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## **Getting Started**

This book will help you learn some exciting things about Jesus Christ, your Savior. Each chapter begins with a list of goals marked with a small star (\*). These goals tell you what you will be learning in that chapter. Then you will read a few lines and answer some questions. At the end of the chapter there is a test. The test questions cover only what you read in the chapters and the questions you have completed.

When you finish answering a group of questions, you will be given a page number where you can turn to check your answers. If you turn to that page, you will find the answers at the very bottom of that page. Check your answers carefully, correcting any mistakes you made. Make sure you understand all the answers before reading any farther.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you complete the test, go back and review the chapter tests. When you have completed the final test, you can either turn the test in to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address on the back cover of this book.

May God help you as you learn more about Jesus and what he did so that you could live with him forever.



*God created everything on earth.*



## *Chapter One*

# **WHO AM I? Created**

Who do you look like? Your mother? Father? Brother? Sister? Uncle? Maybe people tell you that you resemble some famous person. That might make you feel good. What if I would tell you that you were created to resemble someone more famous than anyone you can think of? That is true! You were created to resemble God. Yes. You were created to resemble God. How do you

resemble God? We will find out. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- \* tell who created you;
- \* tell who you were created to resemble;
- \* name three ways in which the first man and woman resembled God;
- \* give the meaning of the word sin;
- \* tell how sin changed our resemblance to God; and
- \* tell how our resemblance to God has been recreated.

The Bible tells us where we came from. "So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female" (Genesis 1:27). This Bible passage tells us important things about ourselves: First it tells us God CREATED

us. Then it tells us God created the first human pair in HIS IMAGE. God made the first man and woman. "The Lord God formed a man. He made him out of the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into him. And the man became a living person" (Genesis 2:7). God also made you. David says in the Bible, "You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body" (Psalm 139:13). Imagine God personally forming you in your mother's womb!

You were created by God. You are not an accident. No matter what circumstances surrounded your birth, God determined that you should be born. He chose to create you. That is right: God chose to create you.

1. We are created by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Lord God formed man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.

(Check your answers on bottom of page 7)

Some people think that the world began out of a cosmic accident and that all the animals and plants have evolved by chance to be the way they are.

But what would be special about you if you came into being as an accident? Nothing. You would have no purpose or reason for existence.

People who believe they are the result of a series of accidents are missing out on something important. They do not know the God who set the universe into being (read Job chapter 38). As unimportant as it might seem to some people, it is very important you believe this truth as God has revealed it: God created the heavens and the earth and each and every one of us. God determined that you should be born. He chose to create all people from the first man and woman to a baby being born right now. But there is even more to learn about who we are. Read on.

God created the first human pair in his image. Look at God's story of creation again. "God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female" (Genesis 1:27).

Originally, God created people to resemble him. This does not mean we look like God because God is a spirit. They were like God in three ways.

First, they were holy: they never disobeyed God or did anything to hurt anyone. They were pure in love and action, just like God.

Second, Adam and Eve were close to God. The Bible tells us that they actually heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden and that he spoke with them (Genesis 3:8,9). They had a personal relationship with God. They could communicate, or speak, with him.



Third, Adam and Eve were also created to live forever. There was no death. Did you read that? There was no death. They were created to live forever just like God.

Fill in the blanks, using the words listed below.

holy

image

close

pure

relationship

forever

3. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways:

a) They were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their love and actions;

b) They were \_\_\_\_\_ to God;

c) They were created to live \_\_\_\_\_.

5. They had a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 10)

That holiness ended for Adam and Eve when they sinned. Genesis chapter 3 gives us the details of their fall into sin. After they disobeyed God, they no longer resembled God. They were no longer holy or pure. And neither are we. We all do wrong. We sin.

In the Bible the word sin is sometimes translated, “to miss the target”. God set a target for Adam and Eve to aim at. He planted a special tree in their garden and told them never to eat fruit from it. By their obedience they would show their love for God and their trust in God. But Adam and Eve missed that target. They disobeyed God and lost their image of God. Before Adam and Eve sinned they walked and talked with God. But after they sinned, they no longer had that privilege. They lost the image of God and their privileges because of sin.

God sets the standards or goals for our living. When we do not think, act, or say what he wants, either on purpose or by

accident, we miss the target. We sin.

You have learned the image of God in people was lost when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Genesis 5:1&3). Adam and Eve's resemblance to God ended. They were no longer holy. Their lives were full of sin. From Adam and Eve, our first parents, we have inherited that sin. Because of that sin we do not always act the way God wants us to act. We sin. That is not being like God, for God is holy. He is pure in every thought and action. Not only does sin end our holiness, sin also separates us from God.

Sin has brought death to all people. If you think someone is not sinful, just watch and see if that person dies someday. He will die, because sin has infected all people. No matter how good we think someone is, sin is hiding under the surface. The Bible says, "Sin entered the world because one man sinned.



