#### A FOLLOW-UP GUIDE FOR NEW AND GROWING CHRISTIANS

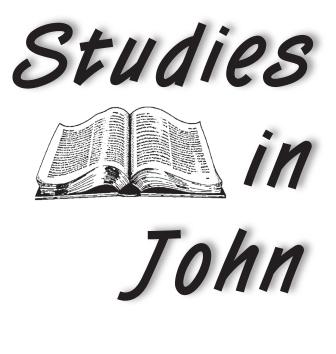






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# Studies in John Introduction and Contents

Jesus Christ has marked the history of mankind more profoundly than any other person who has walked upon planet Earth. Time and history measure events by His birth. Most religions of the world believe He was a great teacher; others say He was simply a good, moral man. Christians proclaim He is the incarnation of God — God "in the flesh." Jesus Himself once asked a man, "Whom do you say I am?" Based upon your perception of the man, Jesus Christ, you must at some time answer for yourself this most essential question:

#### Who Is Jesus Christ?

This booklet has been prepared to help you answer this question. Based on one of the four Gospels of the New Testament, *Studies in John* will take you systematically through the Book of John, and bring you to a crucial point of decision regarding history's most influential figure.

This study is designed with four sections which are to be done simultaneously; thus, in 31 days, you will complete this book.

Section 1—Bible study of the Gospel of John Section 2—Daily reading guide for John Section 3—Spending time with God daily in John Section 4—Memorizing 4 key passages from John

#### **Bible Study**

In a four-part study of the Gospel of John, you will examine these topics:

Study 1 — Man's condition without a Savior Study 2 — The need for a Savior Study 3 — How to find salvation in the Savior Study 4 — The new life the Savior came to give All you will need to do this study is the Gospel of John or a Bible. In the biblical references throughout this booklet, the number preceding the colon denotes the *chapter*, while the number after the colon denotes the verse (for example: John 8:32 means — *the Book of John, chapter 8, verse 32*).

#### **Daily Reading Guide**

At the end of the Bible Study section, a Daily Bible Reading Program is included to take you entirely through the Gospel of John during the four weeks of this study. To use it, refer to the day and note the passage to read.

#### Spending Time with God

After reading, complete Time with God for each day. Write in what you consider to be the key thought of that particular series of verses and how it applies personally to you.

#### **Scripture Memory Verses**

Memorizing key passages from John's writings helps establish the focus of each lesson. These four memory passages are attached to the inside back cover of the book; they are intended to be cut out and carried with you. You will be assigned one memory passage per week, and at the end of each lesson, you will be asked to write out the verse(s) from memory.

By completing this study, with its combination of reading, studying and memorizing, you will have the opportunity to experience a transformation of your life by God Himself! Studies in John may help you move from:

Bondage to Liberty (8:32)	Discouragement to Joy (15:11)
Worry to Peace (16:33)	Existence to Life (20:31)

As you read the Scriptures, certain questions will no doubt arise in your mind. In such cases, God promises that if you truly seek to understand, He will reveal His Truth.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)



# Assignment Complete Bible Study, Lesson 1 Complete Reading Guide, days 1-8 Spend Time with God, days 1-8 Memorize John 3:16-18 (see inside back cover)

*Instructions:* As you begin your first study, memorize the passage assigned above (attached to the inside back cover). Then begin to read the Gospel of John according to the Daily Guide included on pages 25 and 26. Next go on to the Spending Time with God section, completing each day's assignment. Last, read the questions below, look up the passage referred to, and carefully answer the questions according to your understanding of each verse or passage under consideration.

