

Following Jesus (2)



A NEW KINGDOM

In our last study we learnt about the wonderful gift of salvation. When we received Jesus into our lives he forgave our sin and made us a part of his family. This means that we now belong to a new kingdom, which is called the Kingdom of God.

✝ What can we learn about the Kingdom of God from these verses?

John 3:5-6 _____

Colossians 1:13-14 _____

Now that we belong to God's Kingdom Satan has no more right over our lives. However Satan will not be pleased that Jesus has rescued or saved you and he may try to pull you away from Jesus.

1. RESCUED FROM SATAN'S KINGDOM

✝ What did the serpent (Satan) say to the woman in the garden?

Genesis 3:1 _____

This is one way Satan tries to pull us away, by putting doubts into our minds, so we are not sure about what God has done for us. This is what he did to the woman when he said: "Did God really say ...?"

🗣️ Have you had any doubts or fears since you have asked Jesus into your life?
Would you like to share?

How can you overcome these doubts and fears? At times thoughts may come into our minds and our feelings may change, but we need to know that God's promises never change.

✝ What promises does God make to us when we believe in Jesus?

John 5:24 _____

John 6:37 _____

So we must learn not to depend on our own thoughts and feelings but trust in God's word. Just as we trusted Jesus to forgive us, so now we need to keep trusting Him every day. There is another way Satan may try to discourage us. Although we now want to please God there may be times when we fall. Satan will be quick to condemn us and make us doubt that God will forgive us again.

✝ What truths do we need to know so we can overcome these attacks?

1 John 2:1-2 _____

Romans 8:1-2 _____

If you do something wrong remind yourself that God did not accept you because you were good enough, but because of what Jesus has done for you. Ask God to forgive you and trust Him to help you overcome that sin with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.



2. LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM

We have learnt that Jesus has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into His Kingdom. Satan may try to pull us away, but Jesus has promised that no one can snatch us from Him. John 10:28-29

But how can we be really sure we belong to God? There are signs or proof that God gives us in His Word.

(a) What is one proof that a person loves God?

1 John 2:3-6 _____

(b) What other changes will there be in a persons' life when he is born into God's family?

1 John 3:7-9 _____

(c) What does a Christian believe about Jesus?

1 John 2:21-23 _____

(d) If a person has received Jesus, what will his attitude now be to other Christians?

1 John 3:14-18 _____

💡 Since you have come to know Jesus what difference has there been in your attitude towards others?

So, how can you be sure you really belong to God's Kingdom? Do you now have a desire to obey God and see changes taking place in your life? Has your attitude to Jesus changed? Do you now want to be with others who believe in Jesus? If your answer is yes, this is because you have been born into God's family and He has made you 'new' on the inside. When doubts and temptations come, stand against the devil and trust God's promises to you.



What is one thing you would like to thank God for this week? Let's all do that now!

Memory Verse

"I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

John 5:24