Answers for page 8: 3. image; 4. holy, pure, close, forever; 5. relationship.

And death came because of sin. Everyone sinned, so death came to all people" (Romans 5:12).

Fill in the blanks.

6. The word sin means to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the appropriate word for each blank:

separated                      holy                      die

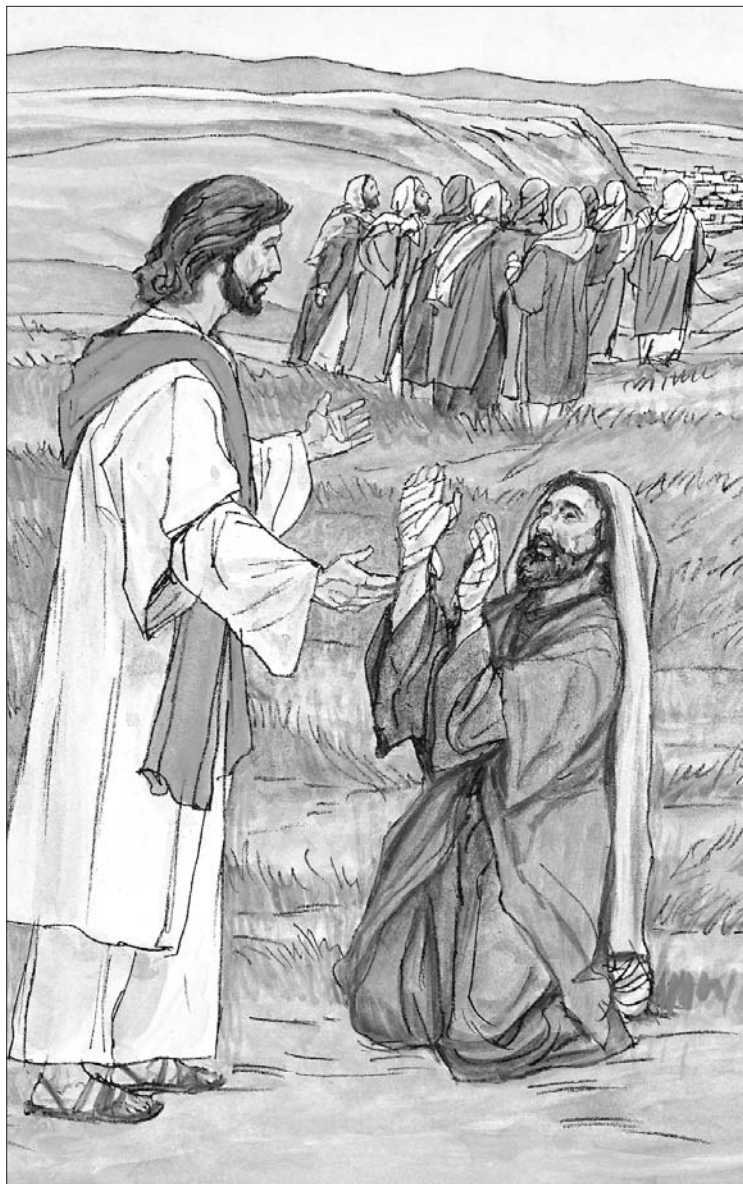
7. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer  
\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Because of sin we are \_\_\_\_\_  
from God.

9. Because of sin we will all someday  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on page 13)

Fortunately, that is not the end of the story. The image of God has been put back in us. Our likeness to God has been renewed



*The man's skin was renewed by Jesus.*

because of Jesus. The Bible calls this being born again. Jesus told the Pharisee Nicodemus, "What I'm about to tell you is true. No one can see God's kingdom without being born again" (John 3:3).

What happens when we are born again through faith in Jesus? God's image is renewed in us.

Obviously, we are not holy or pure like God. Even though we believe in and trust Jesus as our Savior and try with all his power at work within us to do what he wants us to do, we still miss the targets God wants us to aim at. We disobey him. We still sin.

But remember, Jesus washes away our sins. In the Psalms we read, "He has removed our lawless acts from us as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).



Answers for page 11: 6. miss the target; 7. holy; 8. separated; 9. die.

Because of Jesus, God declares us holy. We have been washed clean of our sin with the blood of Christ. The Bible tells us, "We have been made holy by what God wanted. We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time" (Hebrews 10: 10).

Because of Jesus, we have a renewed relationship with God. The Bible says, "Brothers and sisters, we are not afraid to enter the Most Holy Room. We enter boldly because of the blood of Jesus. His way is new because he lives. It has been opened to us through the curtain. I'm talking about his body. We also have a great priest over the house of God. So let us come near to God with an honest and true heart. Let us come near with a faith that is sure and strong. Our hearts have been sprinkled. Our minds have been cleansed from a sense of guilt. Our bodies have been washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:19-22). Jesus has restored our relationship with God. He is even God's voice to us! God talks to us

through him, and in prayer, we can talk to God through Jesus. We are now God's children. We can talk to God anytime, anywhere. The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to him" (Philippians 4:6).

