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*This is a self-study course
designed to help you discover
for yourself, from the Bible, some
important basic truths concerning
living the Christian life.*

how to study the lesson

1. Try to find a quiet spot free from distractions and noise.
2. Read each question carefully.
3. Look up the Scripture reference given after each question. Make sure you have found the correct Scripture passage. For example, sometimes you will find yourself looking up JOHN 1:1 instead of I JOHN 1:1.
4. Answer the question from the appropriate Bible passage. Write, in your own words, a phrase or sentence to answer the question. In questions that can be answered with a “yes” or “no” always give the reason for your answer . . . “Yes, because. . . .”
5. If possible, keep a dictionary handy in order to look up words you don’t understand.

6. Pray for God's help. You *need* God's help in order to understand what you study in the Bible. Psalm 119:18 would be an appropriate verse for you to take to God in prayer.

7. *Class teachers using this course for group study will find some helpful suggestions on page 47.*

how to take the self-check tests

Each lesson is concluded with a test designed to help you evaluate what you have learned.

1. Review the lesson carefully in the light of the self-check test questions.

2. If there are any questions in the self-check test you cannot answer, perhaps you have written ~~into~~ your lesson the wrong answer from your Bible. Go over your work carefully to make sure you have filled in the blanks ~~correctly~~.

3. When you think you are ready to take the self-check test, do so without looking up the answers.

4. Check your answers to the self-check test carefully with the answer key given on page 48.

5. If you have any questions wrong, your answer key will tell you where to and the ~~correct~~ answer in your lesson. Go back and locate the right answers. Learn by your mistakes!

apply what you have learned to your own life

In this connection, read carefully JAMES 1:22-25. It is only as you apply your lessons to your own life that you will really grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of God.



The Christian

“Without me ye can_____.”

JOHN 15:5

In considering subjects having to do with Christian ethics and practical Christian service, it is first necessary to understand that the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ are not to be separated from Christ Himself.

The beginning of the Christian life

1. Why is it impossible for the unsaved man to live the Christian life?

I CORINTHIANS 2:14 _____

2. Why can't man live the Christian life by obeying the Ten Commandments?

ROMANS 8:3, 4 _____

3. What is the first essential for Christian living?

COLOSSIANS 1:27 _____

4. A Christian, then, is not simply one who is endeavoring to live a moral life and do good works, but one who is trusting in the Lord Jesus for salvation by_____.

EPHESIANS 2:8, 9

Assurance of salvation

The faithfulness of God assures salvation.

5. It is the Father's will that _____

JOHN 6:39, 40

6. The Christian is eternally secure in Christ because he is sealed with _____

EPHESIANS 1:13

7. He _____ his Shepherd's voice and _____ Him and is therefore secured unto the end by the grasp of the hand of _____ and of the _____. JOHN 10:27-29

8. He is _____.
I PETER 1:5

9. Upon whom must one constantly depend for enabling power?

a. ACTS 1:8 _____

b. PHILIPPIANS 1:6 _____

10. Although the believer will have his old, sinful nature until he goes to be with Christ, how should he regard it in this life?

GALATIANS 2:20 _____

The believer and good works

11. What is the true basis of good works?

EPHESIANS 2:8, 10 _____

12. The believer's good works are the *proof* of what?

JAMES 2:17, 18 _____

13. One who has been born of the Holy Spirit will be "careful" to do what?

TITUS 3:5-8 _____

14. Who alone can make the believer capable of every good work?

HEBREWS 13:20, 21 _____

15. What can a redeemed soul always say?

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 _____

Growth in the Christian life

16. The power of the old nature can be broken in the life only by _____.

GALATIANS 5:16

17. What is the fruit of the Spirit? It can be produced only by His indwelling power.

GALATIANS 5:22, 23 _____

18. To manifest the life that is “created in righteousness and true holiness,” the Christian must be _____

_____. EPHESIANS 4:23

19. What is God’s will for every Christian?

COLOSSIANS 3:1, 2 _____

20. How is obedience to this command experienced?

ROMANS 12:2 _____

21. What is one Biblical command about Christian growth?

II PETER 3:18 _____

22. What is essential to spiritual growth?

I PETER 2:2 _____

NOTE: It is not merely reading the Bible that brings spiritual development. It is owning the authority of the Word of God and being obedient to what it says that counts.

23. Since sin hinders growth, it should be removed. What is one essential to a cleansed life?

PSALM 119:9 _____

24. Fruit-bearing by the Christian depends upon what relationship?

JOHN 15:4 _____

25. With such prospects as these, what is the only logical response from the Christian?

a. ROMANS 12:1 _____

b. I CORINTHIANS 15:58 _____

check-up time No. 1

You have just studied some important truths about the Christian life. Review your study by rereading the questions and your written answers. If you aren't sure of an answer, reread the Scripture portion given to see if you can find the answer. Then take the following test to see how well you understand important truths you have studied.

In the right-hand margin write "True" or "False" after each of the following statements.

1. A Christian is simply one who is endeavoring to live a moral life. _____
2. Good works should be the outgrowth of faith. _____
3. An unsaved man can live a Christian life. _____
4. The Christian is kept saved by his own strength. _____
5. The Holy Spirit has sealed the believer; therefore, his salvation is secure. _____
6. Christ has provided sufficient strength for us to live victoriously for Him. _____
7. A person's way can be cleansed if he takes heed to the Word of God. _____
8. Fruit-bearing depends upon abiding in Christ. _____
9. Victory over the old, sinful nature comes by walking in the Spirit. _____
10. A Christian should present his body a living sacrifice to God. _____

Turn to page 48 and check your answers.