

The Journey of Faith

Session1



Salvation

Teaching Chart

A TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

The Devil's Family

Entered into by Physical Birth (Genesis 5:3)
Dead in Sin (Romans 5:6)
Enemies of God (Romans 5:10)
Adam is our Representative Head (Romans 5:12)
Eternal Separation from God in Hell (John 3:36b)

God's Family

Entered into by Spiritual Birth (John 3:3-6; 16-17)
Alive in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:22)
Friends of God (Romans 5:11)
Christ is our Representative Head (Romans 5:15-19)
Eternal Life with God in Heaven (John 3:36a)

"The **gospel** is the good news that God who is holy and just, looked with grace and mercy on our sin, and in His great love sent His Son to proclaim and establish His Kingdom. Jesus came to sacrificially and selflessly die for us so that, by His death, resurrection and power, we could receive new and eternal life. It is through Jesus that sin is forgiven, people are reconciled to God, and the world will one day be made new." – Shawn Kennedy

Results of Entering God's Family

The Holy Spirit Indwells (1 Corinthians 6:19)
Attitudes and Actions Change (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)
God Cares for Us (1 Peter 5:7)
The Flesh and Spirit Battle One Another (Colossians 3:5-10)
Sin Should Be Confessed and Forsaken (1 John 1:9)

Lesson

- Overview: When you decided to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you probably did not entirely understand the meaning and significance of this decision.
- Purpose: To explain how salvation has affected your relationship with God
- Verses: **John 1:12 (ESV)** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
Romans 5:12 (ESV) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned
1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- I. What happened before I got saved?
- A. You were a member of the devil's family.
(John 8:44)

1. You are born into the devil's family by your physical birth.
(*Genesis 5:3*)
 - a. Your physical father is a descendant of Adam.
 - b. Therefore, your physical birth put you into the devil's family.
2. You inherited your sin nature from your physical father (ultimately, Adam).
(*Romans 5:12*)

- B. You were sentenced to die as a result of your sin nature.
(*Romans 5:12*)
(*Romans 6:23*)
(*1 Corinthians 15:22*)

II. What happened when I got saved?

- A. You became a member of God's family.
(*John 1:12-13*)
1. You are born into God's family by your spiritual birth (decision to trust Christ).
(*John 3:3*)
(*1 Corinthians 15:22*)
 - a. You enter into God's family by a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father.
 - b. Your spiritual birth makes you a member of God's family (son of God) the same way that your physical birth makes you a member of your father's family.
 2. You received your righteous nature through your spiritual birth.
(*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
- B. You were given eternal life through Jesus Christ.
(*John 3:16*)
(*John 3:36*)
(*John 6:47*)

III. What are the results of becoming a Christian?

- A. God's Holy Spirit now lives inside of you.
(*1 Corinthians 6:19*)
- B. You are commanded to be different from people who are unsaved.
(*2 Corinthians 6:14-18*)
- C. You have a new nature (attitudes and actions).
(*2 Corinthians 5:17-18*)
- D. You are a member of God's family.
1. God is your Heavenly Father and you are his son or daughter.
 2. God now deals with you as his child rather than a sinner.
Your relationship with God can be compared to the earthly father/child relationship.
 - a. A good father cares for his child.
(*1 Peter 5:7*)
 - b. A good father helps and protects his child.
(*Psalms 46:1*)
 - c. A good father provides for his child.
(*Philippians 4:19*)

- d. A good father guides and teaches his child.
(*John 14:26*)
- e. A good father will not discourage his child.
(*Colossians 3:21*)
- f. A good father disciplines his child.
(*Proverbs 3:11-12*)
(*Hebrews 12:5-11*)
- g. A good father has plans for his child.
(*Proverbs 3:5-6*)
(*Romans 8:28-29*)
- 3. God will never do anything to purposely hurt his children.
(*Matthew 7:11*)
(*1 Corinthians 10:13*)
(*James 1:13*)

IV. Do I lose my physical (sinful) nature at the time of salvation?

- A. No. You are obviously still living.
- B. You now have two natures.
 - 1. Old Nature (physical, sinful, flesh, in Adam's image)
(*Colossians 3:5-9*)
 - 2. New Nature (spiritual, perfect, Spirit, in God's image)
(*Galatians 5:16-25*)
(*Colossians 3:10*)
- C. The Old and New Natures are constantly present in your life; however, the one you "feed" the most will control you.

V. Can I still sin even though I am saved?

- A. Yes. You still have the old nature.
- B. The Christian's struggle in life is between his old and new nature.
(*Romans 7:18-23*)

VI. How does sin affect my relationship with God?

- (*Proverbs 3:11-12*)
- A. God does not remove you from His family.
- B. God will discipline you because He loves you.
(*Proverbs 13:24*)
(*Hebrews 12:5-6*)
- C. God will discipline you to make you more like Him.
(*Hebrews 12:10*)

VII. What should I do when I sin?

- A. Confess your sin to God.

(1 John 1:6-10)

1. Confession of sin does not mean to simply feel bad about your sin.
2. True confession carries the idea of agreeing with God about the seriousness of your sin.

B. Turn away from your sin.
(Proverbs 28:13)

VIII. What happens when I confess my sin to God?

A. He will forgive you.
(1 John 1:9)

B. He will forget that you ever sinned.
(Psalms 103:12)

Review

1. What are the two spiritual families?
2. How do you become a member of the devil's family (give a scripture reference to support)?
3. How do you become a member of God's family (give a scripture reference to support)?
4. Why are people sentenced to die (Romans 6:23) following their physical birth (give a scripture reference to support)?
5. List three scripture references that promise you eternal life through Jesus Christ.
6. List two differences between a Christian and an unbeliever (give a scripture reference to support).
7. God now deals with you as His _____ rather than a _____.
8. In comparison with the earthly father/child relationship, list 7 ways that God deals with you as His child.

9. List and briefly describe the two natures that you now possess.
10. The old and new natures are _____ present in your life; however, the one you “_____” the most will _____ you.
11. According to Hebrews 12:5-6, what will God do to a Christian who continues in a certain sin?
12. What two steps should you take when you sin (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13)?
13. What two actions will God take when you confess your sin?
14. Briefly describe the purpose of this lesson.

False Teachings

Some churches, organizations, or groups are promoting the following false teachings:

- All mankind is part of one “big” family of God.
- Every person must earn or work his way to heaven.
- You can get to heaven any way you choose.
- Sin must be confessed to another person or church leader.