Because of Jesus, God gives us life after death. That is right. Death is not the end. The Bible says, "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16). And, "Our natural bodies don't last forever. They must be dressed with what does last forever. What dies must be dressed with what does not die. In fact, that is going to happen...Then what is written will come true. It says, 'Death has been swallowed up. It has lost the battle.' 'Death, where is the battle you thought you were winning? Death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin. And the power of sin is the law. But let us give thanks to God! He wins the battle for us because of what our Lord Jesus

Christ has done" (1 Corinthians 15:53-57).

Choose the appropriate word for each sentence:

relationship      children      death      holy

10. Because of Jesus, God declares us

\_\_\_\_\_.

11. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed  
\_\_\_\_\_ with God. God even  
calls us his \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Because of Jesus, God will give us life  
after \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 18)

## ***Review of Chapter One***

Adam and Eve were created to be holy, to have a close relationship with God, and to live forever. Sin changed all that. They were no longer pure or holy. Sin and death were now a part of their lives.

We inherited sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve. We are no longer holy. We are separated from God, and we die. However, because of Jesus, sin and death are not the end. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, so also we will be raised from death to live eternally with God.

Through Jesus, God's image in us has been renewed. We are renewed in our love and actions toward one another. We are renewed in our obedience to God. Sin is still with us, and we still struggle with it. But one day in heaven we will be like God and live forever free from sin.

## Test on Chapter One

1. We are created by \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways:
  - a) They were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their love and actions;
  - b) They were \_\_\_\_\_ to God;
  - c) They were created to live \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. They had a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
  
5. The word sin means to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.



Answers for page 16: 10. holy (or pure); 11. relationship, children; 12. death.

7. Because of sin we are \_\_\_\_\_  
from God.

8. Because of sin we will all \_\_\_\_\_  
someday.

9. Because of Jesus, God declares us  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed  
\_\_\_\_\_ with God. God even calls us  
his \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Because of Jesus, God will give us life after  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on page 58)



*Jesus loves us and promises to take care of us.*



## *Chapter Two*

# **WHO AM I? Spiritually Renewed in Jesus**

We have been spiritually renewed by Jesus. You might ask, how does that help me now? Well, it is one thing to understand the truths found in the Bible, but it is another thing to apply them to your life. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- \* give the meaning of the word renewed;
- \* tell in what way you have been renewed;

- \* explain how sin still affects your life;
- \* tell how your desires have changed;
- \* tell what power you have available to you in your struggle against sin;
- \* explain what we should do when we sin; and
- \* give two reasons why a believer in Jesus will no longer want to sin.

The word renewed means to be made new, to be created again. That means there is a change. In fact, you could say being created all over again is a major change. And it is. As we learned in the last chapter, Jesus renews us spiritually. God has taken away our sin, our relationship with him is restored, and we have eternal life waiting for us. This changes everything for us, even right now!

Did you ever think of yourself as a slave? The Bible says we are all slaves. It is just a

question of who is our master. The Bible tells us, "You used to be slaves of sin. But thank God that with your whole heart you obeyed the teachings you were given! You have been set free from sin. You have become slaves to right living" (Romans 6:17-18).

The Bible says we are slaves to one of two masters: sin (what God does not want us to do) or righteousness (what God wants us to do). Because Jesus spiritually renewed us, we are freed from the slavery of sin and now have the ability, or power, to do righteous, or good, things. We are set free from sin and are now slaves to God. We want to do what he wants us to do.

Fill in the blanks:

1. The word renewed means to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Before we were renewed we were slaves to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Now we are \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and have the ability to do what God wants us to.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 27)

Some people say that since you now are spiritually renewed through faith in Jesus and have been set free from the slavery of sin, you will never sin again. That is simply not true. The Bible says, "I want to do what is good, but I can't. I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do" (Romans 7:18b-19). Paul wrote those words after he was converted.

Yes, the apostle Paul wrote those words. He is the man who wrote most of the books in the New Testament and was a great missionary. Yet he still struggled with sin. The same is true with us today. The apostle John writes, "Suppose we claim we are without sin. Then we are fooling ourselves. The truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Even though Jesus spiritually renews us, we still sin. We are fooling ourselves if we believe we can reach a point in

our earthly lives where we no longer sin.

So what change does Jesus make in us? Now, even though we still sin, we do not want to. We struggle to avoid sin and strive, or work hard, to do what God wants us to do. Our desire has changed. We no longer want to sin. But how can we avoid it? What power do we have over the sin in our lives? And when we do sin, what should we do about it?

Although we hate the sin that still is present in our lives, we will never reach the point where the sin is completely gone. The apostle Paul could not live a perfect life and neither can we.

Let us look at our struggle against sin some more.

