

# Foundations of Faith

## Lesson One: Assurance of Salvation

### Steps to Peace with God

#### 1. God's Purpose: Peace and Life

*Read the following verses and describe in your own words God's original intention for us.*

Genesis 1:27-28 \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:16** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

**John 10:10** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

There is a God. He is real. He exists. God is not nature or the creation of man. God is our creator. That means you are not here by accident. God made you to bless you and give you a purpose. He wants you to experience peace and life – both eternal and abundant.

#### 2. The Problem: Separation from God

*Read the following verses and describe in your own words sin and its results.*

**Romans 3:23** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

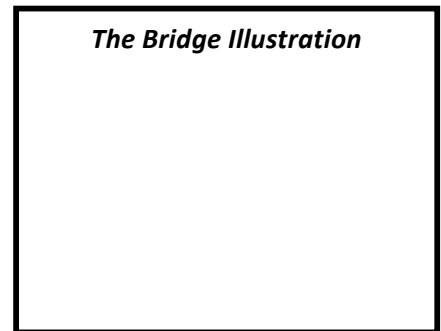
**Romans 6:23** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 59:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever sinned?    Yes    No    I don't know    (*Read Exodus 20:1-17*)

Which statement best describes what you believe? What is wrong with the others?

- a. I have made a few mistakes, but mostly I am still a good person.
- b. A loving God wouldn't send anyone to hell – just really evil people.
- c. I have sinned against God, so I deserve death and eternal separation from God.  
(See 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; James 2:10)



### ***Story on sin and our need for God***

What are some ways people try to get to God? Why do they fail? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. God's Bridge: the Cross!

*Read the following verses and describe in your own words what God has done for us.*

**John 14:6** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:8** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 3:18** (memorize) \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Story on Grace***

#### 4. Our Response: Receive Jesus

Read the following verses and describe in your own words what we must do to receive God's offer of salvation.

Romans 10:9 (memorize)

Check the responses necessary for you to be saved. (See 1 John 1:9; Acts 2:37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 1 Peter 3:18; John 1:12)

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| _____ Do more good things than bad things | _____ Be willing to turn from your sins                              |
| _____ Admit that you have sinned          | _____ Believe Jesus died to forgive your sins and rose from the dead |
| _____ Sincerely try to be a better person | _____ Choose one of the many ways to get to heaven                   |
| _____ Go to church more                   | _____ Invite Jesus to come in and control your life                  |

#### New Life in Christ!

What can we learn from these verses about what a true Christian is?

2 Corinthians 5: 14-15, 17

1 John 5:12-13

Check the statements that describe your new life in God.

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| _____ Inner peace                   | _____ Joy having been forgiven            | _____ Ability to defeat sin in my life  |
| _____ Sense of God's presence       | _____ Desire to do God's will             | _____ Desire to share Jesus with others |
| _____ Awareness of sin in my life   | _____ Confidence that I will go to heaven | _____ New love and concern for others   |
| _____ Feeling of unconditional love | _____ Desire to read the Bible            |   |

Have you believed in Jesus and received this new life?      Yes      No      I don't know

Describe your life in the following boxes:

**My life before Jesus**

**When I encountered Jesus**

**Since I met Jesus**

#### **YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:**

- Pray to receive Jesus into your life:
- Record your spiritual "birthday" here:

On \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (year): I received Jesus into my heart to be my Savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God and a new creation. I have begun a new life.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Talk with your trainer or pastor about being baptized. (Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:1-14)
- Get your own Bible if you do not have one. Begin reading the book of Matthew. Begin to do everything that Jesus commands.
- Memorize the **Steps to Peace with God** with the scriptures **highlighted** and the bridge illustration.
- Practice sharing your testimony.
- Join a Square One Group or Point Team (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share this lesson with someone who is ready to be trained.