

— OUTLINE —

- I. All people are born into this world separated from God (Ps. 51:5).
 - A. Adam and Eve died spiritually when they sinned.
 - B. Even though they didn't die physically right away, their spirits were separated from God and fell under the control of Satan (Gen. 3).
 - C. Every person born into the earth since then has had this inherent sin nature.
 - D. **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”** (Rom. 5:12).
 - E. A natural birth brought you into this world, but a spiritual birth is required to enter God's kingdom.

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JOHN 3:3-5

- F. When you're born again, you pass from death to life—**“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”** (John 5:24).
 - G. You're no longer a sinner but righteous in Christ!
- II. God's standard of goodness is His own glory.
 - A. You might have looked good compared to other sinners, but no one is holy compared to Jesus.
 - B. According to Romans 3:23, **“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”**
 - C. God declared everyone a sinner, but He loved you and wanted to redeem you.
 - D. Regardless of how bad you were, you instantly became righteous through receiving Christ.
 - E. All of your sins were forgiven—past, present, and future—the moment you received the Lord.
 - F. You are now eternally redeemed and have an eternal inheritance (Heb. 9-10).

G. In your spirit, you became sanctified and perfected in God's sight forever—**“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect”** (Heb. 12:23).

H. Sin will never be imputed to you (credited to your account) again!

III. Even though you're completely forgiven, it matters how you live!

A. You have an Enemy who is committed to your destruction.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10

B. The choices you make determine whether you experience life or death.

C. **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** (Rom. 6:16).

D. Yield to sin and you're yielding to the one whose revealed purpose is to steal, kill, and destroy you.

E. If you sin, simply repent.

F. God has already forgiven you, so don't fall for the deception that He doesn't love you or that you'll lose your salvation.

G. God the Father already rejected and judged Jesus so you wouldn't have to be rejected and judged.

H. Change your mind and turn from the sin—declare, “Satan, I rebuke you. The blood of Jesus has set me free. Even though I didn't do what was right, you cannot destroy me. God loves me and I choose to follow Him!”

I. This prevents Satan from gaining entrance into your life.

J. Don't let the devil take advantage of you by you ignoring the way God shows you to live.

K. The abundant life Jesus provided is yours to enjoy!

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. How are all people born into this world?
 - A. Perfect
 - B. Ready for anything
 - C. Separated from God
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
2. Romans 5:12 says, “**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon _____ men, for that _____ have sinned.**”
3. What is required to enter God’s kingdom?

4. According to John 5:24, what happens to you when you’re born again?

5. True or false: God’s standard of goodness is His own glory.
6. What does Romans 3:23 tell you?

7. Did God want to redeem you?

8. In your spirit, you became _____ and _____ in God’s sight forever.

9. Will sin ever be imputed to you (credited to your account) again?

10. True or false: You have an Enemy who is committed to your destruction.

11. **“Know ye not, that to whom ye _____ yourselves servants to _____, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** (Rom. 6:16).

- A. Give / sing
- B. Make / stand
- C. Submit / listen
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

12. If you yield to sin, what are you doing?

13. What did God the Father do so that you wouldn't have to be rejected and judged?

14. Can the devil take advantage of you if you ignore the way God shows you to live?

— SCRIPTURES —

PSALM 51:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

ROMANS 5:12

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ROMANS 7:9

For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

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