

Salvation



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Verse to memorize...

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What happened when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior?

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Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. Nevertheless, you probably have many questions about the significance and scope of your decision. The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place and how your decision has affected your basic relationship with God.



All of mankind born after Adam are born as sinners.

🔑 Romans 5:12 explains that all of mankind are descendants of Adam and have therefore inherited their sinful nature from Adam. (See also 1 Corinthians 15:22)

Romans 5:12

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"

🔑 Romans 6:23 declares that as a result of your sinfulness, you were sentenced to die.

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"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."



When you placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, the Lord adopted you as His child..

John 1:12-13

"But as many as received Him (*that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior*), to them He gave the right to become children of God (*your entrance into God's family*), even to those who believe in His name, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man (*it is not a physical birth*), but of God (*it is a spiritual birth*)."

🔑 Just like your physical birth made you a part of your earthly family, so to are you accepted into God's family through your new spiritual birth.

John 3:3

"...Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

"¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature*; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (¹⁸) Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ..."

🔑 As a result of your new birth, you now have eternal life.

John 6:47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, *he who believes has eternal life.*"

1 John 5:12 "He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."



The moment you become a child of God, your relationship with God also changed!

🔑 Now that you are saved God will no longer deal with you as a sinner, but rather He will now deal with you as His child.

🔑 This new relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship that exists between a father and his son. For example:

- ✓ A good father loves and cares for his son.
1 Peter 5:7 "*casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*"
- ✓ A good father protects his son.
John 10:28-30 "²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "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. ³⁰ "I and the Father are one."
- ✓ A good father provides for his son
Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
- ✓ A good father guides and teaches his son
John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."
- ✓ A good father disciplines his son
Hebrews 12:5-11



With your spiritual birth, you also received a new nature!

🔑 You now have two natures

1. The Old Nature = Physical & sinful
2. The New Nature = Spiritual & perfect

Ephesians 4:22-24 "²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

A cartoon illustration of a detective. He has a large, prominent nose, a grey beard, and is wearing a brown trench coat and a brown hat with a red band. He is holding a large magnifying glass over his eye, making it appear very large. The background is white.

Lesson #1

(Support your answers with proof texts)



Are people born as sinners, or do they become sinners only after they are born?



How does one enter into God's family?



List five ways your new relationship with God is like the relationship between

an earthly father and son.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Explain the two natures a child of God possesses.

1. _____

2. _____



What would be the reason for one nature to overpower the other nature?



When a child of God chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can

he/she expect from God?
