

NOW THAT I'M UNDER THE BLOOD

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JESUS' BLOOD IS DIFFERENT

**18 FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD, FROM YOUR VAIN CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS;
19 BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT:
1 PETER 1:18-19**

If you've accepted Jesus, you're now a blood relative of His; that is, your relationship to Jesus Christ is by blood... His blood. When you accepted Jesus as your Saviour, He applied His blood to your soul. Jesus' blood is different from ours. It's a well documented medical fact that a child gets his blood from his father. You got your blood from your dad. He got his from his dad. It traces all the way back to Adam. Adam was created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Adam was told by God that in the day that he ate of the forbidden fruit he would surely die (Gen 2:17). Adam took of the fruit. Adam lived to be 930 years old. So what died? Adam died spiritually, which eventually led to physical death. The Bible says the life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev 17:11). Something happened to Adam's blood when he sinned. It caused the entire race to be infected with his sin. That's why Romans 5:12 says, "Wherefore by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." You're a sinner because your father was a sinner, because his father was a sinner. That's why we die. The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23). Jesus didn't have a human father (Matt 1:18). He got His flesh from His mother just like you and me. He got His blood from His Father. That means that it was God's blood that Jesus shed on the cross (Acts 20:28). That's what made Jesus the perfect sacrifice, and that's what makes His blood so precious.

When did you accept Jesus?

Write a brief account of your conversion below.

How is Jesus' blood different from ours? _____

THE BEGINNING OF MONTHS

The beginning of Israel's life as a nation was marked by the blood of a spotless lamb applied to the doorpost of every Israelite home back in Egypt (Ex 12:2). Just like the nation of Israel, your life began when Jesus applied His blood to the doorpost of your soul. The following worksheet deals with the Blood of Jesus and the Believer. The remainder of the workbook is written to help you understand what Jesus has done for you and what God expects of you now that you've made your decision for the Lord Jesus.

Read Romans 3:25. God has set forth a _____ through faith in his blood.

The word propitiation means to satisfy the anger and wrath of someone who has been offended. Our sins are offensive to God. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross takes care of God's wrath and anger toward our sin. (See 1 John 2:2.)

Read Romans 5:9. God has _____ us by his blood.

The word justification means to be made upright before God, by the righteousness of Christ that's been given to the Christian. The blood makes us just-as-if we had never sinned.

Read Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14. We have been _____ through his blood.

To redeem something is to buy it back. Salvation is a free gift for you and me (Eph 2:8). It cost Jesus everything. He bought us back from the bondage of sin, by his own blood. That means we're blood-bought.

The following are some other things the blood of Jesus has done for us.

Read Ephesians 2:13. Even though we sometimes were far off, we are made _____ through the blood of his cross.

Read Colossians 1:20. Jesus has made _____ through the blood of his cross.

Read Hebrews 9:14. The blood of Christ can _____ from dead works to serve the Living God.

Read Hebrews 10:19. By the blood of Jesus we have _____ to enter into _____.

Read 1 John 1:7. The blood of Jesus _____ from _____ sin.

Read Revelation 1:5. Jesus Christ _____ from our sins in his own blood.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

Salvation isn't something you accomplish on your own, and it isn't something you can earn for yourself. If you could save yourself, you wouldn't need a Saviour. If you could earn it, Jesus died for nothing. When you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, He will save you. When God does this, he accomplishes some amazing supernatural things for you. This section will help you understand what Jesus did for you when you asked him to come into your heart.

Spiritual Circumcision Read Colossians 2:10-12

Back in the Old Testament, God renewed the covenant with Abraham and instituted circumcision as a token of the covenant (Gen 17). This foreshadowed an "operation" (see verse 12) that God would perform on sinners that received His Son. Your body is kept alive by the blood we got from Adam. It's sinful. It is a body of the sins of the flesh (v. 11). Paul said that in his flesh dwelt no good thing (Romans 7:18). A soul has a bodily shape. Think about the rich man in Luke 16 with a tongue and with eyes and with a mouth. Or think about the souls under the altar in Revelation 6:9-11 that can wear robes. That sinful body of ours was stuck to our soul. In the Old Testament they used the words "men" and "souls" interchangeably (Ex 1:5). The way God saved you from that body of the sins of the flesh, is that He circumcised your soul from that sinful body. You're not in the flesh anymore (Rom 8:9)! That's what God's interested in, your soul and spirit.

