

Prison Mission Association (Answer Key)



INTRODUCTION to New Life in Jesus

Part One Who is Christ?

These lessons are designed to provide knowledge of the basic teachings of the Bible, as presented in the Gospel of John, the fourth book of the New Testament.

(John 6:67-69) Who was Jesus according to Peter in verse 69? **Holy One of God (NIV), Christ, the Son of the Living God (KJV).**

(John 1:29) What was Jesus called? **Lamb of God.**

In Old Testament times God required that a lamb without spot or blemish be sacrificed to make payment for the sins of the people. This was a type, or symbol, of the true Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) who came as a perfect substitute to die for our sins.

(John 14:6) What three things does Christ call himself?

(1) **I am the Way.** (2) **The Truth.** (3) **The Life.**

“There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

(John 10:33) Who did the people listening to Jesus say he claimed to be? **the Jews answered Him, say “for a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself God.”**

(John 15:13) Why did Jesus Christ lay down His life for us? **Because of His great love for us.**

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God” (1 Peter 3:18).

(John 11:25) What two things did Jesus say about Himself? I am the **Resurrection and the Life.**

The scriptures foretold the suffering and death of Christ, but they also foretold that He would rise from the dead. By His resurrection He conquered (defeated) death. All who believe are saved from spiritual death and have eternal life in Him.

(John 20:25, 29) The disciples were eyewitnesses that Christ was now alive. What did Jesus say about those who have not seen and yet believe? **They are blessed.**

Part Two – Our Problem: Sin- God’s Solution: Jesus

This part sets forth the basics of the Gospel (good news) of the Grace of God, presenting the plan of salvation.

(Romans 3:10-11) Give three ways that mankind is described.

- No one is righteous
- No one understands
- No one seeks God

(Romans 3:23) What does God say about everyone? All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Romans 5:8) What way did God provide for us to be saved? By Christ dying for us.

(Romans 5:10) We were God’s enemies but we may be reconciled to God. How is this accomplished? Through the death of the Son of God.

NOTE: Reconcile describes the purpose of Christ’s death on the cross. The natural man is opposed to God, and separated from Him. Christ’s death on the cross was the supreme sacrifice. It reconciled us to God, making us acceptable to Him. When we accept Christ as our Savior, we are no longer tarnished with sin but washed clean by the blood of Christ. We are now members of the Body of Christ.

(Romans 6:23) What are the wages of sin? Death. What is the gift of God? Eternal life.

Through whom does this gift come? Through Christ Jesus our Lord.

(1 Timothy 1:15) What is the faithful saying in this verse? Christ came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) These verses give us the basic truths of the gospel that Paul preached. Write out these verses using your own words. Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose on the third day.

(Revelation 20:15) What is the final judgment of those who reject Christ? The lake of fire.

In Rom. 6:23 we saw that eternal life is a gift of God. This agrees with the first part of Ephesians 2:8 that says, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.

*(Ephesians 2:8-9) We are saved by grace, and it is through Faith.

Part Three Assurance that we are His Children

(Romans 8:35-39) What can separate us from Christ's love? Nothing!

(John 1:12) Those who receive Christ are given the power (right) to become Children of God.

(Galatians 4:6) What has God done because we are sons? Sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

(Romans 8:16) The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children.

(1 Corinthians 6:11) What three things has God done for the Christians?

(1) Washed (2) Sanctified (3) Justified

NOTE: The word *sanctified* means "set apart to God," or "set apart for God's use." So in this verse we are cleansed of sin and set apart to God, or sanctified. One who is sanctified is called a "Saint." In the Bible all believers are called "Saints."

(1 Corinthians 6:11) Here we find the word *justified*, to declare just, or righteous before God. According to Romans 3:24, how are we justified? Freely by his grace.

(Romans 8:1) What does this verse say about those that are in Christ Jesus? There is now no condemnation for them.

(John 5:24) The believer shall not be judged (NIV) or come into condemnation (KJV), but has crossed over from death to life.

Part Four Our New Life in Christ

Two important facts that every Christian must know are:

- (1) Since he is born of the Spirit, he now has a new nature and identity, and
- (2) This new nature and identity is in conflict with "the flesh."

NIV users: The words, "sinful nature," does not appear in the Greek.

(Romans 7:18) What did Paul say about the flesh? Nothing good lives in it.

(Romans 8:7) What two things are said about the carnal (fleshly) mind?

(1) It is hostile to God. (2) It doesn't submit to God's Law.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) The new nature is sometimes referred to as “a new creation.” What is the result of being a new creation (creature) in Christ? **The old is gone; the new is come (you become a new person).**

(Galatians 2:20) The new man is Christ living in and through the believer. As Paul said, “Christ lives in me.” (1John 4:4) This enables us to overcome our old habits because **the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.**

(Romans 12:2) It is God’s desire that we not be conformed to this evil world, but that we should be **transformed by the renewing of our mind.**

(Titus 2:11-12) What does verse 12 teach us concerning how we should live? **To live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.**

(Galatians 5:19-23) This passage contrasts the work of the flesh with the work of the Holy Spirit in us. List nine things that are the fruit of the Spirit (verses 22-23):

- (1) **Love.**
- (2) **Joy.**
- (3) **Peace.**
- (4) **Patience.**
- (5) **Kindness.**
- (6) **Goodness.**
- (7) **Faithfulness.**
- (8) **Gentleness.**
- (9) **Self-control.**

Are you trusting in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for eternal life? Yes _____ No _____