



BIBLE STUDY FOR 2ND SERVICE

GOD'S PERFECT SALVATION IN CHRIST

WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION - THE ALMIGHTY GOD

Everything begins with God. We don't understand the full significance of anything until we understand its relation to God. He was the one and only fact a trillion centuries before the universe or man existed. He is absolutely unique because he alone is infinite, unchanging, and eternal. He is infinitely more important than any man or woman. His value is supreme. He is in a class by himself. And he is more worthy, ten thousand times more worthy, than any other class of beings. ([Isaiah 40:12-17](#))

When we say that God is holy we mean that, along with the immeasurableness of his greatness, *his character is unimpeachable*. He cannot be charged with any wrong. He has an infinite love for what is infinitely valuable and an infinite hate for what opposes the infinitely valuable. His delight in praiseworthy things is unbounded, and His abhorrence of what is blameworthy is perfect. As [Habakkuk 1:13](#) says: "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, and you cannot tolerate wrong."

The fall of Man:

Man was created by God in His own image as the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning, man was good and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice, man sinned against God. Every person afterward inherited a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. As soon as they are capable of moral action, they, too, become sinners and are condemned. The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).



One may conclude therefore that the more one studies the early chapters of Genesis the more convinced one has of their purpose. Providing a scientific explanation of creation is not the purpose of chapters 1 and 2. Rather, their purpose is to set the scene for the fall of man, a major turning point in the history of creation.

Man's purpose was to exercise dominion over all creation, in God's image. Adam and his wife were to rule over the earth. They were to reproduce, to "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." Every plant and tree was provided for their food.

WEEK 2: SIN – THE ORIGIN AND IMPACT ON HUMANITY

Sin is described in the Bible as **transgression of the law of God** ([1 John 3:4](#)) and rebellion against God ([Deuteronomy 9:7](#); [Joshua 1:18](#)).

Question: How else is the term SIN used in the bible?

- The origin of Sin is in the devil ([Isa. 14:12-15](#); [Joh.8:44](#))
- Through the temptation of Adam and Eve, the devil introduced sin to man ([Gen. 3:1-](#)) and this permeated the "genetic makeup" of everyone born of the descendant of Adam [Ps. 51:5](#)
- The impact of SIN on humanity? [Gen. 3: 4,8](#); [Rom. 6:23](#)

Question:

Is there a difference between the sin of a believer and an unbeliever?

Memory verse: Rom. 6:23



WEEK 3: GOD'S RESPONSE TO SIN

In the last class, we saw the impact of sin on man and creation (Rom. 6:23). Fortunately, the entire creation was planned out by God before sin was introduced and God had a plan to counter the entry of sin and its impact. (Eph. 1:11)

- THE OFFER OF CHRIST: Rev. 13:8; Rom. 5:17-; 1 John.2:1, Rom. 3:25

- o The full impact of the sacrifice of Christ: the just demand of sin was met by the sacrifice of Jesus. Rom. 8:1-4*

- o **Can you mention definite ways the sacrifice of Jesus met the demand of sin of mankind?**

- o **Does sin have the same impact on a believer and an unbeliever?**

- WHAT does the term "JUSTIFICATION" mean for the believer?

Memory verse: Rom. 5:17

WEEK 4: APPROPRIATING THE BLESSINGS OF SALVATION

As highlighted earlier, God in His wisdom knew the devil's plan to introduce sin to mankind following his fall from heaven, so He (God) went ahead to provide Jesus as a perfect response, not only to the sin gene but also to its catastrophic consequences on humanity (1 John. 2:1). However, the provision of Christ will remain inactive if not accepted and utilized (Joh. 1:1)

REPENTANCE IS THE KEY: the entry into the God's complete plan for mankind to overcome sin is the acknowledgement of **Jesus Christ** as **the ONLY and TOTAL plan for salvation (Rom. 3:20-24; Rom. 6:23, John. 1:11).**



- o **QUESTION:** What happens if a believer sin? Does a Christian still need to confess his/her sin? **1 John.1:9**
- o By repentance as sinners, we enter into God's family and by acknowledging our sins when we fall short as believers we maintain the relationship **see 1 John. 1:9**

MAINTAIN YOUR FAITH: Faith is reliance and trust in the risen Jesus to secure us a righteous verdict from God, rather than a guilty one. **Rom 3:20; Rom. 7:23-24; 8:1)**
Every other religion rejects the idea that we are declared righteous by faith alone. Instead, they preach that salvation is won through moral effort, good deeds and balancing one's account by accruing enough merit to outweigh one's evil. Faith is renouncing your hope in your own good works and trusting Christ alone.
A Christian is one who has turned away from his sin and trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ and nothing else to save him from sin and the coming judgment.

- MAINTAIN YOUR CONFESSION OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST (Rom. 5:17; 6:18-19; 8:1-2;10:6-10)

Memory verse: Rom. 8:1-2

WEEK 5: SUMMARY Rom. 8:1-4; I Joh. 2:1

- SIN WAS DESIGNED BY THE DEVIL TO DESTROY OUR POTENTIAL IN GOD
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S PERFECT RESPONSE TO SIN AND IT'S CONSEQUENCES
- WHAT WAS YOUR KEY POINT OF LEARNING + ACTION IN THE STUDY

QUESTIONS + COMMENTS