1. What title is given to Jesus in John 8:12?

2. Are people normally willing to come to the light of Jesus

Christ? (3:19) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do some people want to continue in darkness? (3:19,20)

4. Can our sinful actions and thoughts be hidden from the eyes of Jesus Christ, even if we live in darkness? (2:24,25)

5. Does doing what you want, when you want, really make you	
free? (8:34)	

6. To what class of people do you belong if you are not willing
to listen to God's Word? (8:47)
7. What makes people sinners? (16:9)
8. If we refuse to believe in God's Son, in what condition do we
find ourselves? (3:36)
9. When does this condemnation take effect, now or when we
die? (3:18)
10. According to 3:18 who is already condemned?
11. What must a person do to be lost? (3:18)

12. What do we learn from 3:17 about Christ judging people?

13. What did Jesus want to do for sinful people? (3:17)
14. What do we learn from 3:16 about God's attitude toward sinful people?
15. What did God do as a final proof of His love for mankind? (3:16)
16. According to John 3:16, who took the initiative in salvation, God or man?
17. What are the two main reasons for God giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in my place? (3:16)
18. Does the word "whoever" mean anyone, or only those who are worthy? (3:16)
19. If I am to receive everlasting life, what must I do? (3:16)

20. If I come to Jesus, will He cast me out? (6:37) \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations! You have completed your first week of Bible study. We trust you have found this first lesson both pleasant and profitable. You have made an excellent beginning. By all means continue on into the second week of reading, memorizing, and studying.

Continue your reading daily in the Gospel of John according to the Bible Reading Guide on pages 25 and 26. You may want to write your questions down for later discussion. After each lesson, you will be asked to write out the memory verse(s), to ensure you have grasped it. Let's do our first one now.

#### Write out from memory John 3:16-18.

# Spending Time with God in John

A 31-Day Plan for Daily Fellowship



#### Fellowship with God

Set ten or fifteen minutes aside each morning to begin your day with God. The purpose for this time is to help you build a personal relationship with God. The *key* to building this relationship is communicating and spending time together so you get to know each other. Beginning on page 29, you will find a plan that has been developed to help you get started in building your relationship with God.

#### Pray

This allows you the opportunity to talk with God. During this time you can share whatever is on your heart, both the good and the bad. God wants to become one of your best friends. There is nothing you can tell Him that He doesn't already know, and yet He still loves you. Ask God to help you develop your relationship to Him and to make you the kind of person that He created you to be. Ask God to help you understand the things He is trying to communicate through John's Gospel.

#### **Read the Word**

When you have finished your prayer, allow God the opportunity to share with you the things that are upon His heart. Everything that God wants you to know about Himself is recorded for you in the Bible. Read the selected verses that are written into your box and ask God to give you guidance in what He wants you to know and understand.

#### Things to Consider

During days 1-7 of the **31-Day Plan** you will be guided in the "Things to Consider" section to look for certain truths in the text which should help you learn what God is trying to communicate to you. On day 8 you can begin recording the major ideas you see in each selection for yourself.

#### **Observations**

This is a place for you to record or comment on things of interest to you as you read and consider the text. There is also a blank page at the end of this section for your use.

#### Questions

Write down things you don't understand and ask a more mature Christian to help you find answers from the Scriptures.

#### Application

Is there something you learned from God which you need to apply to your life? The purpose of fellowship with God is to change your life so you become more like Jesus — not just to make you smarter. This is the key to becoming a new creation in Christ. You can record what you intend to do about what God has said to you.

#### **Helpful Hints**

- Go to bed on time in order to be awake and alert
- Choose a quiet place
- Don't rush through God's Word
- Aim at not missing your fellowship with God
- Start immediately to set a time for tomorrow morning
- Set your alarm now!

My personal appointment with God:

Time\_\_\_\_\_ Place\_

May God bless you as you embark on your daily journey with God through the Gospel of John!

