

Study Guide 5: The Problem

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the passages carefully, then write in or circle the correct answer according to those verses. For answers go to:

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Review of the Previous Lessons

- 5-1 The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only way a person can be saved. T F
- 5-2 The Trinity is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. T F
- 5-3 When the Word became flesh did He fully experience what it is to be human? Y N
- 5-4 Does Christ have all authority in heaven and on earth? Y N
- 5-5 I must *do* the Father's will if I want to go to heaven. T F
- 5-6 I cannot know the will of God unless I study His Bible. T F
- 5-7 I am ready to learn more about God's will for me today. Y N

What is Sin?

(1 John 3:4) Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

- 5-8 Sin is violating God's _____.
- 5-9 Why does God give us laws?
- To confine and restrict our freedom.
 - To protect and guide us.

(Gen 3:1-6) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" {2} The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, {3} but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" {4} "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. {5} "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." {6} When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

5-10 Was rebellion at the root of the problem for Adam and Eve? Y N

What Sin Does

(James 1:13-15) When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; {14} but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. {15} Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

5-11 Evil desire leads to sin, which results in _____.

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5-12 Are wages something **EARNED** or given as a **GIFT**? (See **Romans 4:4**)

5-13 A paycheck is something you work for and deserve. T F

5-14 The compensation for sinning is spiritual death. T F

(Hebrews 10:26-27) If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, {27} but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

5-15 **V.26** Is it all right to keep on sinning and not worry about it? Y N

(1 Peter 2:24-25) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. {25} For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

5-16 **V.24** Why did Jesus bear our sins on the cross?

5-17 **V.25** In what way has sin made you stray?

(1 John 5:19) We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

5-18 The reason man is sinful is because of God. T F

5-19 We **SHOULD** — **SHOULD NOT** blame God for the sins that people do.

(Romans 14:11-12) It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" {12} So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

5-20 On the Day of Judgment **ALL** — **SOME** will stand before the Lord.

5-21 Will we at that time have to give an account of the things we have done in this life? Y N

5-22 If we live lives of sin what will be the outcome of that trial?

Everybody Has the Problem

(Romans 3:10-12) As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; {11} there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. {12} All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

5-23 Folks are basically good, moral people. T F

(Romans 3:20-23) Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. {21} But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. {22} This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, {23} for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

5-24 God says all men and women are _____.

5-25 Being good **DOES** — **DOES NOT** remove sins.

The Only Solution to the Problem

(Romans 3:23-24) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, {24} and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

5-26 **V.24** Redemption comes by Christ. T F

(Luke 5:31-32) Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. {32} I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

5-27 Is Jesus the doctor to cure our sickness called sin? Y N

5-28 We must admit we are sick before we can be cured. T F

(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. {29} Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

5-29 How do you feel about this invitation Jesus gives you?

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

5-30 Did the Father send His Son so we could live forever? Y N

5-31 In one word, why did God give his only Son? _____

Review

5-33 Do you feel God loves you? Y N

5-34 How do you feel about your sins?

5-35 How do you think God feels about them?

5-36 Do you feel separated from God because of your own personal sins? Y N

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