

DISCOVERY LESSON FOUR:



THE NEED TO RECEIVE CHRIST

In lesson three, we saw that Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin and it is through Him that we can know God personally. Now we will look at the step we need to take if we are to have the life which Jesus came to provide. It is stated in the fourth principle, which says:

***WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST
AS SAVIOR AND LORD
THEN WE CAN KNOW GOD PERSONALLY AND EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE***

(Remember, all the references in this study refer to the Gospel of John.)

1. What two parallel ideas in 1:12-13 explain what we must do in order to be born of God?
2. What must happen to us before we can be properly related to God? (3:6,7)
3. What did Jesus say would happen to those who put their faith in Him? (5:24)
4. If by faith you have become a sheep of the Good Shepherd, what things are true of you according to 10:27-30?
5. What is true of those who trust in the One who has conquered both spiritual and physical death? (11:25-27)
6. How are people going to know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? (13:34-35)

7. What are we to do if we are to allow the life of Jesus Christ to be expressed through us? (15:1-8)
8. What has God appointed us to do? (15:16)
9. How does Jesus describe eternal life? (17:3)
10. What miracle convinced the disciples that the claims of Jesus Christ about Himself and about His death were true? (20:1-9, 19, 20, 24-29)

To believe in Christ is to put faith or trust in Him. What are we trusting in for God's forgiveness; for a right relationship with Him; for eternal life? Is Christ worthy of our trust? Would you like to put your faith in Christ as the One who paid for your sins by His death on the cross? Would you like to say of Him, "My Lord and my God" (20:28)? If you would like to put your faith in Him, why not bow your head and pray something like this:

"Father in heaven, thank You for sending your only begotten Son into this world as proof of your love for me. Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for dying on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin and for coming back to life to give me real hope for the future. I receive You now as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. I intend to serve You and I invite You to make me the person You want me to be. Amen."

If you have finished reading the Gospel of John, begin reading the First Epistle of John. He states the purpose of that epistle in these words, "And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life,**" (I John 5:11-13, emphasis added)

After you have finished the First Epistle of John, continue to study your Bible on a daily basis.