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KNOWING GOD

WHO IS GOD? WHAT IS HE LIKE?

Daniel 11:32 says, “The people who know their God shall be strong and do great things.” If that is the kind of life you desire then you need to get to know your God.

WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM 2 SOURCES: CREATION AND THE BIBLE

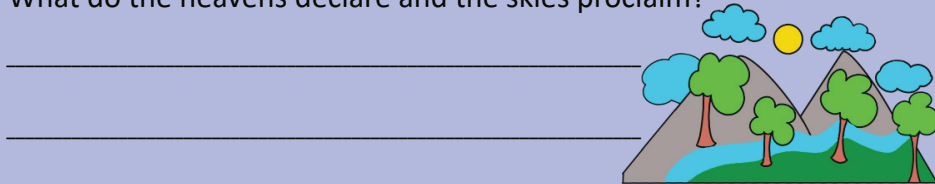
A CREATION TELLS US THAT THERE IS AN ALMIGHTY GOD

When we look at a beautiful painting, we know that someone painted it even if we have never met the artist.

As a painting can tell something about the one who painted it, so creation (everything that has been made by God) can tell us about the Creator. We can know a lot about who God is from His creation.

Read **Psalm 19:1-6** and answer the questions that follow.

1. What do the heavens declare and the skies proclaim?



2. Is there anybody on earth who does not hear this voice? _____

Psalm 19:1-6 tells us that just by looking at the heavens that God made, we can learn so much about Him because they tell us of His glory (glory means everything that God is) without speaking a word.

The heavens show His craftsmanship. The night sky speaks and the day speaks. Everyone in the world sees His sky and hears His voice.

The skies are like a tent, which God has put up. So he is even greater than the greatness of the skies. God contains the sun in His tent.

The sun, which sustains our lives, is under God's control. Clouds in the skies bring the rain. God is the provider of our needs. The stars and moon are so beautiful in the sky.

3. God is beautiful and perfect, because what He made is excellent. Thunder and lightning in the skies show that God is almighty and awesome in His power. He is the Lord of the universe. When the sun comes up in the east every day, we know that God is faithful. Nothing is too difficult for our great and powerful creator.

When I look at the heavens I know that God is powerful, God is light, and He is so beautiful. I am so small and He is so big.

What can you know about the Creator and how do you feel about Him when you look at the heavens?

B THE BIBLE TELLS US WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE IS LIKE

God has specifically revealed Himself to us in the Bible. His deeds in history are recorded in the Bible. These deeds reveal God's character to us. They tell us about who He is and what He is like. Here are some of the most important things you need to know:

1. GOD IS - THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE

God is not part of His creation. **Psalm 121:1 - 2** tells us that God is a very strong helper. How do we know this?

2. GOD IS - ALL POWERFUL (OMNIPOTENT)

Why can we say that God is all-powerful?

Jeremiah 32:17 _____



3. GOD IS - ALL KNOWING (OMNISCIENT)

God knows everything. What kind of things does He know about you?

Psalm 139:1 - 3 _____

4. GOD IS - EVERYWHERE (OMNIPRESENT)

You cannot hide from God. He is everywhere. How does David express this?

Psalm 139:7 & 8 _____

5. GOD IS - HOLY AND JUST

HOLY: set apart, absolutely pure and unstained by sin.

JUST: truthful, righteous, fair, moral and upright.
What did the angels call out in God's presence?

Isaiah 6:3 _____



JUST: He will judge sin. How will He judge the world?

Psalm 96:13b _____

GOD IS FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

The Bible refers to God as being One, yet manifest in three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit. Understanding this mystery is difficult for our human minds to grasp, but we can begin looking at what Scripture tells us.

GOD, THE FATHER

1. What must you do in order to have the right to call God your Father?

John 1:12 _____

God, your Father loves you and cares about you.

Our earthly fathers are not perfect and often let us down. Some abandon their children and refuse to acknowledge them, but our heavenly Father is not like that.

2. Write down what kind of father God is to us:

a) Exodus 34:6 _____

b) Psalm 68:5 _____

c) Psalm 27:10 _____

d) Hebrews 13:5b _____

e) Psalm 103:13 - 14 _____

God, your Father disciplines His children.

3. Read Hebrews 12:6 - 11

a) Who does the Lord discipline? Verse 6 _____

b) Why does He discipline? Verse 10 _____

c) What does discipline produce in our lives? Verse 11 _____

JESUS, GOD THE SON

The first chapter of John's gospel tells us who Jesus is.

