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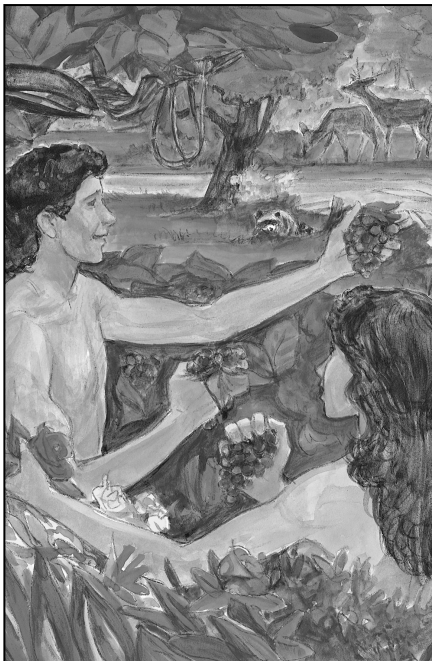
Getting Started

This book will help you learn some exciting things about Jesus Christ, your Savior. Each chapter begins with a list of goals marked with a small star (*). These goals tell you what you will be learning in that chapter. Then you will read a few lines and answer some questions. At the end of the chapter there is a test. The test questions cover only what you read in the chapters and the questions you have completed.

When you finish answering a group of questions, you will be given a page number where you can turn to check your answers. If you turn to that page, you will find the answers at the very bottom of that page. Check your answers carefully, correcting any mistakes you made. Make sure you understand all the answers before reading any farther.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you complete the test, go back and review the chapter tests. When you have completed the final test, you can either turn the test in to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address on the back cover of this book.

May God help you as you learn more about Jesus and what he did so that you can live with him forever.



God created everything on earth.



Chapter One

WHO AM I? Created

Who do you look like? Your mother? Father? Brother? Sister? Uncle? Maybe people tell you that you resemble some famous person. That might make you feel good. What if I would tell you that you were created to resemble someone more famous than anyone you can think of? That is true! You were created to resemble God. Yes. You were created to resemble God. How do you resemble God?

We will find out. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- * tell who created you;
- * tell who you were created to resemble;
- * name three ways in which the first man and woman resembled God;
- * give the meaning of the word sin;
- * tell how sin changed our resemblance to God; and
- * tell how our resemblance to God has been restored.

The Bible tells us where we came from. "So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female" (Genesis 1:27). This Bible passage tells us important things about ourselves: First it tells us God CREATED us.

God made the first man and woman. "The Lord God formed a man. He made him out of the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into him. And the man became a living person" (Genesis 2:7). God also made you. David says in the Bible, "You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body" (Psalm 139:13). Imagine God personally forming you in your mother's womb!

You were created by God. You are not an accident. No matter what circumstances surrounded your birth, God determined that you should be born. He chose to create you. That's right: God chose to create you.

1. We are created by _____.
2. The Lord God formed man from the _____ of the earth.

(Check your answers on bottom of page 17)

Some people think that the world began because of a huge explosion long ago that had no known cause and that all life on earth slowly developed by chance after millions of years to be the plants, animals, and humans that are here today. This is known as the theory of evolution.

But what would be special about you if you came into being as an accident? Nothing. You would have no purpose or reason for existence.

People who believe they are the result of a series of accidents are missing out on something important. They do not know the God who created the universe (read Job chapter 38). As unimportant as it might seem to some people, it is very important that you believe this truth as God has revealed it: God created the heavens and the earth and every one of us. God determined that you should be born. He chose to create all people, from the first man and woman, to a baby being born

right now. But there is even more to learn about who we are. Read on.

God created the first human pair in his likeness. Look at God's story of creation again. "God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female" (Genesis 1:27). Originally, God created people to resemble him. This does not mean Adam and Eve looked like God because God is a spirit. Yet, they were like God in three ways.

First, they were holy: they knew God's will, and they agreed with it. They were pure in love and action, like God.

Second, Adam and Eve were close to God. The Bible tells us that they actually heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden and that he spoke with them (Genesis 3:8,9). Like a son and a daughter, they had a very close friendship with God. They could communicate, or speak, with him.

Third, Adam and Eve were created to live forever. There was no death. Did you read that? There was no death. They were created to live forever, like God.

Fill in the blanks, using the words listed below.

holy	likeness	close
pure	friendship	forever

3. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his _____.
4. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways;
 - a) They were _____ and _____ in their love and actions;
 - b) They were _____ to God;
 - c) They were created to live _____.
5. They had a very close _____ with him.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 17)

That holiness ended for Adam and Eve when they sinned. Genesis chapter 3 gives us the sad report of their fall into sin. After they disobeyed God, they no longer resembled God. They were no longer holy or pure. And neither are we. We all do wrong. We sin.

In the Bible the word “sin” can mean “to miss the target.” God set a target for Adam and Eve to aim at. He planted a special tree in their garden and told them never to eat fruit from it. By their obedience they would show their love for God and their trust in God. But Adam and Eve missed that target. They disobeyed God and lost their likeness to God. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they walked and talked with God. But after they sinned, they tried to hide from God. They lost the likeness of God and were afraid of him because of sin.

God sets the standards or goals for our living. When we do not think, act, or say what he wants, either on purpose or by accident, we miss the target. We sin.

You have learned that the likeness of God in people was lost when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Genesis 5:1, 3). Adam and Eve's resemblance to God ended. They were no longer holy. Their lives were full of sin. From Adam and Eve, our first parents, we have inherited that evil nature. Our hearts and lives are filled with sin. Because of sin we do not act the way God wants us to act. Because of sin we no longer resemble God, for God is holy. He is pure in every thought and action. Not only does sin end our holiness, sin also separates us from God.

And sin has brought death to all people. If you think someone is not sinful, watch and see if that person dies someday. He will die, because sin has infected all people. No matter how good we think someone is, sin is hiding under the surface. The Bible says, "Sin entered the world because one man sinned. And death came because of sin. Everyone sinned, so death came to all people" (Romans 5:12).

Fill in the blanks.

6. The word sin means to _____
_____.

Choose the appropriate word for each blank:

separated holy die

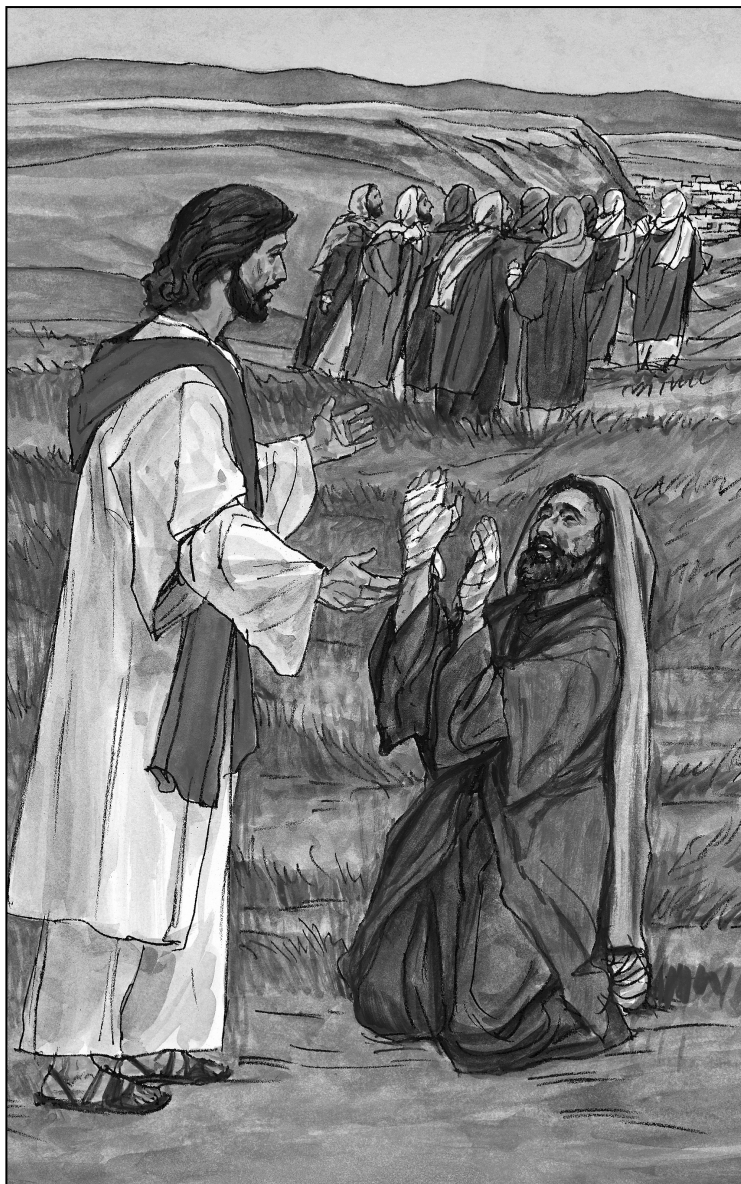
7. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer
_____.

8. Because of sin we are _____
from God.

9. Because of sin we will all someday _____.

(Check your answers on page 17)

Fortunately, that is not the end of the story. Likeness to God can be put back in us. How? Our likeness to God is renewed through faith in Jesus as our Savior. The Bible calls this change of heart "being born again." Jesus told the Pharisee Nicodemus, "What I'm about to tell you is true. No one can see God's kingdom without being born again" (John 3:3).



The man's skin was renewed by Jesus.

What happens when we are born again? God causes us to believe in Jesus, and at the same time God's likeness is renewed in us.

Wait, —even though we believe in Jesus, we are not holy or pure like God, are we? Even though we believe in and trust Jesus as our Savior and try, with all his power at work within us, to do what he wants us to do, we still miss the targets God wants us to aim at. We disobey him. We still sin.

But remember, Jesus washes away our sins. In the Psalms we read, "He has removed our lawless acts from us as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).

Because of Jesus, God declares us holy. We are sinners, but we have been washed clean of our sin with the blood of Christ. The Bible tells us, "We have been made holy by what God wanted. We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time" (Hebrews 10:10).

As sinners whose sins are forgiven through faith in Jesus, we have a renewed family connection with God. The Bible says, "At one time you were far away from God. But now you belong to Christ Jesus. He spilled his blood for you. That has brought you near to God.... So you are no longer strangers and outsiders.... You are members of God's family" (Ephesians 2:13,19). "So let us come near to God with an honest and true heart. Let us come near with a faith that is sure and strong. ... Our minds have been cleansed from a sense of guilt. Our bodies have been washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22). Jesus has restored our membership in God's family. He is even God's voice to us! God talks to us in the Bible because of Jesus, and in prayer, we can talk to God, through thanks to Jesus. We are now God's children. We can talk to God anytime, anywhere. The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to him" (Philippians 4:6).

Because of Jesus, God gives us life after death. Do you hear that? Death is not the end. The Bible says, "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16). If we are worried because our bodies still die, the Bible says, "Our natural bodies don't last forever. They must be dressed with what does last forever. What dies must be dressed with what does not die. In fact, that is going to happen...Then what is written will come true. It says, 'Death has been swallowed up. It has lost the battle.' 'Death, where is the battle you thought you were winning? Death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin. And the power of sin is the law. But let us give thanks to God! He wins the battle for us because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done" (1 Corinthians 15:53-57).

Choose the appropriate word for each sentence:

membership children death holy

10. Because of Jesus, God declares us

_____.

11. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed
_____ in God's family. God
even calls us his _____.

12. Because of Jesus, God will give us life
after _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 17)

Review of Chapter One

Adam and Eve were created holy. They enjoyed a close friendship with God, and they were able to live forever. Sin changed all that. They were no longer pure or holy. Sin and death were now a part of their lives.

We inherited sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve. We are not born holy. We are separated from God, and we die. However, because of Jesus, sin is forgiven and death is not the end. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we also will be raised from death to live eternally with God.

Through Jesus, God's likeness has been renewed in our hearts and lives. We are renewed in our love and actions toward one another. We are renewed in our obedience to God. Sin is still with us, and we still struggle with it. But one day in heaven we will be like God and live forever free from sin.

Answers to questions within Chapter One:

1. God; 2. dust; 3. likeness; 4. holy, pure, close, forever; 5. relationship; 6. miss the target; 7. holy; 8. separated; 9. die; 10. holy (or pure); 11. relationship, children; 12. death.

Test on Chapter One

1. We are created by _____.
2. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his _____.
3. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways:
 - a) They were _____ and _____ in their love and actions;
 - b) They were _____ to God;
 - c) They were created to live _____
4. They had a very close _____ with him.
5. The word "sin" can mean to _____.
6. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer _____.

7. Because of sin we are _____
from God.
8. Because of sin we will all _____
someday.
9. Because of Jesus, God declares us
_____.
10. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed
_____ with God. God even calls
us his _____.
11. Because of Jesus, God will give us life after
_____.

(Check your answers on page 58)



Jesus loves us and promises to take care of us.