## **Time with God**

#### Topic: Who Jesus Is

Pray for Guidance and Understanding

Read: John 1:1-28

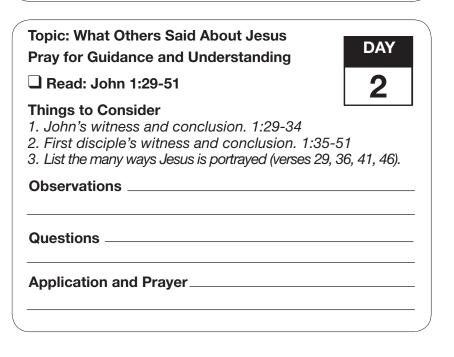
#### Things to Consider

- 1. How the Word is eternal. 1:1-13
- 2. How the Word becomes incarnate. 1:14-15
- 3. John's witness about the incarnate Word. 1:16-28

Observations \_\_\_\_\_

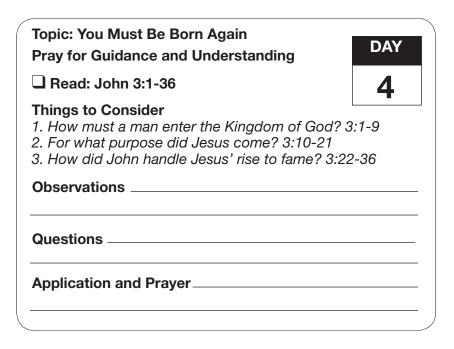
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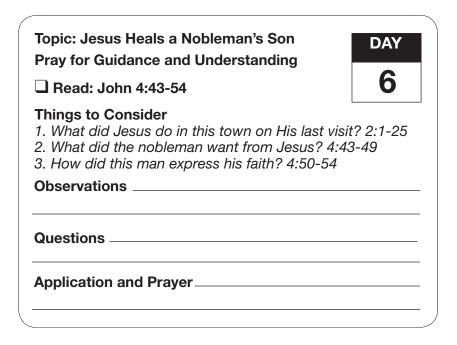




Topic: First Miracle; Cleansing of The Temple Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 2:1-25	3
<ul> <li>Things to Consider</li> <li>1. What do we learn about Jesus from this mirac</li> <li>2. Why was Jesus upset in the temple? 2:13-17</li> <li>3. How did Jesus fulfill the sign He gave? 2:18-24</li> </ul>	
Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	



Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 4:1-42	5
<b>Things to Consider</b> 1. Notice how Jesus deals with this woman. 4: 2. Who did Jesus say He was? John 4:21-26 3. What was the Samaritans' conclusion about Jesu	
Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	



Topic: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath Day Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 5:1-18	7
Things to Consider 1. What was Jesus' response to the Jews' custor 2. What instruction did Jesus give in the temple 3. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus? 5:15-18 Observations	? 5:14
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*Instructions:* We are glad that you have completed the first lesson and are confident you will receive still greater profit as you continue to increase your knowledge of the Word of God. Once again, memorize the verses assigned and continue your daily reading. Then complete the study that follows as you did in the first lesson. Last week, we learned these facts:

- The Word of God brings satisfaction to the soul
- Men love darkness rather than light
- God judges every man because of his sin
- The penalty for sin is death
- God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, to save us
- 1. What was God's purpose in giving us the Gospel of John?

(20:31) \_\_\_\_\_

2. How are the words of Jesus different from other words? (6:63)

3. If a man rejects Christ and His Words now, what will those same Words do in the last days? (12:48) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the penalty for the sin of unbelief? (8:24) \_\_\_\_\_

5. At the time of Jesus' trial, what fault was found in Him? (19:4)

6. What sort of death did He die? (19:17,18)\_\_\_\_\_

7. Could Christ have avoided this terrible death? (10:17,18)

8. What was the motive which led Jesus to die in our place?

(15:13) \_\_\_\_\_

The Apostle Paul said: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

9. According to the verse just quoted, for what kind of person

did Christ die?

10. What did John the Baptist call Jesus? (1:29) \_\_\_\_\_

In Old Testament times, a lamb without spot or blemish was killed and sacrificed as an innocent substitute making atonement for the sins of the people. This was a symbol of Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God, who was later to come into the world. John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sinless substitute who was to die for our sins.

