



## ***Dynamic Christian Living***

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# PREFACE

What are the most important factors that characterize a new physical life? The first one has to be birth itself. You cannot have a new life without a new beginning to life that we call birth. Second, the little newborn begins to receive nourishment and as a result begins to grow. Third, the little one is constantly breathing—taking in air and letting it out. Fourth, as the child grows, he begins to try to communicate with those around him, first through motions and facial expressions and eventually through words. Finally, the child develops a certain pattern of behavior based on his personality and how he responds to the actions of others.

These same five stages—birth, growth, breath, communication, and behavior—can be applied to the Christian. All five are essential to Dynamic Christian Living.

- Birth was used by Christ as a metaphor for salvation when He talked to Nicodemus about being born again in John 3.
- First Peter 2:2 reminds us that the way we grow spiritually is by feeding on God's Word.
- Prayer for the Christian is like breathing as he constantly communes with God (1 Thess. 5:17).
- Before returning to heaven, Christ commanded us to communicate the good news of salvation in Christ to the whole world (Mark 16:15).
- Being a Christian should affect everything about the way we live our lives so that even when we are eating and drinking—and in whatever else we do—we are doing it to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31).

This study focuses on these five areas. We call them the basics of the Christian life because they are the primary things that need to be present in the life of every believer. Therefore, they are also the first areas on which young believers need to focus. There are many Bible facts that you could learn this year, and there are many doctrinal issues you could discuss. But sometimes it's best to just go back and make sure you understand the basics and have made them part of your life.

## **Scripture Memorization Report Sheet**

<i>Week</i>	<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Parent's Signature</i>
1	John 3:18		
2	Ephesians 2:8-9		
3	Acts 16:30-31		
4	<b>Review</b>		
5	2 Timothy 3:16-17		
6	2 Peter 1:21		
7	Hebrews 1:1-2		
8	<b>Review</b>		
9	Psalms 119:9, 11		
10	Psalms 1:2		
11	Psalms 19:9-10		
12	<b>Review</b>		
13	John 14:13		
14	1 John 1:9		
15	Matthew 6:6		
16	<b>Review</b>		
17	2 Chronicles 7:14		
18	Matthew 6:9-11		
19	Matthew 6:12-13		
20	<b>Review</b>		
21	Romans 3:10-12, 23		
22	Romans 5:8; 6:23		
23	Revelation 20:14-15		
24	John 3:16		
25	Romans 10:9		
26	1 Corinthians 15:3-4		
27	<b>Review</b>		
28	Psalms 16:11		
29	Isaiah 55:2		
30	2 Corinthians 3:18		
31	Galatians 2:20		
32	1 Timothy 4:7		
33	Hebrews 12:1-2		
34	Acts 2:42		
35	<b>Review</b>		



# BIRTH

## SALVATION

**S**alvation is like birth. In fact, the Bible refers to salvation as the “new birth.” When a man is saved, he is re-united with the source of spiritual life (John 10:10). He passes from a non-living state to life eternal (1 John 3:14). His new life in Christ gives him new desires for the things of God (Col. 3:1–2). This precious spiritual life begins to manifest itself in deeds of righteousness (1 John 3:7).

A new baby soon begins to desire all the things that other humans desire. His increasing activity attests to the fact that he is a living human being. So it is with the Christian. This “new birth” gives the believer new life, new desires, and new actions.





# WHAT'S SALVATION ALL ABOUT? (PART 1)

## TEACHER'S LESSON

- ***What Is Salvation?***

- Salvation literally means to save, to liberate, to deliver, to heal or to set free.

- ***Why Does Salvation Exist?***

- God Cares about Man's Need
  - Captive to Sin
  - Dead and Condemned
  - Sick, Blind, and Weak
- God Cares about His Glory
  - Christ Came to Earth to Reveal God's Glory
  - Christ Died on the Cross to Reveal God's Glory
  - The Cross of Christ Reveals
    - The Power of God That Surpasses Greatness
    - The Love of God That Surpasses Knowledge
    - The Grace of God That Surpasses Riches

- ***How Is Salvation Provided?***

- God's Provision
  - A Deliverer for the Captives (Heb. 2:14–15)
  - A Substitute for the Condemned (1 Pet. 2:24)

- A Healer for the Sick (Luke 4:18–19, 21)
- Man's Response
- **What Are the Results of Salvation?**
  - Freedom Instead of Bondage
    - Freedom from Sin's Penalty
    - Freedom from Sin's Power
    - Freedom from Sin's Presence
  - Power Instead of Weakness

## WORD POWER

- **Repentance**—changing one's mind and actions
- **Faith**—complete reliance upon someone or something
- **Regeneration**—new and divine life given by God to those who believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ
- **Salvation**—deliverance from sin's penalty and power
- **Condemnation**—guilt and punishment for a crime committed
- **Substitute**—someone who stands in the place of another

## STUDENT LESSON

To help us understand what salvation is all about, we will spend the first two student lessons studying seven major terms that are associated with salvation—three in this lesson and four in the next lesson.

### **Repentance**

The word “repent” means to change one's mind, thought, purpose, and views regarding a matter. It has the idea of turning away from going in one direction so that you can begin moving in the opposite direction.

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9 and answer the following questions.

- To whom did the Thessalonians turn? God
- From what did they turn? idols

- Why did they turn? to serve the living and true God  
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- Which came first—turning to or turning from? turning to  
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The order in which we find “turning to” and “turning from” is significant. Consider these three observations regarding the order in which we find the phrases “turning to” and “turning from” in this passage:

- A person may turn “from” sin without turning “to” the Lord. That is not repentance, but reformation. Many unsaved people do this in their lifetime.
- If a person turns “to” Christ, he will automatically turn “from” his sin.
- Thus, the emphasis in repentance is not so much on turning “from” sin as it is in turning “to” Christ. When a person is appropriately attracted to Christ, he will turn to Him in dazzled delight and will at the same time see his sin as odorous and repulsive! As the song writer said it,

*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.”*

Read the following passages that teach us truths about repentance and answer the questions.

- Acts 20:17–21: What was the message Paul testified both to the Jews and also to the Greeks? repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ  
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- 2 Peter 3:9: What is God’s one desire for all men? that everyone should repent  
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- 2 Timothy 2:25: How does one gain repentance? God gives it  
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- Luke 13:1–5: What will happen to all those who do not repent? they will all perish  
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- Acts 17:30: What is God’s command to all men everywhere? repent  
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- Romans 2:4: What can lead a man to repentance? the goodness of God
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## **Faith**

According to Acts 20:21, faith is a counterpart to repentance. Though one must repent, he cannot do so apart from faith. Faith may be defined as “acceptance and complete reliance upon.” If one does not exercise faith in Christ as Savior, he will not repent. Read the following verses and record the results of exercising faith.

- Acts 26:18, Romans 6:22 sanctification
- Romans 5:1 justification
- Galatians 3:26 becoming children of God
- 1 Peter 1:5 salvation

## **Regeneration**

Regeneration is God’s giving us a new and divine life. Regeneration is given a special definition in John 3:3.

- What is it? born again

How is regeneration described in the following verses?

- John 5:24 passed from death to life
  - 2 Corinthians 5:17 the old life has passed, the new life has come
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How are we “born again” or regenerated according to the following verses?

- John 1:12–13 not by man’s will or strength, but by God’s
  - John 3:6–7 by the Holy Spirit
  - James 1:18 by God’s will through the Word of God
  - 1 Peter 1:23 of incorruptible seed—by the Word of God
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