Paul called this a circumcision _____
in Col 2:11.

New Birth Read John 3:3-8

When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are miraculously born again of the Spirit of God! The Bible describes the lost man as dead in trespasses and sin (Eph 2:1). Remember what God told Adam would happen when he took of the forbidden fruit? Adam's

spirit died when he sinned. He lost the image of God (Gen 1:27). All of his children would now be born in his image instead of God's (Gen 5:3). Our spirit is kind of like the wind (see vs. 8) like the air in a football. When you were unsaved, your "football" was flat. Totally flat. When you accepted Jesus the Holy Spirit regenerated you (Titus 3:5). Now your "football's" got air. This means you got back the image Adam messed up (Col 3:10). Now you can have a real relationship with God. When you experienced the new birth, God placed in you a new man (Eph 4:24), with a new nature (1 Pet 1:4), making you a new creature (2 Cor 5:21)!

Verse 5 says you must be born of _____; that's your natural birth, and of the _____; that's your supernatural birth.

If you were to compare that football to the way a human is made the leather outer shell would be like our _____, the part everyone sees. Right inside that, the same shape as that outer layer is a rubber bladder that would be like our _____. There's supposed to be air inside the football, which is like our _____.

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Read John 14:16-17

The Bible says your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor 6:9). In the Old Testament, the glory and presence of God dwelt in the Tabernacle in the wilderness (Ex 40:34), then in Solomon's Temple (2 Chron 7:1), then in Jesus Christ (John 1:14). Today the presence and glory of God dwell in us by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is inside us equipping us for service, convicting us of sin, and leading us in the way we should go.

What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in verse 16?

How long did he tell his disciples the Holy Spirit would abide with them? _____

Seal of the Holy Spirit Read Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

A seal is something that confirms, ratifies, or makes stable; assurance. It's like the stamp that a king puts on his letter to confirm its authenticity and insure the contents are not disturbed before it reaches its destination. God sent the Holy Spirit to seal you when you accepted his Son.

When did the Holy Spirit seal you? (Eph 1:13)

For how long are you sealed? (Eph 4:30)

Baptism of the Holy Ghost Read 1Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:5, and Romans 6:4

There's really only one baptism that has any eternal consequence. That's what Paul dealt with in Ephesians 4:5. Paul didn't ever write much about water baptism. The above passages don't have anything to do with water. John the Baptist baptized with water, but Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost (Mark 1:8). This is an act God carries out in the life of the believer independent of his understanding of it. Everyone who is saved has been baptized by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:13). It has nothing to do with an ecstatic experience, and it has a very specific purpose.

How many baptisms did Paul tell the Ephesians there were?

What word in 1 Cor 12:13 tells us that every Christian receives this baptism? _____

Placed into the Body of Christ Read 1 Corinthians 12:13 again and Ephesians 2:6

Paul refers to the believer as being "in Christ" some thirty times. It's the most prominent designation for Christians in the whole New Testament. When we accept Jesus he places us into His body. Remember how Spirit baptism has a very specific purpose? This is

it. It's the Spirit baptism that places us into the body of Jesus Christ. That's how we're spiritually identified with His death, burial, and resurrection. Read Romans 6:4 again and see.

OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

16 AND THAT HE MIGHT RECONCILE BOTH UNTO GOD IN ONE BODY BY THE CROSS, HAVING SLAIN THE ENMITY THEREBY: EPHESIANS 2:16

Because you have accepted Jesus' sacrifice in your place on the cross, you have a brand new relationship to God. The Bible says you once were far off. You belonged to the Devil, a child of disobedience (Eph 2:3), full of unrighteousness (Rom 1:29), without the knowledge of God (1Cor 15:34), but now that you're saved you've been accepted in the beloved (Eph 1:6). You have a brand new relationship to God in a variety of different ways.

You're a part of the Body of Christ (Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

We've already touched on this, but isn't it an amazing arrangement. Jesus Christ is the head. We are the body. A body has different parts with different functions, but each part gets its instruction from the head. This is how the body of Jesus Christ works.

