



BIBLE STUDY HANDBOOK

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NEW LIFE

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he
gave the right to become the children of God.**

John 1:12

This course will help you to know Jesus Christ personally and to grow in Him. Application of these truths means a full, happy life. This study can start you on a discovery of God's will for your life. To answer the questions, look up the reference in the Gospel of John, think the question over, then write your answer to the question IN YOUR OWN WORDS, based on the scripture read. Questions 2-5 are answered by circling the number of the answer most correct. Pray for guidance: this may be a new experience in personal study for you. Some questions are harder than others, but you will find yourself growing in the knowledge of God.

1. Why was the Gospel of John written? 20:31 (Read John 20:30-31)

2. What is eternal life? John 17:3 (Read John 17:1-3) (1) Believing in God. (2) Confessing our sins. (3) Knowing God and Jesus personally.

3. Why do many people not experience eternal life? 5:39-40 (1) They are sinners. (2) They won't come to Jesus. (3) They don't know how.

4. Where do we find the truth about Jesus and His everlasting life? 5:37-40 (1) In religious books and magazines. (2) From church leaders. (3) In the entire Bible.

5. People without Christ in their hearts prefer evil to good. 3:19-20 (1) Because they can't help it. (2) Because they don't know they are wrong. (3) Because they choose not to come to the light of Jesus and be changed.

We have found that the scriptures give us the truth about Jesus, that men are all sinful and in rebellion against God and His will for their lives. They fight coming to the "light of the world," God's Son, Jesus. Now let us see God's loving solution to the sin in our own lives.

6. Who is able to take away our sins? 1:29 (Read 1:28-29)

7. What happens to those who do not let Jesus, God's Lamb, take their sins away? 8:24, 3:36

8. At the time of Jesus' Trial, what fault, if any, was found in Him? 18:38, 19:4

9. Why did GOD let His only Son die on the cross? 3:16 BECAUSE HE

10. After Jesus' Death, what did his followers do with his body? 19:40-42

11. What happened to God's Son after He had been buried in the grave three days? 20:11-20

12. What WORD in this verse means the same as "to believe"? 1:12

13. If "to receive" Jesus means "to believe" in Jesus, have you ever "received" Jesus as your own Lord and Saviour? If so, when?

A child of God is one who has personally received Jesus into his heart as Lord and Saviour. He has accepted Jesus' death on the cross in his place, as payment for his sins. A child of God believes Jesus was buried and rose again...is alive NOW, and on the throne of his heart as King and Lord.

14. Are you NOW a child of God, having received Jesus, who is life eternal?

If you have never yielded yourself to Jesus, why not now in humility receive Him as Saviour and Lord?

JESUS CHRIST, THE LORD

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:24

This lesson teaches us some of the things Jesus actually said about himself and his relation to God. We read what others said about Him and how we may know for sure about life eternal.

1. How may we come to know Jesus in a personal way? John 5:39 (Acts 17:11)

2. What did Andrew do for Peter? John 1:40-42

3. Who is the Old Testament person who wrote about Jesus? 5:45-47

4. What was John's MAIN testimony about Jesus? 1:32-34

5. Jesus described a greater witness than John's witness. Who was that greater witness? 5:36-37.

6. What does Jesus say about those who “claim” to believe in, or honour God, but do not honour the Son? 5:23

7. What was Jesus claiming every time He called God his Father? 5:17-18

8. Why did some people seek to kill Jesus? 10:33 (10:31-33)

9. Jesus claimed to be (1) 30 years of age. (2) ageless and eternal. (3) about the same age as Abraham.

10. Jesus claimed that to see Him is to see whom? 14:8-9

11. How does Jesus respond to those who come to Him? 6:37 (6:35-37)

12. What does He give to all who hear and believe Him? 10:27-29

13. What does a person HAVE who sincerely believe in Jesus? 6:47

14. What three blessings are ours when we hear and believe? 5:24

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

15. If you were to die today, would you go to be with Jesus?

How do you know?

Have you taken Jesus' promise in John 3:18 and 36 as your own?

If you are not sure of your salvation or assurance, check here. _____

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Your continued faithfulness in these simple studies indicates you have a heart that God will surely bless abundantly. “Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Meeting Christ and receiving Him as Lord and Saviour of our life may take but a moment in time, but getting to “know” Him is a matter of growth in fellowship, through studying the Bible and through prayer. Sin is the only thing that blocks our union and communion with Jesus.

Remember to use YOUR OWN WORDS as you prayerfully search John’s Gospel for answers to the questions in this lesson.

1. Why did God send Jesus to us? John 3:17 (John 3:16-17)

2. What kind of life did Jesus come to give us? 10:10b (The b refers to the last part of the verse.)

3. To live abundantly, what new change does Jesus expect in our lives? 8:10-11

4. How is this change produced? 15:3

5. For His Word to change us, what must we do? 2:22 (2:18-22)

6. What is truth? According to John 17:17 truth is:

7. What does Jesus (who is the Truth) promise those who “know” the truth? 8:32

8. If we actively apply the scriptures, we may expect freedom from and victory over what? 8:34-36

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9. What new promise belongs to those who believe and follow Christ? 14:13 (14:13-14)
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10. What are God's "rules" or conditions for answered prayer?

- a. John 15:7 (John 15:6-7)
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- b. John 16:23-24
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In answering your prayers, it is God's desire that "your" joy may be full". Have you asked and received a SPECIFIC answer to prayer in the last month?