The apostle Paul writes, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:20-21a).



*Joseph ran away from temptation and sin.*

What a statement! God can do more than we can ever ask for or imagine asking him to do. He does these things according to his power at work within us. Paul writes in another letter that "God is working in you. He wants your plans and your acts to be in keeping with his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). So, what power do we have in our struggle against sin? We have God's power.

Does this mean we never sin? No, we are still tempted and we fall into sin. Even though we do not want to, even though God helps us in our struggle against sin, we still fall into sin. When this happens, we confess our sins to God.

Confessing means that we admit that we have disobeyed God. It also means that we trust God's love and that we believe that he will forgive us. The Bible says, "God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will



forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure" (1 John 1:9).

God forgives us when we confess our sins. What happens to our attitude when we confess? Peter shows us. Peter once sinned by denying Jesus. After he said he did not know Jesus three times, he realized what he did wrong. The Bible says, "Peter went outside. He broke down and sobbed [cried]" (Luke 22:62).

Being sorry, confessing our sins to God and asking for forgiveness are parts of being a Christian. We can talk directly to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, including confessing our sin. What if we sin and do not know it? We pray that God will make us aware of any sins we may have committed. Then we trust that he will wash away all our sins, those we are aware of and those we are not.

Fill in the blanks:

4. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the \_\_\_\_\_ I want to do. Instead, I keep on doing the \_\_\_\_\_ things I don't want to do."

5. We have \_\_\_\_\_ power in our struggle against sin.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ means that we admit that we have disobeyed God.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 30)

Have you ever heard something like this? If God has forgiven all your sins, and if he freely forgives you whenever you do wrong, why be concerned about sin? Just do whatever you want to do.

There are two things wrong with that idea. One, sin brings consequences with it. Even though God forgives our sin, we still have to live with the results that sin brings.

For example, a person once had a homosexual relationship, which clearly is not what God wants (Romans 1:27). Then the person repented and asked God's forgiveness. Forgiveness would not prevent the person from getting the disease AIDS and dying from it, even though God forgave him. In the same way a person in prison may have repented and confessed his or her sin to God and asked for God's forgiveness for whatever caused him or her to be put into prison. Does that mean that person immediately gets out of prison? That is not likely. Sin brings with it consequences that can be painful consequences.

Secondly, it comes down to a matter of desire. The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:10, "Find out what pleases God." That does not mean we never sin, but someone who continually sins without feeling sorry or wanting to change is not a believer in Jesus. We need to stay close to God by using his Word, the



Bible, and we need to talk to him in prayer.

Fill in the blanks:

7. The word renewed means to be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Before we were renewed we were slaves to \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Now we are \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and have the ability to do what God wants us to.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

## ***Review of Chapter Two***

We have been spiritually renewed through faith in Jesus, our Savior from sin. We are no longer slaves to sin, but we have been freed to do what God wants us to do and to be his slave. Sin still affects our lives.

When we do sin, we repent and confess our sins to God, asking for his forgiveness and believing that we are forgiven. As believers in Jesus, we want to do what God wants us to.

He makes his power available to us to help us live the way he wants us to live. We then have the desire to live according to his will.



Answers for page 31: 7. created again; 8. sin; 9. free.

## ***Test on Chapter Two***

1. The word renewed means to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Before we were renewed we were slaves to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Now we have been set \_\_\_\_\_ and given the ability to do what God wants us to.

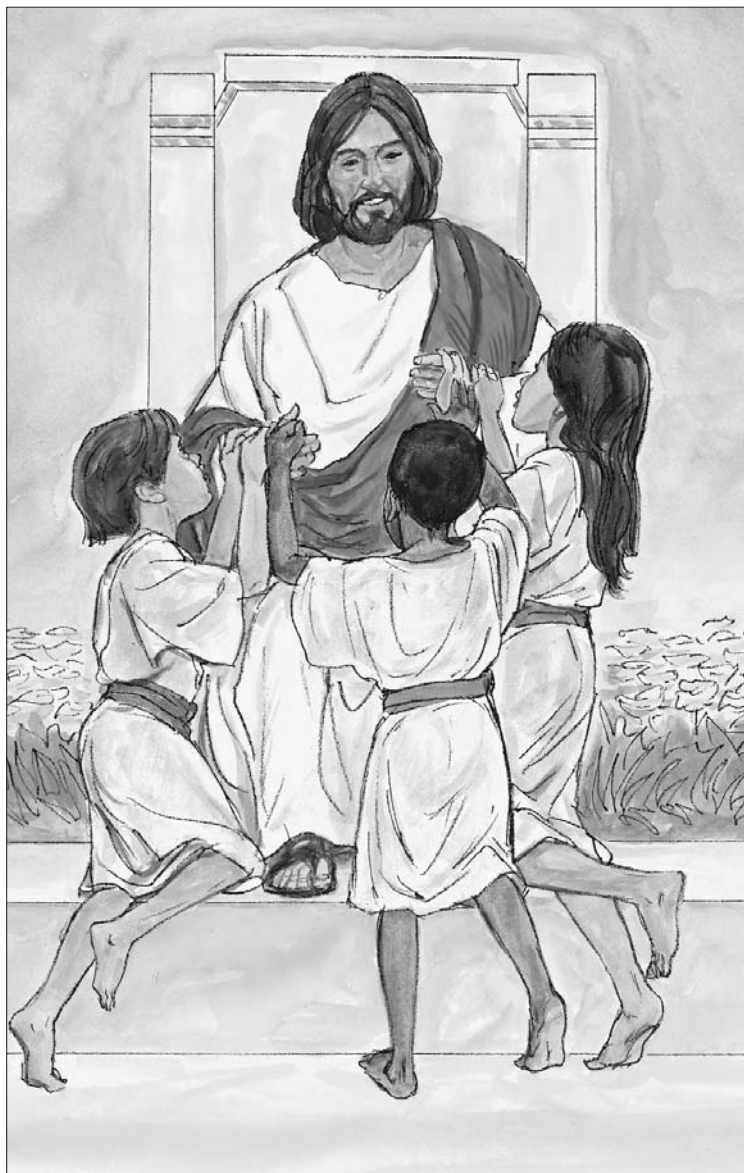
4. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the \_\_\_\_\_ I want to do. Instead, I do the \_\_\_\_\_ things I don't want to do."