Besides the head, what's the most important member of the body? (1 Cor 12:22-25) _____

What would happen if different body parts argued over their role in the body? _____

Where do you think Jesus has placed you in his body? How are you contributing?

The Church is the Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:24-25, 2 Corinthians 11:2)

The true church, of course, is made up of Born-Again Christians. The church is the Bride of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament times when a young man was ready to take a wife, he would approach the young lady and her family with a proposal, including a bride price (1 Cor 6:20). The covenant was instituted with a glass of wine (Luke 22:20). The young man would then go prepare a place for their life together (John 14:3). When it was complete, his father would release him to steal away his bride in the night (1 Thess 4:16). It's all a beautiful picture of Jesus and the church.

According to 2 Corinthians 11:2, right now the Church is _____ to the Lord Jesus.

After the Church is raptured out, according to Revelation 19:7, we'll attend the marriage _____, and then the church is called the _____ that hath made herself ready.

You're a Son of God (1 John 3:1, John 1:12)

When you were lost, you were a child of disobedience (Eph 2:2), and your father was the devil (John 8:44). When you accepted Jesus, you became a son of God. God accomplished this in two ways. If you recall from the previous section, Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." When you got saved you were born into the family of God. You realize that no matter what you do or say you can never change who your birth father is. It's like that in the spiritual realm as well. Legally speaking, your natural father can disinherit you if he chooses to. Unless, of course, you were adopted. According to Galatians 4:5, Christ's redemption provided that we might receive the adoptions of sons. We are sons of God by the

birth of God the Holy Spirit (John 3:5) and the adoption of God the Father (Rom 8:15).

You're a Joint-Heir with Christ (Romans 8:16)

When you were born of the Spirit and adopted into the family, you were made *a* son of God, but Jesus Christ is *the* Son of God (John 3:16). However, if we were made heirs of God, then we're joint-heirs with Christ. That means what belongs to Jesus belongs to us; what's His is ours.

Fill in the Blanks.

God the Father : Related by _____ (Rom 8:15)

God the _____ : Related by birth. (John 3:5)

God the Son : _____ - _____ (Rom 8:17)

The Bible also speaks of:

- Jesus being the chief _____ (1 Pet 5:4) while we are his _____ (John 10:27)
- Jesus being our High _____ (Heb 4:14) while we are a royal _____ (1 Pet 2:9)
- Jesus being the Chief _____ (1 Pet 2:6) While we are lively _____ (1 Pet 2:5)

SAFETY IN JESUS

JOHN 10:27-29

27 MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME:

28 AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND. 29 MY FATHER, WHICH GAVE THEM ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND.

Because you accepted Jesus, you're not only saved, but you're safe. We sometimes call this eternal security. To live a victorious Christian life, you must have the assurance of your salvation. Your assurance will be based on your faith and understanding of the Bible. Your security is based on God. The simple fact is that you couldn't do anything to merit the favor of God. That's what grace is for. When you accept Jesus, God gives you Jesus' righteousness (2 Cor 5:21). The following worksheet will help you understand your security "in Christ."

Read John 5:24

When did your everlasting life begin? _____

Read John 10:27-29

Verse 28 said Jesus' sheep shall never _____.

Who can pluck you out of God's hand? _____

Why? _____

Read Ephesians 4:30

How long are you sealed for? _____

Read 1 Pet 1:5

How are you 'kept'? _____

Read Philippians 1:6

What can you be confident of? _____

Read Romans 8:38-39

What did Paul say can't separate you from the love of God?

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| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

Where is the love of God? _____

Where is Jesus in relation to you? (Col 1:27) _____

Where are you in relation to Christ? (Eph 2:6) _____

Where is Christ in relation to God? (Col 3:3) _____

So, now that I'm saved, I can live however I want?

No way. Paul asked the Romans, should we continue in sin, that grace may abound? He answered his own question: God forbid (Rom 6:4). The Bible says we're saved by grace through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph 2:8-9). You didn't do anything to deserve eternal life. Jesus did it all. But when you accept Jesus you are now his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works (!) which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph 2:10).

If a Christian sins he can lose:

1. His joy. (Ps 51)
2. His testimony. (1 Cor 15:33-34)
3. His health. (1 Cor 11:30)
4. His life. (1 Cor 5:5)
5. His reward. (1 Cor 3:14-15)

Read Galatians 5.