Chapter Two

WHO AM I? Spiritually Renewed in Jesus

We have been spiritually renewed by Jesus. You might ask, how does that help me now? Well, it is one thing to understand the truths found in the Bible, but it is another thing to apply them to your life. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- * give the meaning of the word renewed;
- * tell in what way you have been renewed;

- * explain how sin still affects your life;
- * tell how your desires have changed;
- * tell what power you have available to you in your struggle against sin;
- * explain what we should do when we sin; and
- * give two reasons why a believer in Jesus will no longer want to sin.

The word renewed means to be made new, to be created again. That means there is a change. In fact, you could say being created all over again is a major change. And it is. As we learned in the last chapter, Jesus renews us spiritually. The Bible says, “Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). God has forgiven our sin, our family connection with him is restored, and we have eternal life waiting for us. This changes everything for us, even right now!

Did you ever think of yourself as a slave? The Bible says we are all slaves. How does that make you feel? It certainly sounds bad, but the word "slave" can describe a good change that God has caused. It is only a question of who is our master. The Bible tells us, "You used to be slaves of sin. But thank God that with your whole heart you obeyed the teachings you were given! You have been set free from sin. You have become slaves to right living" (Romans 6:17-18).

This may be hard for us to understand at first, but the Bible says we are slaves to one of two masters: sin (what God does not want us to do) or righteousness (what God wants us to do). Because Jesus spiritually renewed us, we are freed from slavery to sin which leads to death, and now God is giving us the ability, or power, to do righteous, or good, things. We are set free from sin and are now slaves to God. We want to do what he wants us to do. And listen to this! God's free gift to us is eternal life because of Jesus, our Savior.

Fill in the blanks:

1. The word renewed means to be
_____.
2. Before we were renewed we were slaves to
_____.
3. Now we are _____ from sin and
have the ability to do what God wants us to.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

Some people say that since you now are spiritually renewed through faith in Jesus and have been set free from the slavery of sin, you will never sin again. That is simply not true. Listen to the words of a famous, renewed Christian, "I want to do what is good, but I can't. I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do" (Romans 7:18b-19). Paul wrote those words after God had brought Paul into his family through faith in Jesus.

Yes, the apostle Paul wrote those words. He is the man who wrote most of the books in the New Testament, and he was a great missionary. Yet he still struggled with sin. The same is true with us today. The apostle John writes, "Suppose we claim we are without sin. Then we are fooling ourselves. The truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Even though Jesus spiritually renews us, we still sin. We are fooling ourselves if we believe we can reach a point in our earthly lives where we no longer sin.

So what change does Jesus make in us? Now, even though we still sin, we do not want to sin. We struggle to avoid sin and strive, or work hard, to do what God wants us to do. Our desire has changed. We no longer want to sin. But how can we avoid it? What power do we have over the sin in our lives? And when we do sin, what should we do about it?

Although we hate the sin that still is present in our lives, we will never reach the point where



Joseph ran away from temptation and sin.

the sin is completely gone. The apostle Paul could not live a perfect life, and neither can we.

But as slaves of God, we have a powerful Lord over us who loves us and helps us as we struggle against sin.

The apostle Paul writes, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:20-21a).

What a statement! God can do more than we can ever ask for or imagine asking him to do. His power is at work within us. Paul writes in another letter that "God is working in you. He wants your plans and your acts to be in keeping with his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). So, what power do we have in our struggle against sin? We have God's power.

Does this mean we never sin? No, we are still tempted, and we fall into sin. Even though we

do not want to, even though God helps us in our struggle against sin, we still fall into sin. When this happens, we confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Confessing means that we are sorry, and we admit that we have disobeyed God. It also means that we trust God's love and believe that he will forgive us. The Bible says, "God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure" (1 John 1:9).

God forgives us when we confess our sins. What happens to our attitude when we confess? Peter shows us. Peter once sinned by denying Jesus. After he said he did not know Jesus three times, he realized what he had done wrong. The Bible says, "Peter went outside. He broke down and sobbed [cried]" (Luke 22:62).

Being sorry, confessing our sins to God and asking for forgiveness are parts of being a Christian. We can talk directly to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, including confessing our sin. What if we sin and do not know it? We pray that God will make us aware of any sins we may have committed. Then we trust that he will wash away all our sins, those we are aware of and those we are not.