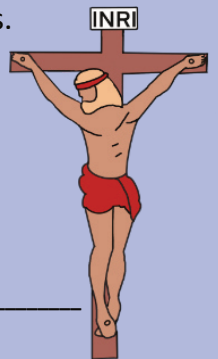
Jesus is called the Word.

Jesus came to be God's Word.

In the Old Testament God spoke to people through His prophets.

1. What do we read about Jesus being the Word?

John 1:1 _____



2. What do we read about the coming of Jesus into the world?

John 1:14 _____

3. What was unique about Jesus, which made it possible for Him to have such a powerful ministry?

Colossians 2:9 _____

4. What are some of the titles given to Jesus?

Matthew 1:23 _____

Luke 2:11 _____

John 1:41 _____

Before Jesus came into the world, a lamb would be sacrificed so that sins could be forgiven. You can learn more about this in **Leviticus 4:32-35** and compare it with **Hebrews 7:22-28**.

JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD

5. How did John introduce Jesus to the people?

John 1:29 _____

6. Why do we no longer sacrifice lambs for our sins?

Hebrews 7:27 _____

7. What did Jesus say about His relationship with the Father?

John 10:38b _____

8. How can we meet the Father?

Can you find the answers from **John 14:6**?

a) Jesus is _____

b) He is seated _____

c) Jesus brings us _____ and _____ so that we can _____ God, the Father.

GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON.

He is not an impersonal power or thing.
He is the third person of the Trinity.
He is present in all believers.



1. Before His death, Jesus told His disciples He would be leaving them.
Who did He say the Father would send in His name?

John 14:26a _____

2. What does the Holy Spirit do? _____

a) **John 14:26b** _____

b) **John 16:8** _____

c) **John 16:13** _____

3. If you are a Christian, where does the Holy Spirit live?

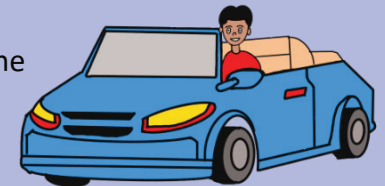
1 Corinthians 3:16 _____

4. What happens when we sin? **Ephesians 4:30** _____

WHO IS THE DRIVER?

The person who drives a car sits behind the steering wheel and controls the vehicle.

The passenger cannot control the car. He has to trust the driver fully and allow him to be in control.



The Holy Spirit lives in each Christian, but not all Christians allow Him to control their lives. Some people are only content to have the Holy Spirit as a passenger in their lives. They want God's presence in their lives but they do not want Him to be in control.

IN DEPTH #9

Allow the Holy Spirit to take the wheel and be in control. Get out of the driver's seat and into the back seat.

5. Read **Galatians 5:22 & 23** and write down the nine qualities called the fruit of the Spirit that will characterize your life when He is in control.

You do not need to pray that God will give you these qualities. You already have them when you allow Him to control your actions and attitudes.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is often called the Trinity by theologians (people who study knowledge about God). We do not always understand the Trinity, but we do experience God in this way, in us by His Spirit.

**WE PRAY TO THE FATHER
IN THE NAME OF JESUS
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

6. **Ephesians 2:18** refers to Jesus. What does it say about Him?

Get to know God better. Discover more about who God is and what He does as you study His Word. Fear Him. Trust Him. Worship Him.

7. Write down what the following verses tell you personally about God.

Psalm 103:8 _____

1 Timothy 6:15 -16 _____

IN DEPTH #9

Psalm 46:1 _____

Revelation 15:3 _____

Psalm 7:11 _____

Psalm 27:1 _____

John 11:35 _____

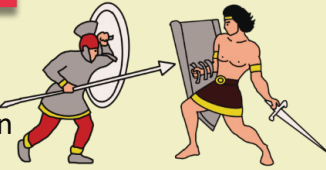
Isaiah 40:28 _____

Psalm 47:2 _____

**BY THIS WE KNOW
THAT WE KNOW HIM
IF WE KEEP
HIS COMMANDMENTS
1 JOHN 2:3**

THE BATTLE

We often hear of wars on radio and television. We read about it in the newspapers and study it in school. We play war games and see films about past and future battles. God's Word says that anyone who belongs to Christ is involved in serious battle. It is not the kind of war that can be won by tanks, guns and nuclear weapons.

