man to an animal through evolution. The sadness is that man's wisdom is without knowledge of God.

II. The Fall of Man

A. Read Genesis Chapter 3:1-6; as you read, please observe the following five steps in the fall:

1. Listening to slanders against God.
2. Doubting God's Word and Love.
3. Looking at what God had forbidden.
4. Lusting for what God had forbidden.
5. Disobeying God's commandment.

Read I John 2:16 and list three areas of life that are not of the Father but are of the World.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In Matthew 4:1-11; we find Jesus tempted by Satan in verse 3; the pride of life in verse 6; and the lust of the eyes in verses 8 & 9. Jesus uses the same phrase of victory in verses 4, 7 & 10. What is the phrase spoken by Jesus?

As Christians, our defenses against the strategies of Satan are found where? (Ephesians 6:17) _____

B. Result of the Fall:

Through man's willful disobedience to God, sin entered the world. (Romans 5:12).

What is the penalty for Sin? _____

How many people from Adam up to today are sinners?

C. Read Romans 5:18-19 for further reference. (vs. 18) Through the offense of one man (Adam) all men are _____ (vs. 19). Through one man's (Adam) disobedience many were _____ (Romans 3:23)

D. Read Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is _____."

III. The Doctrine of Salvation

A. In Romans 5:18-19 & 6:23, we see that Jesus Christ brings 3 things to a sinners life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

We realize the wonderful gift of God through the work of His Son upon the cross. Have you built your foundation upon the fact that you are justified (not guilty) of all your sins, righteous before God, and will receive the gift of Eternal Life?

B. Salvation is only found through repentance. The Word repent means to change, to turn away from sin, to go in the opposite direction. Read Jonah 3:5-10 & Luke 15:11-24, 18:9-14. What is the central theme in each passage?

C. Repentance through Confession: I John 1:9-10

"As we confess our sins, God is _____ and _____ to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness."

D. As an individual turns from sin, through repentance, he must turn to God. (Acts 26:18). Whose power did we live under before turning to God? _____ but now through the power of God what have we received?
_____ and _____

IV. The New Birth

A. From II Corinthians 5:17, describe two effects upon a man's life which take place as he is a new creature in Christ?

1. _____
2. _____

B. We are born again of the Holy Spirit through the _____ (I Peter 1:23).

C. The New Birth imparts to us His own wise and holy nature, a nature that thinks as God thinks, feels as God feels, wills as God wills. In Colossians 3:10, what are we renewed in? _____ In I John 3:14; 4:7-8, we realize that the New Birth is evidence through one key word. _____

If you have never asked Christ to become your Lord and Savior, then *today* is the day of Salvation. If your Christian walk has been backsliding, then *today* is the day to repent and give your heart completely to your Redeemer. Don't waste your life; fulfill your life through His Peace and Love. May God strengthen your faith and mature your growth day by day.