11. By His death on the cross, what did Christ do with our sins?

(1:29) \_\_\_\_\_

Peter expressed it this way: "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree...For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit" (1 Peter 2:24 and 3:18).

12. Besides His death, what else did the Scripture predict

about Jesus? (20:9) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did His disciples expect this to happen? (20:9) \_\_\_\_\_

14. What proof did the disciples have that Jesus rose from the

dead? (21:14) \_\_\_\_\_

15. How did Thomas, a particularly skeptical man, prove to

himself that Jesus rose bodily from the dead? (20:27) \_\_\_\_\_

The Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ is: That He is the Son of God. "...That He died for our sins according to the Scripture, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

16. In describing His complete and perfect payment for all sin

on the cross, what words did Christ use? (19:30)

17. However, the fact that Christ died for all does not automati-

cally save anyone. Why not? (8:24) \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the one thing God asks me to do in order that I may

have everlasting life? (6:47)

19. What is the question usually asked by those who seek to

merit salvation, rather than to depend completely on the value

of Christ's death? (6:28)\_\_\_\_\_

20. How does Jesus answer these people? (6:29)

If I have heard His Word and believed: (5:24)

21. What do I now possess? (5:24)\_\_\_\_\_

22. Will I be condemned by God to Hell? (5:24)\_\_\_\_\_

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23. Out of what condition, and into what other, have I passed?

(5:24) \_\_\_\_\_

24. What other verb used in John 1:12 means the same thing as

"believe?"\_\_\_\_\_

25. If I receive Jesus Christ into my heart as my personal Savior,

will I really become a son of God? (1:12)

Keep up the good work! You have only two more lessons to complete this study booklet, and many exciting discoveries still await you in the pages of John. After finishing Lesson 2, continue to read the daily passages from the Reading Guide, and write out the key thoughts in your Spending Time with God section.

As you did last week, write out this week's memory verse:

#### John 10:27-29



## **Time with God**

Topic: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 6:21-24	9
Things to Consider	
Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	
Topic: Jesus—The Bread of Life	DAY
Pray for Guidance and Understanding	
Read: John 6:25-71	10
Things to Consider	
Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	

Topic: Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 7:1-24	11
Things to Consider	
Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	

Topic: Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem	DAY
Pray for Guidance and Understanding	
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Questions	
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Topic: The Truth Will Set You Free Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 8:31-59 Things to Consider	DAY 14
	Observations
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Application and Prayer	

Topic: Jesus Heals a Blind Man Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 9:1-41 Things to Consider	DAY
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Observations	
Questions	
Application and Prayer	

Topic: Jesus – The Good Shepherd Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 10:1-21 Things to Consider	DAY	
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Lesson	3
Salvatio	n



Assignment	
Complete Bible Study, Lesson 3 Complete Reading Guide, days 17-24 Spend Time with God, days 17-24 Memorize John 5:24 (see inside back cover)	

**Instructions:** You have now reached the half-way mark. More life-changing truth lies ahead in your final two weeks. Continue to read daily, memorize your verse, and complete the questions in this lesson perhaps taking a few each day. In the preceding lesson we learned that:

- Christ died for us
- He rose again from the dead
- He has done all that is necessary for salvation
- To be saved, we must believe and receive Christ
- 1. What great question must we all answer sooner or later?

(18:38) \_\_\_\_

2. What did Christ say in answer to this question? (17:17)

Jesus himself gives us the reason for all error. He told the false religious leaders of His day: *"…You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God"* (Matthew 22:29).

3. When I understand God's Word, what effect will it produce in my life? (8:32)

4. What attitude is required if we are to grasp the truth? (7:17)

5. What can permanently satisfy the thirst of the soul? (4:14)

6. What is the source of this water? (a) the pleasures of this

world, (b) the practice of a religion, (c) Jesus Christ, (d) riches.

(4:14) Circle the correct answer.