5. We have \_\_\_\_\_ power in our struggle against sin.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ means that we admit that we've disobeyed God.

7. Now we are \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and have the ability to do what God wants us to do.

(Check your answers on page 58)



*Jesus invites all his believers, including children,  
to come to him.*



### *Chapter Three*

## **WHO AM I? God's Adopted Child**

People are never forced to adopt a child. Unfortunately, people sometimes have children they do not want, but no one adopts a child without wanting to adopt one. In fact today there are thousands of people on waiting lists waiting to adopt a child.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be adopted? Well, you do not have to think

too hard because you have been adopted as a child of God. At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- \* quote one Bible passage that tells us we are God's children;
- \* tell whether our past affects our inclusion in God's family; and
- \* tell about God's free gift.

We have been adopted as God's children. The Bible says, "He [God] loved us. So he decided long ago to adopt us as his children" (Ephesians 1:4b & 5). Yes, you read that right. It is incredible, is it not? God chose you and me to be adopted into his family. He wanted us. Why? It certainly does not have anything to do with us. He did it through the work of Jesus Christ. God chose us because he is gracious and merciful and loving. That is why the Bible says, "How great is the love the Father has given us so freely! Now we can be

called children of God. And that's what we really are" (1 John 3:1).

1. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ as God's children.

2. According to Ephesians 1:5 why did God decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?

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3. God chose us, not because we deserve it, but because he is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually God's \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 38)

We are God's adopted children. How does that make you feel? Well, it should make you feel very good, very thankful and very undeserving. Yes, undeserving. We do not

deserve what God has done for us to make us his children through Jesus. It is a gift we do not deserve. The Bible tells you, "When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done" (Romans 6:23).

This gift of God becomes ours when we accept it and believe it. Sometimes people feel that they are too undeserving even to accept God's gift. Usually it is because they think whatever they have done in their past is so terrible God could not forgive them. That is simply not true. No matter what you have done God can and does forgive you.

5. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the pay for sin is \_\_\_\_\_ and that God's gift to us is \_\_\_\_\_.



Answers for page 37: 1. adopted; 2. his (God's) love; 3. gracious, merciful, loving; 4. dear children.

6. The gift becomes yours only when you \_\_\_\_\_ it.

7. No matter what you have done God can and does \_\_\_\_\_ you.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 40)

What does this tell you about your past?

(Circle the letter next to the statement that is true.)

A. God does not know what I did in my past so it really does not matter.

B. No matter what I have done, God does forgive us and makes me a part of his family because of Jesus' saving work.

You are God's adopted child. That means many things for you. As you grow in faith, you will appreciate being his child more and more. But there is one aspect to being his child that is very special. All of God's children have an inheritance waiting for them in heaven.

Usually an inheritance is given only to members of one's family. That is the case with

God. He gives us his name and adopts us as his children and gives us an inheritance of eternal life united with Jesus. Recall the passage referred to toward the beginning: "When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done" (Romans 6:23). That is God's free gift he gives as an inheritance to those he calls his children.

8. The special aspect of being God's child is that we have an \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for us.

9. God gives us his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 42)



Answers for pages 38 - 39: 5. death, everlasting (eternal) life; 6. accept (believe); 7. forgive.

### ***Review of Chapter Three***

We are God's adopted children although we do not deserve to be. No matter what we have done in our past, God's free gift of eternal life is meant for us. God is a God of grace and mercy, and he includes us in his family just as he did the human ancestors of Jesus.