THE DISCIPLE

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 14:21

A disciple is “a follower, a learner.” Jesus never looked for “converts,” only disciples. His command to the disciples was “go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.” This is His last earthly command! It takes a disciple to win and build a disciple for Jesus. This study will aid you in finding His will for your life in discipling men for Jesus. After prayerful meditation on the verses selected from John’s Gospel, be sure to answer each question USING YOUR OWN WORDS.

THE TRUE DISCIPLE ----- the marks of diligence

1. To be Jesus' disciples, what must we do?

(1) 1:35-37 _____

(2) 8:31 (8:30-31)

(3) 13:34-35 _____

(4) 15:8 (15:7-8)

2. What then is the sincere prayer of every true disciple? 3:30 (3:27-30)

THE OBEDIENT DISCIPLE----- the marks of responsiveness

3. Who is truly a friend of the Lord Jesus? 15:14

4. If a man truly loves the Lord, what TWO things will he do about Christ's commands? 14:21

(1) _____

(2) _____

5. Why is it that many persons who say they are believers never become true disciples of Christ? 12:42-43

THE FRUITFUL DISCIPLE ----- the marks of relationship

6. Can we, in ourselves without God's help, do anything for the Lord Jesus?
15:5b (15:4-5)

7. What does the "Good Shepherd" (Christ) promise His sheep? 10:4 (10:1-4)

8. What must we do in order to bear much fruit? 15:5

9. When Andrew met Jesus, what three things did he do? 1:41-42

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

10. Where is the part of the world to which you are sent? 17:18 (17:13-19)

Why are you sent? 15:16

11. How may we be treated by the world if we follow our Lord? 15:18-20

12. What happens to everyone who does not accept Christ as Lord? 3:18, 8:24

Only sin, ignorance, laziness, or fear can keep us from consistently winning others to Jesus. If you have been fruitless, why not confess it and ask Christ to lead you to someone who needs Him. Fellowship in your church will encourage your motivation to witness. If you will share your faith with someone this week, check here. _____

CLAIMING THE PROMISES

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

1 John 5:11-12

A promise is “one’s pledge to another to do or not do what is specified.” God has placed in the Bible over 3,000 “pledges” to do. Some promises require a specific obedience; others are unconditional. But all must be CLAIMED BY FAITH to receive the blessings promised in the Gospel of John. Some of the most wonderful promises are listed in this study.

Carefully look up the reference; write the answer in YOUR OWN WORDS; then prayerfully examine your own life in the light of each promise. Are you NOW believing and using it in your daily life?

PROMISES TO BELIEVERS

1. Jesus makes three wonderful promises to all who hear His Word and believe. What are they? John 5:24

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

2. List some of the blessings to be claimed by those who truly believe in Him.

- (1) 8:51, 11:26 _____
- (2) 12:46 (12: 44-46) _____
- (3) 15:5-16 _____
- (4) 16:33 _____

3. What three things does Jesus promise to do for us? 14:2-3

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

PROMISES TO OBEDIENT BELIEVERS

4. What is Jesus' promise to those who serve Him as their Lord? 12:26 (12:23-26)

5. If we do what Jesus asks, two promises are available to claim from Him.
Name them. 14:23

(1) _____
(2) _____

6. The greatest treasures are priceless. What does Jesus freely give those who claim the promise of:

(1) 14:27 _____
(2) 10:11-15 _____
(3) 15:9 _____

7. If we faithfully practice what Jesus says, we will have His _____
IN US NOW. 15:11

PROMISES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is not a liquid to fill an empty vessel. He is a PERSON, to control all who believe and will yield themselves to Him. Let us seek to know Him through the Scriptures and obey His leading.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”
(Romans 8:14)

8. Who comes as a “river of living water” to all who believe? 7:38

9. Since the Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in Jesus, what is His promise? 14:16

10. What is the first work of the Spirit in anyone's life? 16:8

11. What does He promise to do in the believer? 16:13

12. To whom does Jesus promise happiness? 13:17 (13:14-17)

13. What verses in this study will you prayerfully NOW believe and claim for your own life?

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MEDITATION

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Meditation on the Word of God is perhaps the most neglected spiritual exercise today. It is the greatest spiritual avenue of blessing that Christians have. It is the doorway to application of the great truths of the Bible to our hearts. Meditation has been called “reflective thinking with a view to application.” Two of God’s greatest promises are conditioned on meditation. Look up Psalm 1:2 and Joshua 1:8.

The suggestions below will help you “break down” a verse or thought so it can be grasped, and applied to your own life. This is the real purpose of the Bible --- to change us into CHRIST-ones --- to be like Christ.

1. CHOOSE one of these verses for your meditation. John 14:21, 16:24-33. Circle the verse chosen. Now read half dozen verses before and after the verse you have chosen. See every verse in its scripture setting.

2. WRITE OUT the verse IN YOUR OWN WORDS --- make yourself rethink just what the verse says in the natural way that you would speak it, or paraphrase it to another person. DO NOT COPY.

3. ANSWER these questions about the verse. Write out the answer that fits your verse. Not EVERY question suits every verse listed above. USE YOUR OWN WORDS EVERYWHERE.

- (1) What one WORD in this verse seems to you to be the MOST IMPORTANT or basic?

- (2) Does this verse have:

- i A PROMISE TO CLAIM AND BELIEVE? (If so, what?)

- ii A COMMAND TO OBEY AND FOLLOW?

- iii A BLESSING FROM GOD TO THANK HIM FOR?

- (3) Why do I need this verse in my life?

4. Prayerfully think through on HOW you can use this verse in your life NOW. (To meet a need, help a friend, believe God, increase prayer, witness, etc.) Write down now what you will Do with this verse in your life, for this week. Be specific, personal, and pointed. I WILL:
