

Let Us Grow

A New Person

Lesson 1

“...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

~1 Peter 2.2

...that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4.22-24)

You are a Christian! It is wonderful. Jesus said, “There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15.10) You are a new person, forgiven by God, washed clean of any sin by the blood of Christ.

One of the best things about being a Christian is we can have confidence that we can **know** God and that the love of God will make us complete. Do you want to see? Read 1 John 2.3-6.

What do you see?

We do not have to guess that we are Christians or rely on signs, feelings, or intuition. We **know** we are Christians because **we obeyed** the gospel of Christ. We believed, loved, and acted on our faith in obedience to Christ’s will. Now we abide (live) *in Him*.



Search Your Bible

You can strengthen your confidence in your salvation by taking a look at those things you did to become a Christian.

- ✓ You **believed** the good news (gospel) that Christ offered Himself for you through His death, and that God raised Him from the tomb just as He promised He would.

Without belief, there is no salvation. ~Mark 16.15-16, John 3.36 & 8.24, Acts 16.30-34.

- ✓ You **repented** of a sinful life. God told us to turn away from things that will harm our spirit, and there will come a day when we will be judged by Him for our actions in life (Acts 17.30-31).

Repentance is a word not often used in conversation except when talking about God and the Bible. So what does it really mean?

- Repentance means you are *sorry* for every sin you commit against God. This is often called *godly sorrow*. ~2 Corinthians 7.10.
- It means you *decided to change* your life and quit doing things God calls wrong. Paul says we put things we do against God 'to death' (Colossians 3.5-10). We used to do evil things, but now we are committed to change.
- It also means you decided to *live your life for Christ* by *obeying* His commandments. When we refuse to obey the Lord we have not repented, but when we decide to do what God wants and do it, that is repentance!



Examine Yourself

Having a Bible does no good if it just sits on your table or lives in your phone but never is read. One of the best things is that a Bible can help you look inside yourself to see if you are truly living a Christ-like life.

- We **show** our **belief** in God through our **actions** (Acts 2.38, James 2.14-16, Matthew 7.21-23). Are you willing to keep showing God your faith by continuing to do His will?
- **Repentance** is a *change in heart* because of *godly sorrow* that results in a *change of life* (Acts 2.36-38). It is also a way of life we commit to. Are you living a life of repentance, doing your best to keep from going back into a life of sin?



Mark Your Bible

Here are some good verses to mark in your Bible for later study.

- A Christian is a **new person**. ~John 3.5, 1 Peter 1.22-23, Eph 4.24
- **Belief**. ~Mark 16.15-16, John 3.36, 8.24, Acts 16.31, 8.37.
- **Repent**. ~Luke 13.3, 24.46-47, Acts 2.38, 30, 2 Peter 3.9