List the works of the flesh below.

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| 1. | 7. | 13. |
| 2. | 8. | 14. |
| 3. | 9. | 15. |
| 4. | 10. | 16. |
| 5. | 11. | 17. |
| 6. | 12. | |

List the fruit of the Spirit below.

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| 1. | 4. | 7. |
| 2. | 5. | 8. |
| 3. | 6. | 9. |

What are some works that I had made a habit of when I was unsaved, that I need to change?

Why do we keep God's commandments? (John 14:15)

SO, YOU ACCEPTED JESUS, NOW WHAT?

Prayer: When you talk to God, you pray. You should talk to God every day (1 Thess 5:17). Prayer includes thanksgiving: thanking God for His son Jesus, for providing your basic needs, for your freedom, for His mercy, whatever you can think of. It includes confession: admitting your sins, asking for forgiveness, and letting Him cleanse you (1 John 1:9). It includes petition: asking God for the things you need, to help you be a better witness, Dad, husband, worker, etc. It includes intercession: praying for the needs of others, for lost loved ones, and for those who are sick. Prayer is powerful, and because of what Jesus has accomplished for us, we can take our prayers before God boldly (Heb 4:16). Most spiritual warfare is won in prayer or lost in prayerlessness. It's important that we pray.

The Bible: When you pray, you talk to God. When you read God's Word, He talks to you. The Bible is God's life-line to the believer. The Bible was inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine (what's right), reproof (what's not right), correction (how to get right), and instruction in righteousness (how to stay right) (2 Tim 3:16). Jesus said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). Reading the Bible is the only way to stay healthy spiritually. [For a Bible reading chart see Appendix A.] God not only inspired this book called the Bible, He also promised to preserve it (Ps 12:6-7). We have the preserved Word of God today in the King James Version. [For a list of scriptures to compare to modern Bible versions see Appendix B.] Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15). We should also memorize scripture (Ps 119:11). The Bible is the sword of the Spirit (Heb 4:12), and it is our only offensive weapon against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:17).

Baptism: Baptism is a way for us to identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. It is a picture of what happens to us spiritually when we get saved (remember Rom 6:4). The order for baptism in the Bible is always after a person gets saved. Baptism doesn't save you. Jesus saves you. We get baptized in obedience to the commandment and example of Jesus (Matt 28:19). It should be a joyful occasion marking our new decision (Acts 8:39). When Jesus was baptized, he was immersed in the water (Matt 3:16). That's what the word 'baptize' means.

Church Attendance: David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Ps 122:1). When you accept Jesus, you should be a part of a local church. The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb 10:25). Christianity isn't a private ordeal. When you accept Jesus, you become a part of the living body of Jesus Christ. Attending a local church allows you to fellowship with other members of the Body, to encourage others and to be encouraged, to be held accountable, to hear the preaching of God's Word, and to praise God with other believers for His goodness. A Christian without a church is like a ball-player without a team, a worker without a job, or a student without a school. Find a church that believes the Bible and preaches the Bible. Get in, serve, be faithful, and above all, keep your eyes on Christ and not on other imperfect human beings.

Separation: Paul quoted the Old Testament in 2 Corinthians 6:17 when he wrote, "come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord." (see 2 Cor. 6:14-18) Paul is talking about a Christian's relation to the world. Nothing in this world system is of the Father (1 John 2:16); instead, it's under the control of the god of this world, the devil (2 Cor 4:4). We are separated from the world and surrendered to God's will when we allow Him to change the way we think (Rom 12:1-2). Separation from the world protects us (1 Cor 5:6, 1 Cor 3:14), it identifies us (1 Pet 2:19), and it expresses our dedication (1 Cor 10:32-33). The point is that Jesus saved us when we had nothing to offer Him; the least we can do is seek to glorify God in all that we do (1 Cor 10:31). That

means living up to the role of salt of the earth and light of the world (Matt 5:13-14), being distinct from the system we live in.