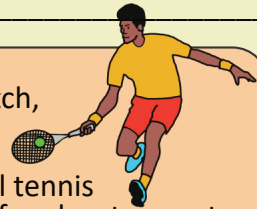


1. **Ephesians 6:12** tells us that our battle is not against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

KNOW YOUR ENEMY!

Before a professional tennis player takes part in a match, he watches recordings of his opponent's most recent games to get to know his style as well as his strong and weak points. This prepares him well for the actual tennis match because he knows a lot about his opponent before he steps onto the court. To be victorious you must be knowledgeable about your enemy. Our enemy is Satan and the Bible tells us a lot about him.



Satan tries to deceive and destroy in clever, secret ways so that we do not recognise what he is trying to do. If we don't recognise his deceptions and tactics, we are easily tricked and fall into temptation.

THE FOLLOWING VERSES GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT SATAN'S CHARACTER AND BATTLE TACTICS.

2. Fill in the missing words:
- a) **1 Peter 5:8** Our _____ the _____ prowls around like a roaring _____ looking for someone to _____.
 - b) **John 8:44** The devil was a _____ from the beginning not holding the truth for there is _____ truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language for he is a _____ and the _____ of all lies.

- c) **2 Corinthians 11:3** Just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may be led _____ from sincere and pure _____ to Christ.
- d) **Matthew 4:1** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be _____ by the _____.
- e) **Revelation 12:10b** The _____ of our brothers, who accuses them before God day and night.

THE DEVIL USES TWO THINGS TO TEMPT US: THE WORLD AND OUR FLESH

THE WORLD

The WORLD around you offers things that have no eternal value. They only give temporary satisfaction. Satan wants to deceive your mind through outside influences, like your friends and their activities. He uses the things of the world to take you away from being committed to God. He makes you believe that they are good. He also wants us to abuse the good things that God has given us.

Maybe Satan is using one or more of the following things of **THIS WORLD** to tempt you to do wrong:

possessions – friends – dating – sex – money – music – partying – drugs clothes – alcohol – social media – popularity – gossiping – mocking – lying

- 1. What should our attitude be towards the world and all it offers?
1 John 2:15: _____
- 2. What will happen to the things of the world?
1 John 2:17 _____

OUR FLESH

Satan attacks you through your own "FLESH" - what you see, hear, think and feel. He uses our own sinful desires to tempt us to disobey the Word of God. When you see the things the world has to offer, and you see that they look good, you want them. Your desire to have fashionable clothes, your desire to have sex with your girl/boyfriend, your desire to watch videos showing violence, bad language and explicit sex scenes, your desire to get revenge on your enemies . . .

IN DEPTH #10

1. What must not control our lives? **Romans 6:12** _____
2. What kind of things will you do if you follow your fleshly desires?
Galatians 5:19 – 21 _____

3. What is the result of doing these things?
Galatians 5:21 _____

FIGHT THE BATTLE AND WIN

WIN! TELL THE DEVIL THE TRUTH

1. What does **Hebrews 4:15b** tell us about Jesus?
 - a) He was _____
 - b) But yet He did not _____

Satan tempts you with things that are against the Word of God.

LOOK!
A pen! Take it.
You need it.
God supplies all
your needs.

He twists and misquotes God's Word. Resist the temptation by remembering and saying Scripture which is truth. **SATAN HATES THE TRUTH** and that is why it is really important for you to get to know the Word of God.

NO!! It
is written,
"You must
not steal."

Temptation in itself is not a sin. It becomes a sin when you give in to temptation. How did Jesus fight the devil?

Read **Mathew 4:1-11**. Notice that every time Satan tempted Jesus, Jesus replied by telling the Word of God, the TRUTH. He said: It is written . . . "

WIN! RESIST THE DEVIL

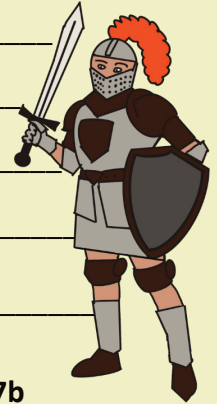
1. Read **James 4:7**
 - a) What 2 things must you do? _____
and _____
 - b) What will happen when you do? _____

IN DEPTH #10

WIN! GODS ARMOUR

1. What will protect you from the devil's attacks? **Ephesians 6:14-17a**

- Belt of _____
- Breastplate of _____
- Shoes of readiness of the _____
- Helmet of _____
- Shield of _____



2. What is our **weapon to attack Satan**? **Ephesians 6:17b**

WIN! WATCH AND PRAY

1. Why did Jesus say that we should watch and pray? **Mark 14:38**

Watch out! Be careful to recognize Satan's lies.