7. Who is the main theme of the Scriptures? (5:39) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who are those whom Jesus invites to come to him? (7:37)

9. Is eternal life a gift, or must it be earned by good works?

(10:28) \_\_\_\_\_

10. If we do not receive this life, what can be the only reason?

(5:40) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the normal use of a door?

12. Who is the only door to Heaven? (10:9)

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13. What will happen to the one who enters in by Him? (10:9)

14. In John 14:6, what is the first of three titles given to Jesus?

15. Did Jesus mention any other intermediary between the

Father and man, except Himself? (14:6) \_\_\_\_\_

St. Paul expressed it this way: *"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus"* (1 Timothy 2:5).

16. Will anyone succeed if he attempts to go to God through

any other mediator? (14:6) \_\_\_\_\_

From our studies thus far we have seen that the heart of the Gospel is the good news — "*Christ died for our sins.*" This single phrase summarizes the facts God wants everyone to know and accept: (1) that men are sinners, (2) that the penalty for sin is death, (3) that Jesus Christ, through the shedding of His blood on the cross, paid this death penalty.

Christ has done everything that is necessary for salvation. For this reason God commands us to do one thing to receive His salvation — "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Acts 16:31). Some will say, "I believe already." However, the word "believe" as used in the Bible, does not mean simply a mental assent to certain facts or doctrines, but rather, a complete trust in a Person. To believe in Jesus Christ in the biblical sense, then, is something quite different from believing about Napoleon. It is an act of the will, and not of the intellect only.

Jesus told certain Jews: "... Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." To "believe," then, means to come directly and

personally to Jesus Christ for salvation.

17. After telling Thomas to put his hand in His side, what did
Jesus ask him to do? (20:27)
18. Did Thomas believe? (20:29)
19. Can you believe in the Lord even though you have not seen
Him? (20:29)
20. Who was the first person to whom Thomas spoke when he
believed? (20:28)
21. Who is the first person to whom we should speak when we
believe?
22. What did Jesus ask the man whom He had healed from blindness? (9:35)
23. After Jesus had identified Himself as the Son of God, what
did this man say? (9:38)
24. Who was the first person to learn that this man had believed? (9:38)
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Suppose that you say to Christ: "Lord Jesus, I believe I am a sinner and condemned of God, and I believe that you died for all my sins. I now receive you as my personal Savior." If you "come" to Him in this manner, will He save you? (6:37)

Have you come to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_When? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that He has saved you?

During the coming week, continue to mark your Reading Chart as you diligently complete each daily reading assignment. By now, you have perhaps found a time and place that best suits you for reading and studying. Keep up this practice.

If you have asked God to forgive your sin and to come into your life as a result of this lesson or a previous one, make a note of this date in your Bible and record your decision date here:

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

This date becomes your "Spiritual Birthday." Share this important decision with someone as soon as you feel comfortable doing so.

Have you noticed that the verses you have been memorizing in this course all have to do with God's assurance to you of Eternal Life? God wants those who are trusting in Jesus' death for sins to know they are forgiven and that they have the promise of everlasting life in the Savior. Is this your experience?

Begin to ask God to help you break the old sinful patterns in your life and help you become the person He created you to be. It may be wise to spend some time with God going over your life and every sin you can remember. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins. John tells us in 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* That's a promise!

Write out from memory John 5:24.

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## **Time with God**

Topic: Declares His Divinity Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY
Read: John 10:22-42 Things to Consider	17
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Topic: The Death of Lazarus Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 11:1-37	DAY	
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Things to Consider		
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Questions		
Application and Prayer		

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Topic: Mary Anoints Jesus; Triumphal Entry Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 12:1-19 Things to Consider	DAY		
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		Observations	
		Questions	
Application and Prayer			

Topic: Jesus is Glorified Pray for Guidance and Understanding Read: John 12:20-50 Things to Consider	DAY
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Questions	
Application and Prayer	