Fill in the blanks:

4. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the _____ I want to do. Instead, I keep on doing the _____ things I don't want to do."
5. We have _____ power in our struggle against sin.
6. _____ means that we admit that we have disobeyed God.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

Have you ever heard something like this? If God has forgiven all your sins, and if he freely forgives you whenever you do wrong, why be concerned about sin? Do whatever you want to do.

There are two things wrong with that idea. First, sin brings consequences with it. Even though God forgives our sin, we still must live with the results that sin brings.

For example, a person once had a homosexual connection with someone, which clearly is not what God wants (Romans 1:27). Then the person repented and asked God's forgiveness. Forgiveness would not prevent the person from getting the disease AIDS and dying from it, even though God forgave him. In the same way a person in prison may have repented and confessed his or her sin to God and asked for God's forgiveness for whatever caused him or her to be put into prison. Does that mean the person who repents immediately gets out of

prison? That is not likely. Sin brings with it consequences which can be painful.

The second reason for avoiding sin is that we want to please God. The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:10, "Find out what pleases the Lord." That does not mean we never sin, but someone who continually sins without feeling sorry or wanting to change is not a believer in Jesus. We need to stay close to God by using his word, the Bible to find out what God likes and wants us to do, and we need to talk to him in prayer.

Fill in the blanks:

7. The word "renewed" means to be

_____.

8. Before we were renewed we were slaves to

_____.

9. Now we are _____ from sin and have the ability to do what God wants us to.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

Review of Chapter Two

We have been spiritually renewed through faith in Jesus, our Savior from sin. We are no longer slaves to sin, but we have been freed to do what God wants us to do and to be his slaves. Sin still affects our lives.

When we do sin, we repent and confess our sins to God, asking for his forgiveness and believing that we are forgiven. As believers in Jesus, we want to do what God wants us to.

He makes his power available to us to help us live the way he wants us to live. We then have the desire and strength to live according to his will.

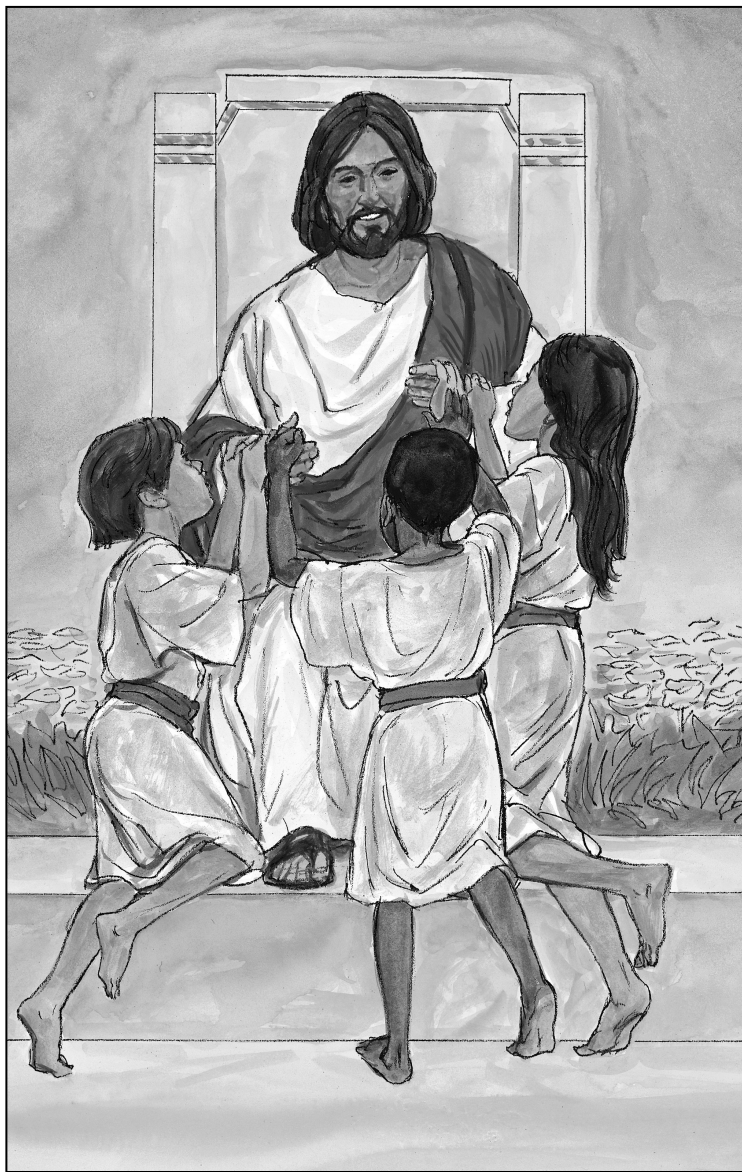
Answers to questions within Chapter Two:

1. created again; 2. sin; 3. free; 4. good things, evil; 5. God's;
6. Confess; 7. created again; 8. sin; 9. free.