Ephesians 6:10-18: "And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind: **be alerted and always keep on praying for all the saints.**"



PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

know the truth - be righteous - tell the gospel to others - be sure that you are saved
trust in God - know His Word - always keep on praying.

WIN! AVOID TEMPTATION

Stay away from places and things that lead you to temptation. **DON'T GO INTO THE LION'S DEN!** For example, stop reading books and watching films that feed your impure thought life. Stay away from places where alcohol is abused. Don't go into a shop unless you have money to buy what you need. Don't get involved in gossip and slander.

IN DEPTH #10

1. What advice is found in **Proverbs 4:14**?

2. What can we do about the problem of our flesh? **Romans 13:14**

WIN! TRUST IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

1. God is faithful. What does He promise in **1 Corinthians 10:13**?

a) He will not let you be _____

b) He will provide _____

2. Why have we overcome evil spirits? **1 John 4:4**

WIN! PRACTICE PROWESS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Spiritual warfare is the battle against evil in the spiritual world. To have prowess means to be very brave and skilled.

1. What three things overcome the devil? **Revelation 12:11**

a) The _____ of the _____

b) The _____ of our _____

c) The complete commitment of our lives even to _____

**"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, he will stand on earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God."
Job 19:25-26, TLB**

IN DEPTH #10

REMEMBER THE TACTICS OF YOUR ENEMY

He is a murderer

He is a liar

He accuses believers

He tempts them to do evil

He tries to lead us away from devotion to the LORD

The story on the next page is adapted from the "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. It is an example of how Christian was skilled and brave in **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**. Notice how HE uses God's Word and HIS own testimony to overcome Satan.

Follow his examples when Satan attacks you with doubts and lies. See if you can recognize all Satan's tactics in the story
Notice how Christian is protected.

**CHRISTIAN IS PROTECTED BY HIS
ARMOUR, THE BLOOD OF JESUS,
HIS COMMITMENT TO CHRIST AND
HIS TESTIMONY**



CHRISTIAN MEETS WITH THE DEVIL



DEVIL: Where did you come from and where are you going?

CHRISTIAN: I have come from a place of evil called the City of Destruction.

DEVIL: Aha, you are one of my subjects, because all of that country is mine. Why have you run away from your king? You should return.

CHRISTIAN: It's true that I was born there, but you are too hard to work for. A man is destroyed by your wages. So, I have left that city and I'm going to the City of Heaven. I now serve a new King. And anyway, I like His service better than yours. I am His servant and I will follow Him.

DEVIL: No way! He doesn't want you because you are one of mine.

I HAVE SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO HIM, I CAN NEVER GO BACK WITH YOU.

CHRISTIAN: Oh, He surely wants me. In fact, He paid a big price to get me out of your city. That price was His Blood. He died. But because He is the true God, you could not keep Him in the grave and now He lives forever to save me from your City of Destruction. **Hebrews 7:21**

DEVIL: But you have already done some things that He does not like. Remember, when you took money from your mother's purse? And I like it when you do such things. Just think of all the good things you could buy with that money! No, your King will not accept you anymore. Come back.

CHRISTIAN: It's true that I did that wicked thing after I became His servant. Then there was not enough money to pay the electricity and all suffered because of my sin. I have asked and received forgiveness from my King and from my family. And I worked to pay back the money. So, you may not accuse me anymore. **1 John 1:9**

DEVIL: Then I will strike you down and kill you! Just as Satan was about to kill him, Christian grabbed his sword, saying: "Do not rejoice over me my enemy: when I fall I shall arise." **Micah 7:8** He gave the devil a deadly thrust saying: "In all these we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us! **Romans 8:37**

The devil left Him, and angels came and attended to Him. Matthew 4:11
2 Thessalonians 3:3 promises you that God is faithful and that He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?



The future is one of the greatest fears of young people. But God has a plan for our good and promises to guide us, therefore we should discover His will and do it. We can surely trust Him with our future.