Topic: The Last Supper	DAY
Pray for Guidance and Understanding <ul> <li>Read: John 13:1-38</li> </ul> Things to Consider	
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Topic: Jesus Teaches About the Holy Spirit Pray for Guidance and Understanding	DAY 23
Read: John 14:1-31 Things to Consider	
Observations	
Questions	
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DAY 24

Less	on 4
New	Life



Assignment
Complete Bible Study, Lesson 4Complete Reading Guide, days 25-31Spend Time with God, days 25-31Memorize 1 John 5:11-13 (see inside back cover)
In the previous lesson we learned that:
<ul> <li>We can know the way of salvation</li> <li>Only Christ can satisfy the human heart</li> <li>Whoever will may come to Him</li> <li>To believe is to receive and place one's confidence in Jesus Christ for salvation</li> </ul>
1. After believing on Christ, must one wait to have eternal life?
(5:24)
2. He has (5:24)
3. He is not (5:24)
4. He is passed (5:24)

You have memorized from the Word of God: *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life..."* (1 John 5:13). Questions 5, 6, and 7 are based on this verse.

5. To whom does God address these words? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What verb is used to describe the degree of assurance that a believer should have concerning his present possession of eternal life? (a) suppose, (b) hope, (c) know. Circle the correct answer.

After having received the Lord Jesus, to be uncertain of our salvation is not a sign of modesty; it is rather casting a reflection on the reliability of God's Word. Any true believer may freely say with Paul: "...I know whom I have believed..." (2 Timothy 1:12).

7. What, then, is the basis of the believer's assurance of eter-

nal life? (a) his feelings, (b) the promises of men, (c) the written

Word of God, (d) his good works, (e) church membership.

Circle the correct expression.

8. Who is able to pluck out of Christ's hand those who have

eternal life? (10:27,28) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Who joins with Christ to safeguard the Christian's salvation?

(10:29) \_\_\_\_\_

10. What verb is used to indicate the radical transition from

death unto life which takes place when one believes on Christ?

(5:24) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is this transition from death unto life called in John 3:7?

12. How are those who have received Jesus Christ into their

lives born? (a) of blood, (b) of the will of man, (c) of God? (1:13)

Circle the correct answer.

Although we were not "born again" through doing good works, the possession of this new kind of life naturally produces great changes in us. Paul expressed it this way: *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

13. How did the man who was previously blind express his new

outlook on life? (9:25) \_\_\_\_\_

14. What new conduct does Jesus expect of one who has been

saved? (8:11) \_\_\_\_\_

15. What means has God chosen to change our manner of life?

(15:3) \_\_\_\_\_

16. After I have believed on Christ, what must I do to be a faith-

ful disciple? (8:31) \_\_\_\_\_

17. What new privilege do I now enjoy? (16:24)

18. What does Jesus do for those in whom His Word abides?

(15:7) \_\_\_\_\_

19. When can we be sure that God answers prayers? (9:31)

20. What new commandment has Jesus given to His disciples? (13:34,35) \_\_\_\_\_

21. How can I show that I have a sincere love for the Lord?

(14:21) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Having himself found Jesus, what was Andrew's new desire toward his brother? (1:41,42)

23. What did the impotent man do immediately after Jesus had healed him? (5:15) \_\_\_\_\_

24. After rising from the dead, what did Jesus say to His dis-

ciples about spreading this good news? (20:21)

25. Why must I hasten to spread the message of the grace of

God? (9:4) \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you witnessed to anyone concerning Christ?

Have you led anyone to the Savior?

Well done! You have now completed the reading of an entire book of the New Testament, including some serious study of its content. We are happy that you have completed *Studies in John.* God rewards the study of His Word with great spiritual blessing, and we hope you have been sufficiently challenged to make Bible Study and Scripture Memory a regular part of your daily and weekly routine.

Even as you have read daily from John's Gospel, you may now want to continue reading other books of the New Testament. We suggest you alternate your reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) with other Epistles (letters) of the New Testament.