## ***Test on Chapter Three***

1. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ as God's children.

2. According to Ephesians 1:5, why did God decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?

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3. God chose us, not because we deserve it, but because he is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually God's \_\_\_\_\_.

5. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the pay for sin is \_\_\_\_\_ and that God's gift to us is \_\_\_\_\_.



Answers for page 40: 8. inheritance;  
9. name, adopts, everlasting (eternal) life.

6. The gift becomes yours only when you \_\_\_\_\_ it.

7. No matter what you have done God can and does \_\_\_\_\_ you.

8. The special aspect of being God's child is that we have an \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for us.

9. God gives us his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. Write the words of 1 John 3:1 which tell us that we are God's children.

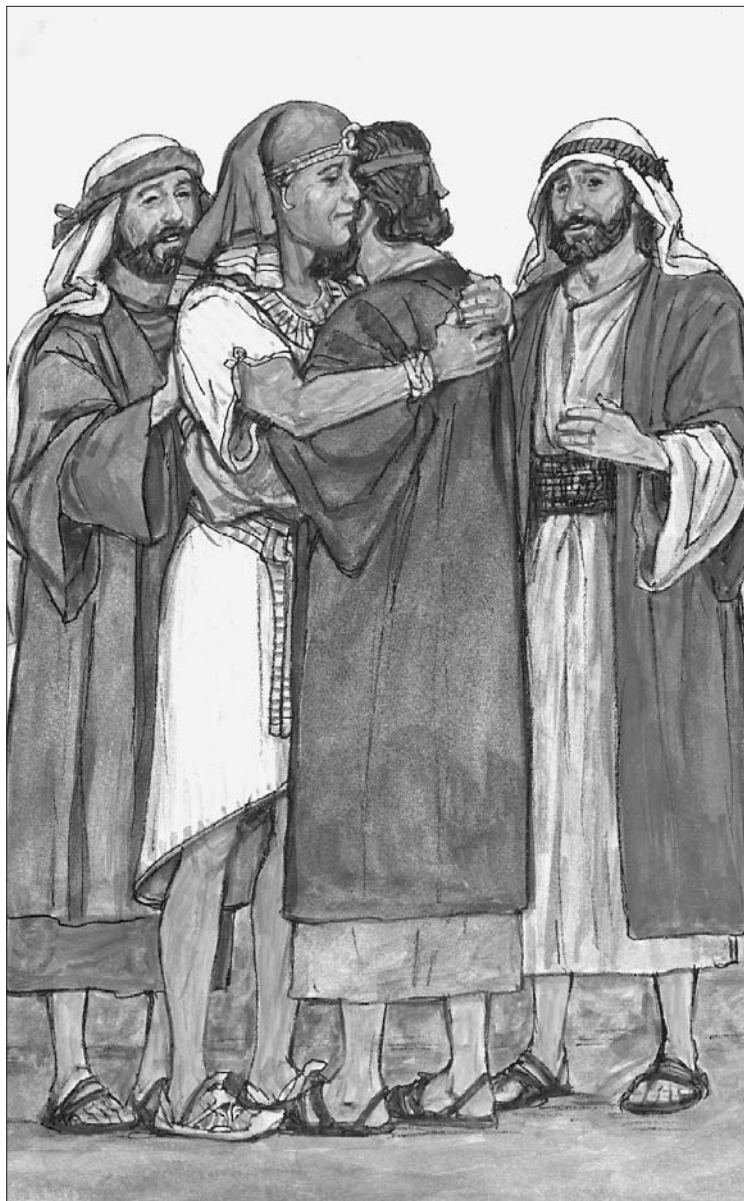
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(Check your answers on page 58)



*Joseph hugged his brothers and forgave them.*



## ***Chapter Four***

# **WHO AM I? Part of Christ's Body**

You know that God has created you with his Word and renewed you with his Spirit. Also, God has adopted you as his own child. That tells you that you are special and important to him. God has also called many others to him and adopted them as his own.

When God calls us and brings us close to himself he also brings us close to one another.

The Bible describes our closeness to God and to each other by telling us that we are members of the body of Christ, and that Jesus Christ himself is the head.

At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- \* tell how God's people are gathered together into the Christian Church;
- \* tell how we have been made members of the body of Christ; and
- \* tell how we depend on each other.

In a human body the eyes see. A hand picks up and holds on to things. Feet are the foundation -- they stabilize the whole body and move and adjust to maintain, or keep, balance. The brain takes what the eyes see and what the ears hear and puts it all together. Each part of the human body depends on every other part.

No part of the body can survive by itself. If you have read about transplant surgery, you know that a heart, kidney or liver cannot survive for more than a few hours outside the body. Connected with everything else, the heart beats, the lungs breathe, and most importantly, the whole person lives and functions.