1. What does the Bible say about the steps of a good man?

Psalms 37:23-24 _____

2. What do we read about all of our days?

Psalms 139:16 _____

3. What kind of plans does God have for us?

Jeremiah 29:11 _____

4. What three things does God promise to do?

Psalms 32:8 _____

5. What has God prepared for you to do?

Ephesians 2:10 _____

6. Why did Jesus come?

John 6:38 _____

THERE ARE THREE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF GOD'S WILL IN THE BIBLE:

THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD

God is the sovereign ruler of the entire universe and does not reveal everything about everything to us. There are some things that we cannot know.

1. Why do we not know everything? **Deuteronomy 29:29a**

2

THE MORAL WILL OF GOD

What is RIGHT and what is WRONG, God's will for us about what we should do and what we should not do, is clearly stated in His Word

1. Why do the things that are revealed, belong to us? **Deuteronomy 29:29b**

When you **KNOW** His Word, you will **KNOW** How to act in most situations, for example: Imagine that your parents have a rule at home that you are not allowed to go out on a weekday night during school term. Your best friend asks you to go to a Bible study on Tuesday evening. You ask your parents but they say you may not go. You don't have to worry about God's will because Ephesians 6:1 instructs children to obey their parents. You **KNOW** that God wants you to stay home.

God made sex for marriage. Don't even ask if it is His will for you to have sex with your boyfriend or girlfriend. **The answer is NO!**

2. Name just a few things that God shows as His moral will for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 _____

John 13:34 _____

1 Thessalonians 4:3 _____

Micah 6:8 _____

IT IS NO GOOD TO KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO IF WE DO NOT ACTUALLY DO IT.

Guidance goes together with obedience. In the story of the wise man and the foolish man in **Matthew 7:24-29**, the rock on which you should build your life is obedience to God's Word.

This leads to spiritual stability. The sand that you should not build on, is disobedience to God's Word because this leads to destruction of your life. Test your life again by checking it against the **TEN COMMANDMENTS**.

Sometimes we want God to speak to us like He did to Jeremiah or Isaiah, but then we do not even obey some of His basic instructions like telling others the good news of the gospel, helping those in need and being kind to friends and family.



When you are obeying God's moral will, you can keep walking in faith and keep doing the things which please Him. He will guide you in the particular things you need to do.

3

THE PARTICULAR WILL OF GOD

GOD'S WILL FOR YOU PERSONALLY

There is no verse that tells you exactly about your BIG decisions that will affect the rest of your life. Just as God gave the first man the freedom to eat from many lovely trees in the garden, so God allows us the freedom to choose from many good options: Where to live, what work to do and who to marry, as long as they do not go against His moral will.

1. What should your attitude be about God's will?

Psalm 40:8 _____

2. Read **Proverbs 3:5** and **6**.

a) What are two things that you should do? **Verses 5a and 6a**

b) What should you NOT do? **Verse 5b** _____

c) What will God do? **Verse 6b** _____

3. What is God’s Word compared to?

Psalms 119:105 _____

Get to know His Word! Having a Bible without knowing what it says, is like having a lamp in dark place, but not lighting it.

Do not be like the man who opened his Bible, looking for guidance and his finger landed on the verse: “Judas went out and hanged himself.” He did not like that one, so he tried again. This time it said, “ Go and do likewise.” So, he tried again.

This time it landed on: “ Whatever you do, do it quickly”. This is NOT what is meant by being guided by Scripture. You should earnestly seek His will as you regularly and prayerfully read His Word.

IT IS SIN TO USE HIS WORD AS A MAGIC CHARM

4. What does the Bible tell us to do when we lack wisdom and how will God respond to us?

James 1:5-6 _____

5. What does God promise to do if you go off the path?

Isaiah 30:21 _____

6. What does the Bible teach us about how God guides us?

Revelation 3:7-8 _____

7. What must rule in your heart?

Colossians 3:15 _____



Use your God-given, biblically-guided wisdom. Make a decision and act on it. Do not doubt that God has given you the wisdom you’ve asked for, otherwise you will become unstable in all your ways.

James 1:6 _____

God also guides us through the **CIRCUMSTANCES** and **OPPORTUNITIES** in our everyday lives. He also wants to use the **COMMON SENSE** that He has given us.

Psalms 32:9 _____

If you truly delight to do His will, you can make plans that do not go against His moral will. Keep walking in faith. The Holy Spirit, who lives in you, will let you know if you go off the path. If you do not have peace in your heart about your plan, then you need to seek further guidance.