#### Write out from memory 1 John 5:11-13

If you concluded the four Bible studies and memory verses before completing your Bible Reading Guide and the *31-day Plan for Daily Fellowship with God,* continue your reading and recording until you have finished the Book of John.

If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior as a result of this Bible study, please share this decision with the person who gave this booklet to you, or write to the address on the last page. Ask the person who shared this booklet with you to also suggest other Bible study material that will help you grow in your relationship with God. If they have no recommendations, please feel free to contact us for other literature that is designed to help you grow in your new life in Christ.

If this book has been of help to you, perhaps you have friends who would also profit by this study. Order copies of this booklet from the address printed on the last page. Then offer to go through it with your friends. In this way, the Good News about Jesus Christ will continue to impact other lives.

May God bless you in your new walk of faith!

## **Time with God**

Topic: The Work of the Holy SpiritDAYPray for Guidance and Understanding25
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# Congratulations on completion of the Gospel of John. During the past 31 days you have worked to develop your relationship with God. What blessing did you receive from God through this spiritual venture?

#### Don't stop because this book is finished!

During the past 31 days you have learned a very simple method to meet with God and begin to develop a personal relationship with Him. You don't need another workbook to continue your personal walk with God. You just need your Bible. Let me encourage you to continue the walk you have started with God. Like any parent, God loves it when one of His children wants to spend time with Him.

Let me make this suggestion to you. On the following page is a guide plan for a more advanced method for your devotional time with God. You are allowed to copy this and create your own devotional diary. If you print front and back - 91, 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11, pages folded in half - you will have a 364 day devotional guide. Because we have discontinued providing you a weekly Bible Study, we will use an advanced set of questions that will teach you how to study the Bible for yourself.

Let me suggest that you read St. Matthew's Gospel next. It will give you a fuller picture or understanding of Jesus' life and Ministry.

For your scripture memory, buy 3 x 5 index cards with a wire spiral coil that keeps them together. Choose verses that minister to you, memorize them and review them daily. This will allow you to share God's word accurately to those who inquire about the transformation taking place in your life.

Remember, God created you to be in a growing relationship with Him rather than to practice a religion for an hour on Sunday.

Pray for guidance and discernment to understand what God is communicating to me.

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In use in over fifty countries of the world, ETS is a worldwide discipleship training program designed for one-on-one disciplemaking or small groups. Covering all the major principles of discipleship, ETS trains participants in their own personal walk with God and equips them to win and disciple others. Available in Adult and Youth Editions. This is a nine volume series with eight weeks of training per book.

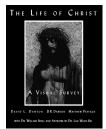


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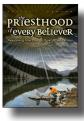


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## **Memorize These Verses**

These verses are designed to be cut apart on the dotted lines so you may carry them with you for easier memorization.

#### **JOHN 3:16-18**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

#### **JOHN 10:27-29**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father's hand.

#### **JOHN 5:24**

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

#### 1 JOHN 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that 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. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

> Helpful hints for memory work: Memorize the reference as well as the verse. Review all verses you have memorized every day. Repeat them several times. Each week, add the new verse assigned for that week and review new as well as old ones.

#### "AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

#### **Јони 8:32 NKJ**

This is Jesus' promise to YOU—His promise that if you truly seek Him and an understanding of His Word in the Bible, He will reveal Himself and His Truth to you. Studies in John has been designed to lead you step-by-step through one of the most intriguing Books in the Bible—the Gospel of John. By completing this study, with its combination of reading, studying, and memorizing, you will have the opportunity to experience a transformation of your life by God Himself.

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J esus Christ has marked the history of mankind more profoundly than any other person who has walked upon planet Earth. Time and history measure events by His birth. Jesus Himself once asked a man, "Whom do you say I am?" Based upon your perception of the man, Jesus Christ, you must at some time answer for yourself this most essential question:

#### WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?



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