Test on Chapter Two

1. The word "renewed" means to be _____.
2. Before we were renewed we were slaves to _____.
3. Now we have been set _____ and given the ability to do what God wants us to.
4. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the _____ I want to do. Instead, I do the _____ things I don't want to do."
5. We have _____ power in our struggle against sin.
6. _____ means that we admit that we've disobeyed God.
7. Now we are _____ from sin and have the ability to do what God wants us to do.

(Check your answers on page 58)



*Jesus invites all his believers, including children,
to come to him.*



Chapter Three

WHO AM I? God's Adopted Child

People are never forced to adopt a child. Unfortunately, people sometimes have children they do not want, but no one adopts a child without wanting to adopt one. In fact today there are thousands of people on waiting lists waiting to adopt a child.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be adopted? Well, you do not need to think too hard because you have been adopted as a

child of God. At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- * quote one Bible passage that tells us we are God's children;
- * tell whether our past life hurts our membership in God's family; and
- * tell about God's free gift.

We have been adopted as God's children. The Bible says, "He [God] loved us. So he decided long ago to adopt us as his children" (Ephesians 1:4-5). Yes, you read that right. It is incredible, is it not? God chose you and me to be adopted into his family. He wanted us. Why? It certainly does not have anything to do with us. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. God chose us because he is gracious and merciful and loving. That is why the Bible says, "How great is the love the Father has given us so freely! Now we can be called children of God. And that's what we really are" (1 John 3:1).

1. We have been _____ as
God's children.
2. According to Ephesians 1:5 why did God
decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?

3. God chose us, not because we deserve it,
but because he is _____
and _____ and _____.
4. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually
God's _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 41)

We are God's adopted children. How does that make you feel? Well, it should make you feel very good, very thankful and very undeserving. Yes, undeserving. We do not deserve what God has done for us to make us his children through Jesus. It is a gift we do not deserve. The Bible tells you, "When you sin, the pay you

get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done" (Romans 6:23).

This gift of God becomes ours when God leads us to accept it and believe it. Sometimes people feel that they are too undeserving even to accept God's gift. Usually it is because they think whatever they have done in their past is so terrible God could not forgive them. That is simply not true. No matter what you have done God can and does forgive you.

5. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the pay for sin is _____ but that God's gift to us is _____.
6. The gift becomes yours when God leads you to _____ it.
7. No matter what you have done God can and does _____ you.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 41)

What does this tell you about your past?

(Circle the letter next to the statement that is true.)

- A.** God does not know what I did in my past so it really does not matter.
- B.** No matter what I have done, God does forgive me and makes me a part of his family because of Jesus' saving work.

You are God's adopted child. That means many things for you. As you grow in faith, you will appreciate being his child more and more. But there is one benefit of being his child that is very special. All of God's children have an inheritance waiting for them in heaven.

Usually an inheritance is given only to members of one's family. Is that the case with you and God? Yes! God gave us his name when we were baptized. He adopted us as his children. And he gives us an inheritance of eternal life because of Jesus. Recall the passage you read earlier: "When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus

our Lord has done" (Romans 6:23). That is God's free gift he gives as an inheritance to those he calls his children.

8. The special benefit of being God's child is that we have an _____ waiting for us.

9. God gave us his _____ and _____ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 41)

Review of Chapter Three

We are God's adopted children although we do not deserve to be. No matter what we have done in our past, God's free gift of eternal life is meant for us. God is a God of grace and mercy, and he includes us in his family.

Answers to questions within Chapter Three:

1. adopted; 2. his (God's) love; 3. gracious, merciful, loving; 4. children;
5. death, everlasting (eternal) life; 6. accept (believe); 7. forgive;
8. inheritance; 9. name, adopted, everlasting (eternal) life.