The Church is like that. I support you. You support me. We support others. We support others for the mutual good of one another, and for the good of the Church as a whole. In a book, three men, called the Three Musketeers, said, "All for one and one for all!" That is what the Church is - all for one and one for all.

That goes against what our sinful nature [flesh] would have us think or do. Human nature always says, "Me first." Human nature's favorite name for itself is "Number One." Its favorite activity is "Looking out for Number One." Pride gets in the way of our getting along and our serving one another. That is why we need to find out how we can best

serve each other and heal the hurts our pride often inflicts on others. We need to model our lives on the love Jesus showed to others.

1. We are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus himself is the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Just as each part of the human body depends on every other part, so in the church, everyone is concerned about the mutual good of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ gets in the way of our unity and service for one another.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 50)

Just as each part of a human body depends on every other part, Christians depend on each other. Each of us walks with God under the guidance of his Word, and we walk together as members of his body. He strengthens us through Christian fellowship and Christian friendship. A poet once said, "No man is an

island." No Christian is an island either. God has reached out to all of us. In drawing us close to himself he draws us close to one another. In fact, as Christians our closeness to Jesus is our closeness to one another. You may have almost nothing in common with Christians of other cultures and races. You may have almost nothing in common with any other Christian, but you do share the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5, 6).

4. Each person walks with God under the guidance of his \_\_\_\_\_.

5. As he draws us close to himself, he draws us close to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. According to Ephesians 4:5, 6 as Christians we share one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 51)

Do you remember when we talked about how we can confess our sins to God? We can confess our sins to our fellow Christians also. We confess our sins to each other and ask for forgiveness. When someone asks for our forgiveness, we can say the words Christ himself gave us to say: "Your sins are forgiven" (Matthew 9:2).

Did you ever hit your toe against something? Oh! At that moment nothing hurts worse! You hit the toe in just the right way and it sets off every nerve in your body. That happens in the Church, too. "If one part [of the body] suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

7. If someone confesses his sin and asks for forgiveness, we can say: " \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_."



Answers for page 48: 1. body, Christ, head; 2. one another; 3. Pride.

8. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] \_\_\_\_\_ every part \_\_\_\_\_ with it; if one part is \_\_\_\_\_ every part shares in its \_\_\_\_\_."

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 52)

### ***Review of Chapter Four***

God builds his Church by strengthening people with the knowledge of his forgiving love. He nurtures us and helps us grow in faith. He is the only one who can move us from being selfish to being servants for others.



Answers for page 49: 4. Word; 5. one another; 6. Lord, faith, baptism, God, Father.

### ***Test on Chapter Four***

1. We are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus himself is the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Just as each part of the human body depends on every other part, so in the Church, everyone is concerned about the mutual good of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ gets in the way of our unity and service for one another.
4. Each person walks with God under the guidance of his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As he draws us close to himself, he draws us close to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. According to Ephesians 4:5, 6 as Christians we share one \_\_\_\_\_, one



Answers for pages 50 - 51: 7. your sin is forgiven;  
8. suffers, suffers, honored, joy.

\_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, one  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

7. If someone confesses his sin and asks for forgiveness, we can say: "\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] \_\_\_\_\_, every part \_\_\_\_\_ with it. If one part is \_\_\_\_\_, every part shares in its joy."

(Check your answers on page 58)



## **Glossary**

(A list of words you may not know)

<b>accident</b>	an event brought about by chance
<b>adopt</b>	to take someone into ones family
<b>ancestor</b>	one of your family who lived long ago
<b>appreciate</b>	be glad about
<b>appropriate</b>	proper or suitable
<b>aspect</b>	something that is true about a situation
<b>attitude</b>	state of mind
<b>avoid</b>	to stay away from something
<b>baptism</b>	having water applied to you in the name of God; the way to become a Christian
<b>circumstances</b>	reasons for something that happens
<b>communicate</b>	talk to each other
<b>consequences</b>	things that happen as a result of your actions
<b>convert</b>	to change what you believe
<b>cosmic</b>	grand and universal

<b>created</b>	made out of nothing
<b>deserve</b>	to be worthy of or suitable for
<b>determine</b>	to decide, find out
<b>evolve</b>	to develop or work out gradually
<b>exist, existence</b>	to be something real or actual
<b>famous</b>	well known
<b>fellowship</b>	being in a close relationship with others
<b>fortunately</b>	a good happening, luckily
<b>functions</b>	works as it is supposed to
<b>image</b>	something that resembles something else
<b>inclusion</b>	being included; being part of a group
<b>incredible</b>	hard to believe
<b>infected</b>	to cause disease or harm
<b>infinitely</b>	more than anything
<b>inflict</b>	to force something unpleasant on someone
<b>inheritance</b>	money or property you get from a close relative when he or she dies