Telling Others: What if you had the cure to a terrible disease and many of the people around you every day were suffering from that disease? What would you do with the cure? The gospel is the ultimate cure to man's ultimate problem. Jesus did what He could do for a lost and dying world; He died on the cross. Now it's up to us to do our part, to tell that lost and dying world what Jesus did for them. Telling others about Jesus' love is as basic to our growth as believers as learning to talk was as a child. One of the simplest witnessing tools at your disposal is your own personal testimony. Paul's is recorded three times in the book of Acts (Acts 9, 22, 26). Each time you can identify three distinct parts. What he was like before he met Christ, how he met Christ, what his life was like after he met Christ. You should write down your testimony: before, how, and after. You should be able to give your testimony conversationally in less than five minutes. It's a great way to open the door to lead someone to Christ, and it's uniquely yours. You should also have memorized some basic scriptures showing someone how they can be saved. Attached is a recommended scripture memorization list (Appendix C). We have the command to be a witness (Acts 1:8), and the Lord promised he will be with us (Matt 28:20b), but it's up to us to be prepared to give an account for the hope that is in us (1 Pet 3:15).

Ministry: Over and over again in the New Testament you'll find the term "one another." Believers have a responsibility to love (John 13:34), greet (2 Cor 13:12), be kind to (Rom 12:10), forgive (Eph 4:32), forbear (Eph 4:2), exhort (Heb 3:13), and comfort (1 Thess 4:18) one another. You might call it ministry. We've all been called to do it. That's just part of being a part of the family of God, and it's another great reason why everyone needs a local church to attend.

A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST 2 TIM 2:3



Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,

*and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
Eph 6:10-18*

Spiritual Warfare: Christianity isn't for sissies. If you're a Believer you've enlisted in the Lord's Army. If we could actually get a glimpse of the battles taking place just above our head (Jude 9, Dan 10:13, Eph 2:2), we would never be the same. Spiritual warfare is real and in the Lord's army there's no room for pacifists. If you're going to fight you better put on the whole armour of God, the way the soldier in the diagram has.

Girdle of Truth: This covers the thigh area. A man's strength is in his thighs. The most embarrassing thing for a Christian is to be left exposed in dishonesty and ignorance in the heat of battle. Your spiritual strength must be founded on and surrounded in the truth of scripture.

Breastplate of Righteousness: It's hard to take one in the chest and come out healthy. The way you protect your vital spiritual organs is by putting on the breastplate of righteousness. When you accepted Jesus, God gave you Jesus' righteousness. This is a personal righteousness that carries out in practice what God has already given you.

Gospel of the Preparation of Peace: Paul said, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace (Rom 10:15). We must keep our feet shod with a readiness to tell others of the crucified and risen Saviour that makes peace between God and man, no matter where our feet take us.

Shield of Faith: Above all, you need this piece of armour. The Roman foot soldier's shield was usually made of wicker and coated in pitch and could cover nearly his entire body. To help quench the fiery darts of the enemy, the soldier would soak it in water before battle. Jesus is our water of life (John 4); that's the basis of our faith. In fact, it's His faith (Gal 2:20) we're fighting with. Water also represents the word of God (Eph 5:26), and of course, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17).

Helmet of Salvation: You might be able to survive the loss of a limb, but you can't have your head amputated and still make it. How can you go to battle if you don't know you're saved? Every soldier of the Lord needs the helmet of salvation to protect his or her mind from the attacks of the enemy.

Sword of the Spirit: This is the sole offensive weapon in the Believer's arsenal. If there's to be any attack on the enemy, it will be carried out by this weapon. Fortunately, the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb 4:12), and unlike a regular sword, this one just gets sharper with every use. If you're going to give that old devil a hard time you better make a point to know how to handle your sword.

Praying Always: The armour Paul is describing is that of a Roman foot soldier, or dog-face. He covers all of it from head to toe with one exception. The greaves would protect the legs or shins, and every Roman soldier had them. Paul's soldier doesn't need those however, because you'll find him on his knees praying with all supplication in the Spirit.