8. What does the Bible tell us about getting advice?

Proverbs 15:22 _____

Consult mature, wise and trustworthy Christians whose lifestyles show that they live according to the teachings of God’s Word

You should not even consider plans which are dishonest, unethical or immoral. A righteous and honest person naturally chooses God’s way

9. What characteristics will guide you to make good decisions and which ones make your plans go wrong?

Proverbs 11:3&5 _____

10. How did God lead Joseph and Mary?

Mary: Luke 1:30-31 _____

Joseph: Mathew 2:13 _____

11. What warning about dreams and visions is found in **Jeremiah 23:32**?

God used dreams, visions and angels to tell people very specific things He wanted them to do. Not every dream is from God, so be very careful. If God speaks to you, you will know for sure. Don’t look for hidden meanings in your dreams. Most of our dreams are from our own minds.

12. How does God prepare us to do certain kinds of work?

Exodus 36:1 _____

You can confidently choose a career where you will be able to enjoy using whatever special talents and abilities God has given you.

The will of God will never lead you where the power of God cannot enable you and the grace of God cannot keep you.

WHO IS A  **cycle breaker**

A **CYCLEBREAKER** is a person who, having understood the teachings of Genesis Design, critically examines their

CULTURAL TRADITIONS and **PERSONAL BELIEFS**,

choosing to break free

from **HARMFUL CYCLES** of **THINKING** and **BEHAVIOUR**

in order to align

their life with the principles of God's Word in regards to

Manhood, Womanhood, Sexuality and Marriage.

ONWARDS!

In the Bible **THREE BIG WORDS** are used to describe your Christian life and they tell us **THREE FACTS** which form the basis of your faith.



BIG WORD

JUSTIFICATION

*You have been **JUSTIFIED**
You have been saved from
the **PENALTY** of sin.*



*This has **ALREADY HAPPENED** to you.*

God is just and therefore He has to punish sin. The penalty of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**). But Jesus took our punishment on himself (**Isaiah 53:5**) so that God could accept us. This means we have been justified. Justified is the opposite of condemned.

**WE ARE SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF OUR SIN
FREED FROM THE DEATH SENTENCE**

1. What did Jesus do for us according to **Isaiah 53:5**?

2. Read **Romans 5:1** and then complete the following:

- a) We have been justified through _____
- b) Because we are justified, we have _____ with God.

3. **Ephesians 2:8 & 9** tells us more about salvation through faith:

- a) Faith does not come from yourself, it is a _____ from God.
- b) It is **NOT** by _____ that you are saved.



BIG WORD

SANCTIFICATION

*You are being **SANCTIFIED***

*You are being saved from the **POWER** of sin*

*This is happening in your life **RIGHT NOW***

Christians are not perfect. Being sanctified is the **process of being cleansed** of our sinful ways as you grow in your faith in God.

God gives you His Holy Spirit to guide you to obey His Word, so that you can be **sanctified** and so become more like Jesus.

1. What will God do for you?

Philippians 1:6a _____

When you become a Christian and are justified, you start a long journey on the road of sanctification. Your thoughts, attitudes and actions change as God leads you along this path in the light of His Word.

2. What are the promises in:

2 Corinthians 6:16 _____

What must we do because of these promises?

2 Corinthians 7:1 _____

SEVEN SIGNS ON THE SANCTIFICATION ROAD

1. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS

We do not obey God's Word so that we can be forgiven. We obey God's Word because we are already forgiven! The main reason that we stay away

from sin is that we are thankful for what God has already done for us on the cross.

The **Sanctification** road is a road of daily repentance. God has justified all who place their trust in Him and they can then continue to trust in Him daily, because of His finished work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

3. What can you be sure of?

Romans 8:1 _____

2. WALK IN THE LIGHT

As you continue your journey of sanctification, God shines His light on you. In His light, you will notice your wrong ways of thinking or behaving. Instead of trying to hide from this light, admit your specific sins, find forgiveness and stop sinning. Stay in the light of God. Be transparent with your friends and with God.



4. Study **1 John 1: 5-10**

a) What two things happen when we walk in darkness? **(Verse 6)**

b) What happens when we walk in the light as He is in the light? **(Verse 7)**

c) What two things happen if you say you have no sin? **(Verse 8)**

d) What do you need to do instead? **(Verse 9a)**

e) What is God like? **(Verse 9b)** _____

f) What two things will God do? **(Verse 9c)** _____

g) What two things happen if we do not confess that we have sinned?
(Verse 10)

The light on your road will come from God's Word. Make sure you are reading His Word and hearing it taught. As He shows you how to behave, make the necessary changes in your thoughts, attitudes and actions.