<b>island</b>	a piece of land surrounded by water
<b>major</b>	greater in number, size or importance
<b>mortal</b>	able to die
<b>nurture</b>	to cause to grow
<b>obviously</b>	clearly seen or understood
<b>originally</b>	at the beginning
<b>passage</b>	a sentence or verse from the Bible
<b>personally</b>	doing something for oneself
<b>Pharisee</b>	a member of an ancient Jewish religious group
<b>privilege</b>	something you are allowed to do
<b>rebellious</b>	fighting against someone who has authority over you
<b>relationship</b>	the bond between two or more people
<b>reliable</b>	worthy of trust
<b>renewed</b>	to be made new, to be created again
<b>resemble</b>	look like or be like
<b>sacrificing</b>	giving up something very important to you

<b>slave</b>	a person owned by another and must work for him
<b>spiritually</b>	having to do with our relationship with God
<b>stabilize</b>	keep steady
<b>standards</b>	rules that you must follow
<b>struggle</b>	to go forward with great effort
<b>superior</b>	much better
<b>survive</b>	to continue to live or exist
<b>target</b>	anything to aim at or to shoot at
<b>transplant surgery</b>	taking an organ (like the heart) out of one person and putting it into another
<b>trivial</b>	unimportant
<b>uptight</b>	overly concerned or upset
<b>womb</b>	the place inside a woman where a baby grows



## **Answers to the Chapter Tests**

### **Chapter Test One: (Pages 18 - 19)**

1. God; 2. image; 3. holy, pure, close, forever; 4. relationship;
5. miss the target; 6. holy; 7. separated; 8. die;
9. holy (or pure); 10. relationship, children; 11. death.

### **Chapter Test Two: (Page 33)**

1. created again; 2. sin; 3. free; 4. good things, evil; 5. God's;
6. Confess; 7. free.

### **Chapter Test Three: (Pages 42 - 43)**

1. adopted; 2. his (God's) love; 3. gracious, merciful, loving;
4. dear children; 5. death, everlasting (eternal) life;
6. accept (believe); 7. forgive; 8. inheritance;
9. name, adopts, eternal life; 10. check your Bible.

### **Chapter Test Four: (Pages 52 - 53)**

1. body, Christ, head; 2. one another; 3. Pride; 4. Word;
5. one another; 6. Lord, faith, baptism, God, Father;
7. your sins are forgiven; 8. suffers, suffers, honored.



## ***Final Test***

Congratulations! You have completed your study of the book *Free to Live*. Go back through the book and review any mistakes you made in the chapter tests. Also review the goals from each chapter. When you are certain you know all the goals, you are ready to take the Final Test.

Complete the Final Test without looking at the book. When you are finished, give the test to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address on the back cover. You may also ask for more Bible study books in this series.

If you are ready, remove the test from the book and put the book away. Take the test without opening the book.



## **Free to Live Final Test**

Complete the following:

1. We are created by \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways:
  - a. They were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their love and actions;
  - b. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to God;
  - c. They were created to live \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. They have a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
  
5. The word sin means to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Because of sin we are \_\_\_\_\_  
from God.

8. Because of sin we will all \_\_\_\_\_  
someday.

9. Because of Jesus, God declares us  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed  
\_\_\_\_\_ with God. God even calls  
us his \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Because of Jesus, God will give us life after  
\_\_\_\_\_.

12. The word renewed means to be  
\_\_\_\_\_.

13. Before we were renewed we were slaves  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Now we are \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and  
have the ability to do what God wants us to.

15. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the \_\_\_\_\_ I want to do. Instead, I do the \_\_\_\_\_ things I don't want to do."

16. We have \_\_\_\_\_ power in our struggle against sin.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ means that we admit that we have disobeyed God.

18. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ as God's children.

19. According to Ephesians 1:5 why did God decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?

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20. God chose us, not because we deserve it, but because he is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

21. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually God's \_\_\_\_\_.

22. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the reward for sin is \_\_\_\_\_ and that God's gift to us is \_\_\_\_\_.

23. The gift becomes yours only when you \_\_\_\_\_ it.

24. No matter what you have done God can and does \_\_\_\_\_ you.

25. The special blessing of being God's child is that we have an \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for us.

26. God gives us his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of \_\_\_\_\_.

27. Write the words of 1 John 3:1 which tells us that we are God's children.

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28. We are members of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus himself is the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

29. Just as each part of the human body  
depends on every other part, so in the Church,  
everyone is concerned about the mutual good  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

30. \_\_\_\_\_ gets in the way of our  
unity and service to one another.

31. Each person walks with God under the  
guidance of his \_\_\_\_\_.

32. As he draws us close to himself, he draws  
us close to \_\_\_\_\_.

33. According to Ephesians 4:5,6 as  
Christians we share one \_\_\_\_\_,  
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one \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

34. If someone confesses his sin and asks for forgiveness, we can say: " \_\_\_\_\_  
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35. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] \_\_\_\_\_, every part \_\_\_\_\_ with it. If one part is \_\_\_\_\_, every part shares in its joy."

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