

CONCLUSION:

As we have learnt, the penalty for sin is death. The penalty has to be removed before we can be saved and come back into a relationship with God. When Jesus died on the Cross He took the punishment for our sins on His own body and so removed the penalty for sin. When you ask Jesus into your life as Lord and Saviour you are born again and receive the free gift of eternal life.

Have I asked Jesus into my life? _____

What does this make me? _____

Becoming a Christian is not like reaching a destination. It's the beginning of an exciting new journey – follow Jesus!

STUDY 1: WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

MEMORY VERSE:

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life' - John 3:16

INTRODUCTION:

The term 'Christian' was first used to describe those who were disciples and followers of Jesus Christ (Acts 11:26). Today this term is applied in a number of ways. For example a person who regularly attends church or perhaps a person who just lives a good life may be called a 'Christian'.

What we need to do is to consider God's Word. The bible clearly teaches us what it means to be a Christian, how you can become one and the difference it will make in your life!

1. Why become a Christian? – Man's Problem:

Romans 3:23 – What is the problem? _____

Romans 6:23 – What is the penalty for sin? _____

Genesis 2:17 – What does this death mean? _____

What is sin? _____

Man's problem:

- i. We've all sinned.
- ii. Sin separates us from God.
- iii. There is no human way for sin to be dealt with.
- iv. As a result, there is no human way to reach God.

2. How can I become a Christian? – God's Solution:

Romans 5:8 – God's solution is? _____

John 1:29 – What does Jesus do? _____

Everyone has sinned and sin must be punished. Jesus died upon the Cross to pay the penalty for our sin. God raised Him from the dead three days later. If anyone asks Jesus for forgiveness He will forgive them and remove their sin.

John 14:6 – Is Jesus the only way to God? _____

The truth is good works; good morals, education and religion all fail to bridge the gap between God and man. JESUS CHRIST came to make it possible for man to reunite with God.

3. How do I become a Christian? – My Responsibility:

Romans 10:9, 13 – What do I need to do? _____

1 John 1:9 – What will happen to me if I ask for forgiveness? _____

John 1:12 – What do I become? _____

What does repent mean? _____

Man's Responsibility:

- i. Man's problem is sin.
- ii. God's solution is forgiveness through Jesus.
- iii. Man's responsibility is to believe and receive God's free gift of salvation.

4. You become a Christian when you receive Jesus through faith. You are born again and receive new life!

2 Corinthians 5:17 – What happens when I receive salvation? _____

Romans 8:1 – Should I feel guilty about my past now that I am saved? _____

John 3:5-7 – Why are Christians called 'born again'? _____

John 8:31 – What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

What kind of life am I promised when I give Jesus first place in my life?

John 10:10 _____

Jeremiah 29:11 _____