

BIBLE STUDY LESSON #4

NEW LIFE: WHAT IS IT?

When you opened your heart and by faith received Jesus into your life, you became a child of God. Galatians 3:26 says: *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.* You have entered into a life that will last throughout all eternity. Let us look to the Bible to learn some things that will help you get started on the right track.

The Christian Life is different from your former life. In this lesson, you should learn:

- How to begin this new life
- What changes to expect
- How these changes occur

1. What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 say has happened to you when you entered into Christ?

2. Who does Galatians 2:20 say that this life comes from?

3. In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says that we must do something to enter the kingdom of heaven. What?

4. How are we described in 1 Peter 2:2, and what are we to seek?

5. Again, in II Peter 3:18, it says that there is something that God wants to see us do. What is that?

One of the facts of life is that babies should grow and mature. This is not only true in the physical realm, but in the spiritual realm, as well. You will begin to understand and appreciate what it means to be "born again" as you see yourself growing up in the Lord to a new person.

Another fact of life that we should remember is that babies are weak and incapable of doing much right away. God knows this and does not expect you to be a spiritual giant overnight. Can you imagine how clumsy a baby would be if it grew all its body parts in just a few weeks?

Many times, a new "baby" Christian will become very excited and try to do things that he is not ready for yet, like moving away, trying to change everybody overnight, or getting into some big project. What often happens is that they expect too much and then get discouraged. Do not fall into this trap.

6. Notice what Jesus said to the man He healed in Mark 5:19. Was this man told to start on a new journey or to stay where he was for a while?

7. What kind of life does 1 Thessalonians 4:11 say we should lead?

This new life that you will have will manifest itself as God begins to bring changes into your life. He does this because He loves us and knows what kind of life is best for us to live. There are areas where changes will occur. Read over these questions and think about how God would have your life become new. Perhaps you may think of specific areas where these apply in your life. In this way, God speaks to us and makes His Word part of our lives.

8. What should be number one in our lives?

Matthew 6:33 _____

9. What three steps of change does Jesus point to in Luke 9:23?

10. In Romans 12:2, what does it say that we should NOT be?

What does it say that we SHOULD be?

11. Read 1 Peter 4:3-5. What areas of change are described in verse 3?

What possible result is mentioned in verse 4?

What does verse 5 say that we should keep in mind?

12. What is the writer confident of in Philippians 1:6?

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to share them with us.
