

## Bible Study Lesson #2- New Life: What is it?

When you opened your heart and by faith received Jesus into your life, you became a child of God. The book of Galatians, Chapter Three, Verse Twenty-six (Gal 3:26) says: *"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."* You have entered into a life that will last throughout all eternity.

Let's look in the Bible to learn some things that will get you started on the right track.

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

2. From whom does **Galatians 2:20** say that this life comes?

BACK TO THE CRADLE

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 **2 Peter 3:18**, it says that there is something that God wants to see us do. What?

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 really 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 which we should remember is that babies are weak, and incapable of doing too much right away. God knows this, and doesn't expect you to be a spiritual giant overnight. Can you imagine how clumsy a baby would be if it did all of its growing in 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 many times happens is that they expect too much, and then get discouraged. Don't fall into this trap.

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

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

### **BE ON THE LOOK OUT -- CHANGES AHEAD**

This new life that you have will manifest itself as God begins to bring changes into your life. He does this because he loves us and knows the best kind of life for us to live. Here are some areas where changes will take place. 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 life.

### **CHANGE OF PRIORITIES**

8. What should be Number One in our lives? (read **Matthew 6:33**)

### **CHANGE OF OUTLOOK**

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

### **CHANGE OF MIND**

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

**CHANGE OF ACTIVITIES**

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?

**GOD WORKS THE CHANGE**

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