

Lesson 3

Faith and Forgiveness

1. The Bible urges people to:

"Turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus."
(Acts 20:21)

This verse teaches us two things about a true child of God. He is a person who:

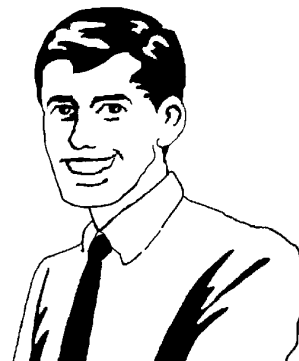
- a) has r_____ and
- b) has f_____ in our _____.
2. So, a child of God is one who receives Jesus with **repentance** and **faith**. It is with **repentance** because he has had a ch_____ of m_____ and with **faith** because he has believed in the _____.

In the last lesson we learned about:

1. REPENTANCE

In this lesson we will study:

2. FAITH in Jesus as our Saviour



3. About 2,000 years ago an angel appeared to a man called Joseph and told him that his fiancée, the virgin Mary, would give birth to a baby. The angel said:

"You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will SAVE his people from their sins."
(Matthew 1:21)

According to the angel, who was to be our Saviour from sin?

4. According to the angel's message, what is the meaning of the name "Jesus"? The word in capitals will give you a clue.

a. Carpenter b. Saviour c. Angel

5. Read the angel's message once again:

Mary's baby was to be called Jesus, which means Saviour, because he was going to save us from our _____.

6. The Bible also says:

"Christ died for our sins." (1 Corinthians 15:3)

What did Jesus do to obtain the forgiveness of our sins? (Tick the correct answer)

- a. He took the punishment for our sins by dying for them on the cross.
- b. He spoke to his mother on our behalf.
- c. He just overlooked our sins as unimportant.

7. The Bible also says:

"Everyone who believes in him (Jesus) receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)

Having repented of your sins, in whom did you put your faith in order to have them forgiven? _____

8. Now learn this verse by heart, with its reference.

"Everyone who believes in him (Jesus) receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)

Only fill in the spaces below when you can do so without looking above.

Everyone who _____ in J _____
receives _____ of _____.
(_____ : _____)

9. In order to have your sins forgiven, you must believe in the Lord Jesus. In other words, you must put your f_____ in him as your Saviour.

10. The Bible teaches:

“Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

To believe in Jesus means to have faith in him. It is to put all your trust in him and only in him. So then salvation, which begins with the forgiveness of sins, is received by believing: (Tick one)

- a. in our baptism, without real faith in Jesus.
- b. in the good works that we do.
- c. partly in Jesus and partly in the Church.
- d. in Jesus and in him alone.

11. a) What did you do to have your sins forgiven?

Put my _____ in _____ as my
S _____

b) What did Jesus do to obtain this forgiveness for you?

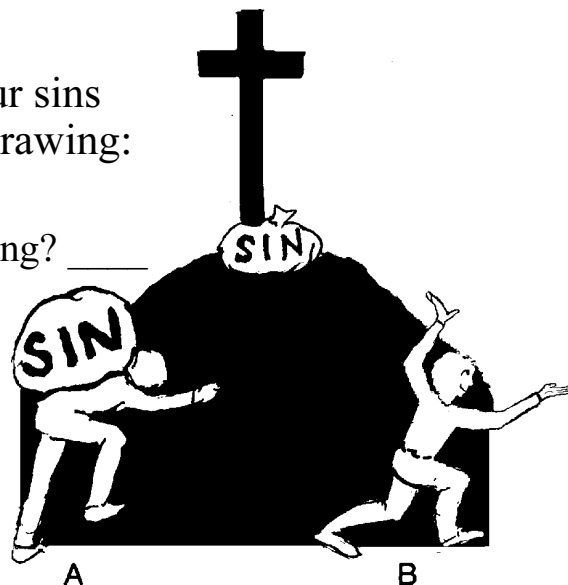
He _____ on the cross

12. Yes, Jesus died so that all of your sins could be forgiven. Look at the drawing:

a) What burden is the man carrying? _____

b) But, he leaves his burden at the foot of the _____.

c) Which man (A or B) is free from the burden of sin? _____



13. Look again at the drawing.
- Is man “B” still carrying his burden? (Answer “Yes” or “No”) _____
 - This is a simple way of showing how your sins have been forgiven. How many of the man’s sins have been forgiven, according to the picture?
 - a. Only some of them.
 - b. All of them.
 - c. None of them.
14. a) If Jesus really has forgiven you all your sins, is it possible that you still have some sins unforgiven? (Answer “Yes” or “No”) _____
- b) What did Jesus do so that all your sins could be forgiven?
He _____ on the _____.
15. The Bible says:
- “You (God) will... hurl ALL our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”* *(Micah 7:19)*
- Since this is true, how many of your sins have been forgiven?
A _____ of them.
16. Think about each of the following sins.
- * The disobedience of your childhood.
 - * The rebellion of your youth.
 - * The hardness of your heart as an adult.
- How many of these sins did God forgive when you put your faith in Jesus as your Saviour?
- a. None of them.
 - b. All of them.
 - c. Only some of them.

17. It is very important for you to understand clearly the greatness of God's forgiveness. The forgiveness of your sins which Jesus obtained for you through his death on the cross is complete.

Think about this wonderful truth:

God forgives all the sins of the one who puts his faith in Jesus.

In the list below tick each sin that God will forgive if the person truly puts his or her faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

- a. Failing to keep a promise.
- b. Telling dirty stories to one's friends.
- c. Murder.
- d. Sex outside marriage.

18. a) What did Jesus do to gain such complete forgiveness for you? _____

- b) What did you do in order to have your sins forgiven?

Put my _____ in _____ as my
S _____

- c) How many of your sins have been forgiven?

19. As your sins, which separated you from God, have now been forgiven, which of the following should you be feeling?

- a. Peace of heart and mind.
- b. A sense of guilt.
- c. Worry about whether your sins are forgiven or not.
- d. A deep sense of joy.

20. Go over the verse you learnt by heart earlier in this lesson, making sure that you really have got it, along with the reference. It can be found in No.8 of this lesson.

21. What are the two things you should be feeling if all your sins have been forgiven?

_____ and _____

22. Now please do the test.

TEST 3

1. What did Jesus do to save us and to obtain forgiveness for us?

2. What did you do to receive forgiveness?

Put my f_____ in _____ as my

S_____

3. How many of your sins have been forgiven?

4. Once you have had all your sins forgiven, what are two of the things that you ought to feel more and more in your heart?

_____ and _____

5. Write out the words you have learnt by heart in this lesson, along with the reference.

Reference: _____



TEST 4

1. If Christ is truly your Lord, what must you do?

2. Which are the three areas of your life in which you should do this?

3. Write out the words you learnt by heart in this lesson, with their reference:

Reference: _____