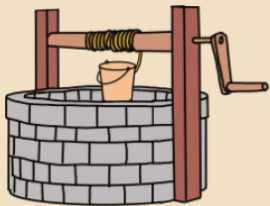
3. GUARD YOUR MOST IMPORTANT POSSESSION

Many people employ guards or install alarms to protect their properties and businesses so that they won't lose their possessions to thieves. There is a more important possession to guard.

5. What is the possession we should guard above all else and why?

Proverbs 4:23 _____

People who work with computers say: "garbage in, garbage out." In other words, the information you type into your computer determines the information printed out. This is also true of our hearts.



Whatever you fill your mind with will determine the kind of life you lead. So be careful about what goes in your mind.

Your heart can also be compared to a well.

If you throw all kinds of rubbish into a well, you cannot draw clean, healthy water from it.

Ways in which you can guard your heart:

- Be careful what you say (**Proverbs 4:24**)
- Be careful of what you see (**Proverbs 4:25**)
- Be careful where you go (**Proverbs 4:26**)
- Be careful what you hear (**Proverbs 22:17**)



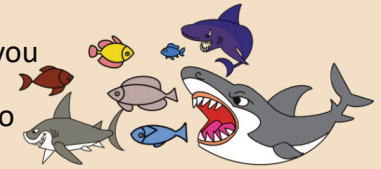
6. **Proverbs 4:20-22** gives us advice about how to guard our hearts. What should you keep within your heart? _____

7. How can young people keep their ways pure?

Psalm 119:9 _____

4. GO AGAINST THE FLOW

Many people are not going the same way as you are. You have been set apart to serve God. You are special so be different from those who don't follow God.



BE HOLY MEANS BE "SET APART"

8. Read **Romans 12:2**

a) What should we not do? _____

b) What should we rather do? _____

You do not have to copy the world around you.

5. SURVIVE THE STORMS OF LIFE

You live in a difficult world. We will face many problems and challenges, but there is a way to survive these challenges.

9. What does the wise man do for a strong and sure foundation?

a) **Mathew 7:24** _____

b) What happens to the wise man's house when the storm comes?

Mathew 7:25 _____

10. What does **2 Corinthians 4:8-9** say about the storms of life?

a) We are hard pressed, but not _____

b) We are perplexed but, not in _____

c) We are persecuted, but not _____

d) We are struck down, but not _____



11. Despite the storms, what can we be sure of? **Isaiah 43:42**

- a) I will go through waters, but _____
- b) I will go through rivers, but _____
- c) I will go through fire, but _____



6. DON'T GIVE UP

A sprinter does not carry a backpack. The weight would stop him from running well. He also does not look around. He does not argue with his opponents while he is running. His eye is on the finish line. Don't use up all your energy fighting sin. Keep focused on the prize.

12. What hinders us from running well?

Hebrews 12:1 _____

13. Where should we fix our eyes?

Hebrews 12:2 _____

Is this you? "Today I will fight sin. I won't make the mistakes I made yesterday. I will fight my temper, I will fight my sexual appetite, I will fight my laziness. "Oh, this is too hard! Help me Lord!" So, you turn your back on Jesus, face your sin and start your struggle.



LOOK TO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF YOUR FAITH

Turn around and focus on Jesus. Be constantly aware of His presence with you, talk to and worship Him and temptations will fade away in the light of His presence. He is your way of escape.

7. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Let your light shine. Let the people around you see light and know that you are a Christian by the way you behave.

14. Write down **Philippians 2:14** and **15** _____

15. Read **Romans 13:12b - 14** to discover what you must do and what you must not do in order for your light to shine.



BIG WORD

GLORIFICATION

*You will be **GLORIFIED***

*You will be saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin.*

This will happen in your ultimate future. You will be saved from the presence of sin. When you die, you will go to heaven and you will be glorified. This is your ultimate destination.

Complete **Romans 6:22**. But now that you have been _____

and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to

_____ and the result is _____

WHILE YOU ARE BEING SANCTIFIED, YOU ARE ALWAYS JUSTIFIED , THEREFORE YOU WILL BE GLORIFIED BECAUSE OF CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY