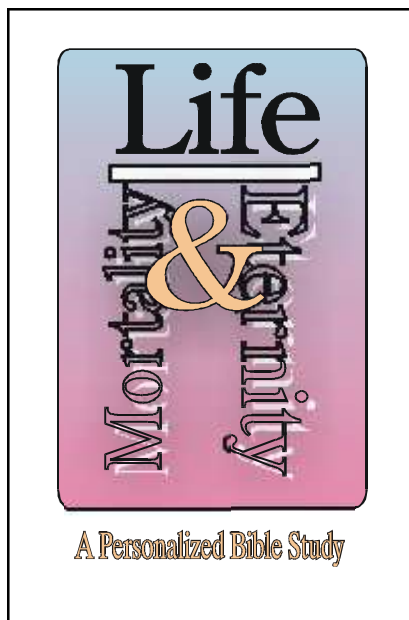


Life

Mortality & Eternity

A Personalized Bible Study

(Large Print Edition)



A pastor told me of his conversations with a Christian woman dying of cancer. He asked her if she wanted prayer for healing. "Oh, no," she replied, "I've talked this over with the Lord -- my time has come to see Him." Unfortunately, her children didn't share their mother's perspective. They tried to postpone her entrance into heaven with more tests, chemotherapy and advanced technology.

"Please tell my children to stop interfering with God's plan for my life," she told the pastor. With the help of treatments, she lived one month longer, then died. Here was a woman itching for glorification, anxious for the Lord to complete the work He had begun in her life.¹

Do you share this woman's confidence about eternity? Is there life after death? Can we live forever? Can we find true happiness and peace in this life? These questions and others are answered in a nine part Bible study entitled: "Life, Mortality, and Eternity."

This Bible study is being made available for free without any obligation. We believe that the Bible can speak for itself on these issues. We believe that you must make up your mind about its message. As a result, we have dealt with these important issues in the form of a Bible study. You must arrive at your own conclusion.

We are providing this service because we care about you. We hope you'll come to know what it means to have abundance in this life and confidence about eternity.

¹Erwin W. Lutzer, *You're Richer Than You Think*. (Wheaton, Illinois: Victor Books, 1978), p. 111. Used by permission.

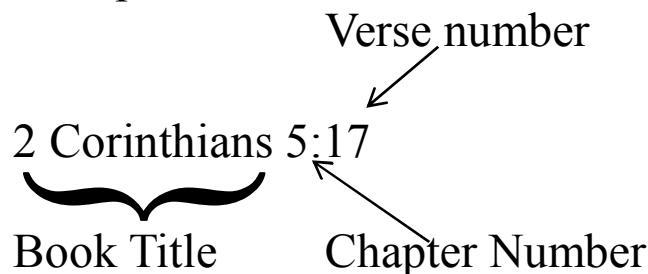
HOW TO USE THE BIBLE STUDY

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to show you the truth about Jesus and eternal things. John 16:13 gives us this promise, *“However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth...”* Here is a sample prayer, “O Holy Spirit, show me the truth about Jesus and show me the truth about myself.”

STEP #1 Read the question and note the Scripture reference. For example:

Verse number
↙
2 Corinthians 5:17
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Chapter Number

Book Title



STEP #2 Look up the book's location in your Bible's table of contents which is located in the front of your Bible. The book's title and its location will be listed, stating the page number upon which the book first appears.

STEP #3 Turn to the book, then using the chapter number, find the appropriate chapter, then use the verse number to locate the verse or verses being discussed.

STEP #4 Read the question and then read the verse(s) carefully.

STEP #5 Select the most appropriate response and mark your answer on the lesson. (Answer the remaining questions using the steps stated above as necessary.)

STEP #6 When you have completed your entire lesson, review your answers with your Bible study partner.

**LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“What is God Like?”**

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 1**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an X beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. According to Acts 17:24 God...
 made human beings only.
 made the whole world and everything in it.
 came into existence after the world was formed.

2. Acts 17:29 indicates that all men are related to God in a ...
 father-child relationship as our Creator.
 relationship of equality.
 tyrant-victim relationship.

3. In Titus 1:2 it states that God promised men eternal life in time past, and we can trust God's promises because...
 men are so deserving of special treatment from God.
 it is such a pleasant concept.
 God cannot lie about anything.

4. In the Old Testament, according to Isaiah 44:6 it is evident that there...
 is only one God.
 is the possibility of other gods coming into existence.
 are other spirit beings with the power and authority of deity.

5. Which of the following truths about God's character is discussed in 1 Peter 1:14-16?
 God is love; God is merciful; God is holy; God is just.

6. According to Romans 3:23, since all men have sinned...
 only those who are very wicked fall short of God's glory.
 all men come short of his glory, that is, no man possesses the magnificence and splendor of God Who is sinless.
 all men are on an equal level so no one is all that bad.

7. 2 Peter 3:9 states that God...
 is impatient and is looking for the first opportunity to pour out His wrath on those who are disobedient.
 desires that some would not perish.
 desires that no one would perish and that all would repent.

LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“The Way of Righteousness”

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 2**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an X beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. In Matthew 7:13-14 the path that leads to destruction is... () difficult to find; () only a few enter there; () the broad way and many enter there.
2. Again in Matthew 7:13-14 the way that leads to life... () is going to be found by everyone; () is found by the very devout and highly religious; () will be found by few; () is the broad way and many enter there.
3. Which of the Ten Commandments did Jesus refer to in Luke 18:20. Check off the commandments listed by Jesus in Luke 18:20. () Do not have any other gods; () Do not make any graven image; () Do not take the name of the LORD in vain; () Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; () Do not commit adultery; () Do not kill; () Do not steal; () Do not bear false witness; () Honor your father and your mother; () Do not covet.
4. According to James 2:10 how many of the commandments does a person have to break in order to be guilty of all? () all ten of them; () all of the moral commandments; () just one commandment.
5. According to Matthew 22:37-40, what is “the first and great commandment”?
() Do not murder or steal.
() Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
() Do not commit adultery.
() Do not have any other gods
6. In your opinion, how easy is it to keep “the great commandment” in one’s own strength? () Easy; () Hard; () Difficult; () Extremely difficult; () Virtually impossible.
7. Apart from Jesus Christ, how many have failed to keep “the great commandment” ? () The anti-religious; () The un-churched; () Almost everyone; () Everyone; () Everyone—including me.
8. To justify means to be judged right with God. Someone described it as “just as if I had not sinned.” According to Galatians 2:16 how many have been justified by keeping and following the Law? () Everyone who has followed the Law faithfully; () Jewish people; () No one; () All good and moral people.
9. According to Galatians 3:24-25, the Law was a schoolmaster that... () was to get people into heaven; () was to lead us to Christ; () was to lead people into a religion; () was to make people feel good about themselves.

LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“A Change of Mind, a Change of Direction”

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 3**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an X beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. Jesus taught His disciples about the importance of repentance in Luke 13:1-5. He said that people must repent or they would...
 feel guilty; cause the world to end; perish.
2. According to Acts 17:30, God is requiring that...
 all men everywhere repent.
 only the most corrupt and sinful people must repent.
 those who are of the same nationality as Jesus, that is, only Jews must repent.
3. To "repent" means to change one's mind. Acts 3:19 ties repentance with sin and shows that men must change their minds about...
 who they are before they can find themselves.
 their sins before their sins can be wiped away.
 what they are willing to do for God in order to merit His forgiveness.
4. In Acts 14:15 Paul told the men who were attempting to worship him as god...
 turn from these vain practices to a living God.
 its okay to worship in whatever way you see fit as long as you have good feelings about what you are doing.
 don't do these things for us, do them for God.
5. Since to "repent" means to change one's mind, then Acts 20:21 discloses that people are to change their minds so they are looking toward...
 God and faith in Christ; reforming their life; getting religion.
6. In Acts 26:16-20 the Apostle Paul describes his conversion to Christianity to a king named Agrippa. In these verses we have record of how Jesus spoke with Paul. Jesus told Paul that He was sending Paul to the Gentiles (non-Jews) to...
 lead them to follow a particular church or denomination.
 enable them to discover themselves so they could develop their human potential.
 turn them from darkness to light and from Satan to God.
7. Acts 26:20 indicates that deeds, or works...
 do not have any connection with repentance.
 are the same as repenting.
 are the result or fruit of repentance.
8. According to Matthew 18:3, unless a person is converted (turns) and becomes...
 childish and silly in his behavior he won't be heard by God.
 childlike in His trust, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.
 a child again and correct all the sins he has committed, he has no hope.

**LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
"God the Son and Salvation"**

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 4**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. In Matthew 3:17 God the Father speaks and says of Jesus Christ, "This is my beloved...
() "Servant"; () "Teacher and Prophet"; () "Son".
2. Jesus asked His disciples in Matthew 16:13-16, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Then He asked Peter, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter responded:
() John the Baptist; () Elijah; () Jeremiah; () one of the prophets;
() Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
3. John 3:16 contains some of the most well known words from the Bible, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." But what do these words mean? In your opinion do they mean:
() The degree of God's love for the world was so strong that He gave His Son.
() God loved the world in this manner, He gave His Son.
() God's love for the world is so certain since He gave His Son.
4. In the same chapter from the book of John but in the next verse John 3:17, we have an indication of the purpose that God desired to fulfill in sending His Son. God sent His Son in order to...
() bring condemnation upon the world, () save civilization and culture; () make available a spiritual salvation or deliverance to mankind.
5. According to John 3:18 a person brings condemnation or judgment upon himself or herself by...
() rejecting God's Son, Jesus Christ.
() The statement above is misleading since a person doesn't have to do anything because he is already judged or condemned if he does not believe on the Son.
() not having enough good works to outweigh one's evil deeds.
6. In John chapter 1, Jesus, God's Son, is called the Word (compare John 1:1-3 with John 1:14). Since Jesus is the "Word" then John 1:3 claims that the Son...
() created all things and nothing exists apart from what He created.
() created some things when He came to earth, for example, He created a new religious movement.
() only created spirit beings such as angels.
7. Luke 5:17-26 records the Son's healing of a paralytic, but Jesus did more than heal the man. According to Luke 5:24...
() He forgave the man's sins.
() He taught the paralytic spiritual principles by which to live.
() He prepared him for a relapse of his paralysis.
8. Colossians 1:16-17 describes the Son as having created the universe and everything in it. Verse 17 indicates that he is currently...
() inactive; () unable to do anything; () holding everything together.

LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“Behold the Judge”

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 5**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. According to John 5:22, the Father...
 has the responsibility of judging men.
 doesn't want to get involved in judging people because He doesn't want to condemn anyone.
 has given the responsibility of all judgment to the Son.
2. In John 5:27 Jesus, the Son of God, is also called:
 the Son of Man; the Christ; the Prophet; Rabbi.
3. God raised Jesus from the dead and had men verify His resurrection according to Acts 10:40-41. In Acts 10:42 it indicates that God appointed Jesus to be...
 the example and teacher of a religious philosophy.
 the Judge of the living and the dead.
 a leader of a revolutionary movement to liberate men politically.
4. Acts 17:31 indicates that God...
 has already fixed a time in the future to judge the world by His Son.
 is already judging men for their disobedience through natural disasters.
 cannot judge anyone because the only quality He possesses is love.
5. In Acts 24:10-25 the Roman governor of Palestine, Felix, had a discussion with the apostle Paul. Paul defended his teaching concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Paul spoke with Felix according to Acts 10:25 he emphasized three of the following teachings (mark the three subjects that Paul discussed):
 the love of God; righteousness; parables of the kingdom; the holiness of God;
 self-control; the judgment to come.
6. Felix reacted to Paul's teaching in Acts 24:25 with the following response:
 enthusiasm; anger; fear.
7. In Romans 2:16 Paul describes the gospel message that he proclaimed. Based upon what Paul says in this verse, "according to" his gospel, God will...
 judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.
 overlook the flaws men possess.
 be impressed with a man's humanitarian efforts.
8. In Revelation 19:11 the Son of God, Jesus, is described as riding on a white horse. The verse indicates that God's Son...
 is indifferent to men's behavior; promotes the wickedness of men; judges and wages war.
9. According to Revelation 20:11-15, those who don't want to be judged will...
 hide from the Son in judgment.
 escape with Satan and exist apart from God.
 not be able to escape judgment.

LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“The Death of God’s Son”

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 6**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. In Luke 19:10 Jesus calls Himself "the Son of Man" and indicates that one purpose for His coming was:
 to be an example; to heal the diseased; to seek and save the lost.
2. Jesus spoke with His disciples in John 15:13-14 and stated that the greatest expression of love was...
 to help people better themselves.
 to work to improve social conditions.
 to lay down one's life for one's friends.
3. According to 1 Peter 3:18, Christ's death was...
 a big mistake that happened by accident.
 the result of His being overly zealous and emotionally unstable.
 for the purpose of dying for the unjust.
4. Luke chapter 23 records the crucifixion of Christ. Luke 23:13-15 records Jesus' trial before the Roman governor, Pilate. When Pilate gave his assessment, he...
 agreed enthusiastically with the Jewish leaders and demanded that Jesus should die.
 disagreed and said "I have found no guilt in this man."
 wasn't sure about whether Christ was innocent.
5. Luke 23:13 indicates that the rulers and the people brought Jesus to Pilate. Even though Pilate found Jesus to be innocent in 23:14-15, the people demanded in 23:21 that Jesus should be...
 scourged (that is, beaten); released; crucified.
6. According to Luke 23:33-34, even though they crucified Jesus (that is, nailed him to a cross to execute Him) , He prayed...
 punish them for their sin; Father, forgive them; help me, Lord.
7. According to Luke 23:46 when Jesus died...
 He said nothing; committed Himself to the Father; was confused.
8. In Luke 23:47a centurion, a Roman soldier (a professional executioner and killer), who witnessed Christ's death, said...
 this man was innocent; this man deserved to die; poor man.
9. The certainty of Christ's death is verified by the fact in Luke 23:51-53...
 that Christians choose to believe it;
 Jesus was buried; He disappeared.
10. According to 1 Peter 2:24, what did Jesus accomplish by dying on a cross?
 He suffered for His own mistakes and sins.
 It was a big accident -- He really didn't mean to die.
 He bore the guilt and punishment for our sins.

**LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“Forgiveness and the Resurrection”**

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 7**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. In John 11:25-26 Jesus claimed that He was...
 the door; the way and the truth; the resurrection and the life.
2. In Luke 24:1-3 Jesus' followers came to His tomb and found that...
 Jesus' body was still inside so they finished burial preparations for his body.
 Jesus' body was missing.
 Jesus was there, but He was in a very weakened condition.
3. According to Luke 24:4-5, two men suddenly appeared and asked...
 "Where can we find Jesus so we may worship Him?"
 "Can you help us find Jesus because He is missing?"
 "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"
4. It is evident that Jesus taught His disciples that He would die and be raised from the dead (Luke 24:6-7)...
 and they had to be reminded.
 and they expected Him to be raised from the dead.
 but they rejected the truth of the resurrection.
5. Even Jesus' disciples according to Luke 24:11...
 didn't understand about the resurrection.
 understood Jesus would be raised.
 were telling others that Jesus was raised.
6. According to Acts 10:42-43, forgiveness is granted to those...
 who believe in Him; who follow His example; who earn it.
7. The apostle Paul in Acts 13:37-38 referred to the forgiveness that was proclaimed through the One Who:
 God sent to bring revolution; God raised; received honor from men.
8. Ephesians 1:7 states that we have redemption and forgiveness through...
 Jesus' teaching; His blood; moral goodness.
9. Colossians 1:13-14 says that men are brought into Christ's kingdom...
 because of church membership.
 because of baptism.
 through redemption in Christ.

**LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
“Faith! God’s Only Requirement”**

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 8**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. John 3:16 indicates that there is only one thing that a person must do in order to obtain eternal life. Eternal life is obtained by...
 participating in humanitarian causes; becoming wealthy;
 believing on God's only begotten Son.

2. According to John 5:24, men are spared condemnation when they believe, and they...
 await the experience of physical death to be made spiritually alive.
 pass immediately from being spiritually dead to being made spiritually alive.
 must wait for the resurrection before being made alive.

3. In John 11:25 we are told that when a believer dies he will...
 still live or exist; sleep in a state of unconsciousness; cease to exist.

4. In Acts 16:30 the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas what he must be doing continuously in order to be saved. In the next verse, verse 31, they responded:
 Make certain that you have done penance for all of your sins.
 Seek to make restitution for the sins you've committed in your life.
 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

5. As discussed in Romans 10:9-10, to be saved a person must believe that...
 God raised Jesus from the dead.
 God is seeking to keep an individual from having any more problems on earth.
 God has made physical healing automatic for those who believe real hard.

6. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, God made salvation available through faith...
 because He knew that men's works or human efforts represented men's faith.
 so that no one other than God Himself could take credit for saving men.
 because nothing else matters other than that people believe in something.

7. Hebrews 11:6 indicates that men and women must have one of the following things in order to please God. That one thing is...
 faith; many good deeds; getting their lives totally together.

8. According to 1 John 5:13, those who believe in the name of the Son of God...
 are doing God a big favor.
 can be confident that God has given them eternal life.
 are doing what is spiritually fulfilling without any other benefit.

**LIFE, MORTALITY AND ETERNITY:
"Confession and Baptism"**

Name: _____ **Lesson No. 9**

Directions: Please read the question and the Bible reference carefully and then place an "X" beside the answer that most accurately describes the verse's contents.

1. Luke 23:39-40 records one of the most moving stories in the Bible. As Jesus and the two thieves were being crucified, there were conversations between these dying men. At first, both thieves mocked Christ but eventually, one had a change of heart. This repentant thief demonstrated faith in Jesus when he asked...
 for Christ to use His powers to remove them both from their crosses.
 Jesus to remember him when He came to establish His kingdom.
 for Christ to relieve his suffering and pain.
2. Luke 23:43 indicates that Christ...
 told this criminal that he would perish in his sins.
 told him he needed to come down from his cross and be baptized so he could spend eternity in Paradise.
 promised the dying thief that he would join Him in Paradise that very day.
3. Baptism is unnecessary for salvation...
 since Christ promised the thief that that very day he would join Him in Paradise.
 only when a person has partaken of all of the other sacraments.
 when a person has done a lot of good things during his life.
4. In Matthew 3:1-6 John the Baptist's baptism is associated with a message of...
 peace and love; confession and repentance; salvation by baptism.
5. In Matthew 3:17, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist...
 upon this occasion, John was eager to baptize Jesus Christ.
 was very proud of the fact that he had the opportunity to baptize Jesus.
 at first resisted the expressed desire of Christ to be baptized.
6. Matthew 3:17 indicates that God used the occasion of Jesus' baptism to...
 disclose the identity of Jesus as His beloved Son.
 purge Jesus of His sins by cleansing Him through the waters of baptism.
 demonstrate that Jesus was just a man like everyone else.
7. If a person is saved from his sins by being baptized, then...
 there isn't any problem with explaining why Jesus was baptized.
 there is a problem of explaining why Christ was baptized.
 the story of Christ's baptism mustn't be true.
8. Paul chided the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 1:12-13 for their following men instead of Christ. Although 1 Corinthians 1:13 is written in the form of a series of questions, Paul inferred that people are associated with or identified with...
 the person performing the rite of baptism.
 the Lord Jesus and His name rather than with the person performing the rite.
 a particular church and denomination.

You must act upon what you know.

God desires to forgive your sins but you must respond to the message that you've learned

You can be cleansed of your sin by turning to Jesus as your Savior.

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things....

Acts 13:38-39

You may know God by receiving Christ — by saying this prayer.

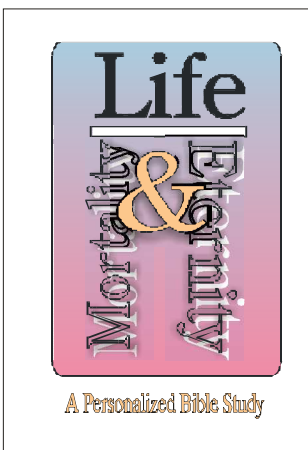
Lord, I know that I am guilty as a sinner; I turn from living for myself alone, I turn from trying to get to heaven by my own effort, and I turn to Jesus to deliver me. I now claim Jesus as my Lord and Savior and ask that you forgive me of all of my sin. Thank you for saving me. Amen

If you've prayed this prayer and would like to know what your next step to take contact me, Keith Churilla, at kwchurilla@gmail.com.

EIGHT LESSONS COVERED IN THE BIBLE STUDY

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