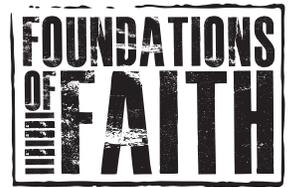


Lesson #1: Supplement



The Decision to Accept Jesus

Do you believe that Jesus died to forgive your sins and rose from the dead? Yes No

Do you want to turn from you sin and follow Him for the rest of your life? Yes No

Would you like to receive salvation and forgiveness by giving your life to Jesus? Yes No

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Prayer of Salvation "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) Dear Lord Jesus, I admit I am a sinner and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead. I choose to turn from my sin and follow you all the days of my life. I invite you, Jesus, to come into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Baptism

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Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does God ask us to do? _____

Read Romans 6:4. According to these scriptures what does baptism symbolize? _____

Baptism is a symbolic act of obedience through immersion in water. When we go down under the water, it reminds us that our old self (our sin) has been buried with Jesus. When we come up out of the water, it reminds us that we have been raised with Jesus to a new life. Water baptism is also the public confession that you are a follower of Jesus. It does not have the power to forgive sin. However, baptism is not optional but the first command Jesus has given new believers (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4).

Do you want to be baptized? Yes No When and where will you be baptized? _____

Creation Story

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There is only one God, and He is the Most High God. He existed in the beginning before there was anything else. The Most High God is the Creator. He created everything on earth and in heaven and is all powerful. He spoke and everything came to being. He created angels to worship and serve Him. They were very beautiful. He also created everything we can see -- the sky, land, water, mountains, oceans, sun, moon, stars, all plants and animals. Finally, He created man according to His image. God created man to enjoy all that He has created. God created everything and saw that it was good. God placed the man and woman in a beautiful garden to live. They had a very good relationship with Him and with each other. He told them to take care of the garden and enjoy everything. He gave them a special command: they could eat from every tree in the garden except one. If they ate from that one tree, they would be punished and die. The man and woman listened to God and had a wonderful relationship with Him in the garden. God created us to have a wonderful relationship with Him forever! However, do you remember the angels God created? One of the angels was very smart and beautiful. This angel became very proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels worship him instead of God. Only God deserves all the worship and service. Therefore God cast the disobedient angel, the devil, and the other angels who listened to him out of heaven. These bad angels are known as demons. One day, the devil tempted the woman to eat the food from the tree that was forbidden. The woman listened to the devil and ate the fruit. Then she gave it to her husband to eat. Both of them disobeyed God's command. Disobeying God's command is sin. God is righteous and holy. He must punish sin. God cast the man and the woman out of the garden, and their relationship with God was broken.

Story of Two Brothers

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There were two brothers who were identical twins. On the outside they were identical, but on the inside they were very different. The first brother was very good and honest, and when he grew up he became a judge. The second brother was evil and sinful, and when he grew up he became a criminal. One day, the evil brother committed a crime that was punishable by the death penalty. He was arrested and put in jail until the day he was to appear in court. On that day, he walked into the courtroom, he saw that his brother was the judge sitting at the bench. He thought, "Yes! I'm going to be okay! I'll probably still be prosecuted but at least I won't get the death penalty, even though that's what I deserve." At the end of his trial, however, the jury found him guilty and his brother sentenced him to death in three days time. As they were taking him out of the courtroom he was thinking, "I can't believe my brother did that to me! Why did he do that?" He sat alone in jail for two days, desperate because he knew his life was going to end. The good brother came to the jail to visit him on the second day and proposed a plan. He said, "Let's exchange clothes with each other, and then you can walk out of here free. I'll take your place...it'll all work out in the end." The evil brother thought it was a great idea, so they traded clothes and the evil brother left while the good brother stayed in his place. The next morning at six o'clock, the evil brother came back to the jail, curious to see what would happen to his brother. He climbed on top of a wall so he could see when they brought his brother out. As he peeked over the wall to see what was going on, he heard a volley of shots, and his good brother fell to the ground dead. The evil brother fled in shock, and eventually found his way to his brother's house. He went inside and he found a letter on the desk, addressed to him. It read:

"Brother, You committed a crime, so someone must die. I love you, so I took your place. From now on, please live a different life."

This is a picture of what Jesus did for us when he took our sin onto himself. This is a picture of grace.