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YE MAY BE ALSO. JOHN 14:3

Believe it or not, there's more prophecy in the Old and New Testaments concerning the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than the first coming. A lot more. See, for a lost sinner, the greatest day in the history of the world was when Jesus bled and died in our place

on Calvary. The way God sees it, the greatest day in history isn't the day that His only begotten Son hung naked on a cross for sinful man, but the day that His Son comes back to this earth to rule and reign and make all his enemies his footstool (Heb 10:13). That's what the book of Revelation is about. But before He comes back, Jesus steals away his Bride, the church, in the middle of the night (Rom 13:12). That's sometimes called the rapture. Paul wrote about it in 1 Cor 15:52-55 and 1 Thess 4:13-18. If you're a Christian, that promise isn't the source of fear, but great hope and expectation. It's certainly one of the most interesting subjects in the Bible. Peter said that, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Pet 3:3-4). While a lot of people have stopped looking for Jesus the signs of the times (Matt 24, Luke 22) seem clear that it won't be long. Our generation should be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It's an exciting thought, and yet at the same, time it gives our work here on earth a little more urgency. Hopefully you can join John in saying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:20). God's got big plans for the future and this wonderful age of grace is just one piece of the puzzle. The Bible has a lot to say about God's big plans for the future. Included on the inside of the back cover of this booklet is a chart that will help answer some questions you may have about the future. Hopefully this will peak your interest in the Second Coming and put some meat in your Bible Study diet.

Again, congratulations on your new walk (or your continued growth) with the Lord. It's just the beginning of your Eternal Life. It will be full of amazing blessings, and at times, it will be ripe with challenges and struggles, but eternity in the presence of Jesus and peace with God is more than worth it all.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet 3:18)

APPENDIX A: BIBLE READING PLAN

List #1	List #2	List #3	List #4	List #5
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Matthew Mark Luke John Acts	Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation
(In 436 days this list will be repeated)	(In 243 days this list will be repeated)	(In 250 days this list will be repeated)	(In 117 days this list will be repeated)	(In 143 days this list will be repeated)

How it works: Cut out a blank piece of paper the size of the inside fly-leaf of the Bible you will be reading from. You're going to write the names of all 66 books of the Bible on this piece of paper. Once you attach it to the inside cover of your Bible, you'll be able to keep up with which books you've actually read. You'll create five columns, or lists. The list will look like the one on the previous page.

You simply read one chapter from each list per day; just five chapters a day. On day one you read the first chapter from each list; on the second day you move onto the second chapter. Use colored pencils or highlighters to mark your favorite verses and to keep up with where you are.

A reading chart won't work for everybody, but it's a good way to be sure you're spending time in the word of God every day; that's the point. Before you tackle the above reading list, you may want to read through the Gospel of John or First Thessalonians to get a little better acquainted with Jesus.

You may like to take a few minutes each day to read a Proverb, kind of like a scripture vitamin to help you make good decisions. Just read the Proverb that corresponds to the date.

You may just want to pray and then open the book and start reading. The important thing is that you feed your spirit every single day!

APPENDIX B: A BIBLE TRANSLATION COMPARISON CHART

	Authorized Version (KJV)	New International Version	New American Standard	Holman Christian Standard
Matt 9:13	for I am come not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.	Missing “to repentance.”	Missing “to repentance.”	Missing “to repentance.”
Luke 2:33	And Joseph and his mother	The child’s father and mother	His father and mother	His father and mother
John 9:35	Son of God	Son of Man	Son of Man	Son of Man
Acts 8:37	(Eunuch’s confession)	Omitted	Bracketed-casting doubt	Bracketed-casting doubt
Rom 13:9	Thou shalt not bear false witness.	Omitted	Omitted	Omitted
Eph 3:14	Father of our Lord Jesus Christ	Father	Father	Father
Col 1:14	redemption, through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins	redemption, the forgiveness of sins	redemption, the forgiveness of sins	Redemption, the forgiveness of sins
1 Tim 3:16	God was manifest in the flesh	He appeared in a body	He who was revealed in the flesh	He was manifested in the flesh

	Authorized Version (KJV)	New King James Version
Matt 20:20	worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him	kneeling down and asking something from him
Acts 4:27	For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus	For truly against your holy servant Jesus

A Note on Bible Translations:

Ninety percent of all New Testament Greek manuscripts are the same. This majority text makes up what’s called the Textus Receptus, or Received Text. This is the Greek text that the King James Version is translated from. It comes from Antioch in present day Syria. Antioch is where the disciples were first called Christians, and this is also where the first Missionaries were sent out from. The King James Version is the pure, preserved word of God for the English speaking people. These charts compare the KJV with some popular modern versions.