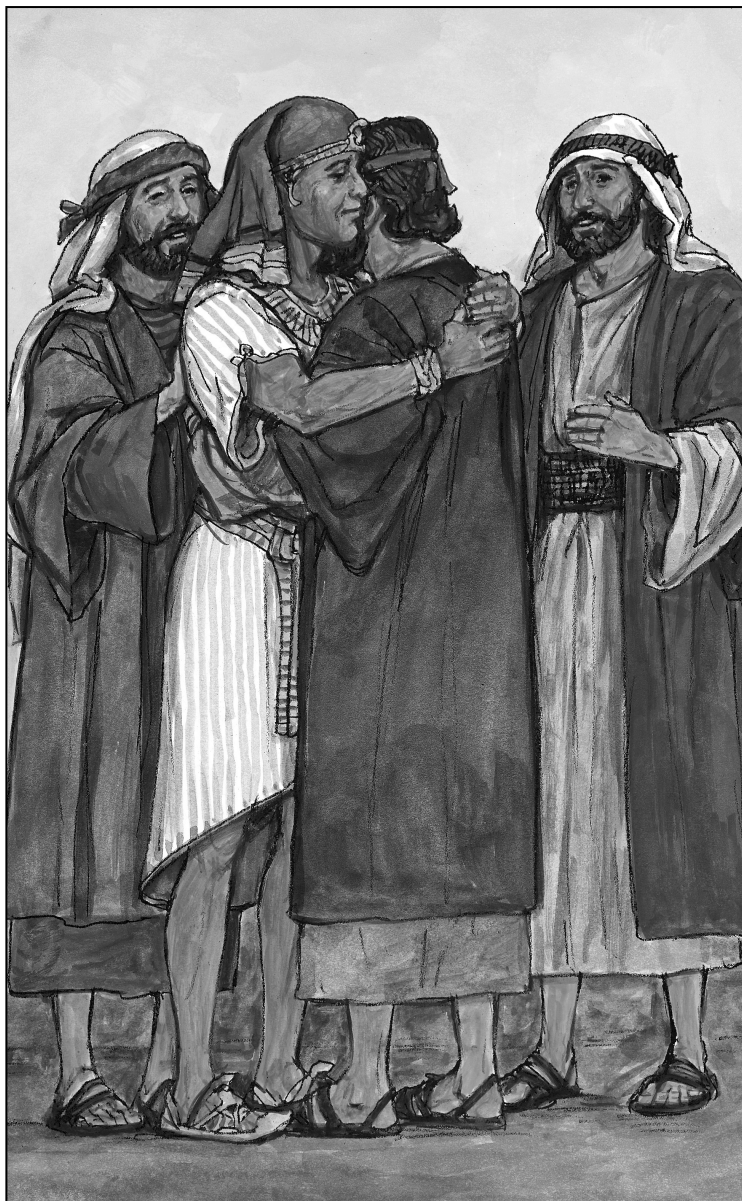
Test on Chapter Three

1. We have been _____ as God's children.
2. According to Ephesians 1:5, why did God decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?

3. God chose us, not because we deserve it, but because he is _____ and _____ and _____.
4. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually God's _____.
5. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the pay for sin is _____ and that God's gift to us is _____.

6. The gift becomes yours only when God leads you to _____ it.
7. No matter what you have done God can and does _____ you.
8. The special benefit of being God's child is that we have an _____ waiting for us.
9. God gives us his _____ and _____ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of _____.
10. Write the words of 1 John 3:1 which tell us that we are God's children.

(Check your answers on page 58)



Joseph hugged his brothers and forgave them.



Chapter Four

WHO AM I? Part of Christ's Body

You know that God has created you with his word and renewed you through faith in Jesus. Also, God has adopted you as his own child. That tells you that you are special and important to him. God has also called many others to him through faith in Jesus and adopted them as his own.

When God calls us and brings us close to himself, he also brings us close to one another.

The Bible describes our closeness to God and to each other by telling us that we are members of the body of Christ, and that Jesus Christ himself is the head.

At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- * tell how God's people are gathered together into the Christian Church;
- * tell how we have been made members of the body of Christ; and
- * tell how we depend on each other.

In a human body the eyes see. A hand picks up and holds on to things. Feet are the foundation—they support the whole body and move and adjust to keep the body from falling. The brain takes what the eyes see and what the ears hear and helps us understand what is happening around us. Each part of the human body depends on every other part.

No part of the body can survive by itself. If you have read about transplant surgery, you know that a heart, kidney or liver cannot survive for more than a few hours outside the body.

Connected with everything else, the heart beats, the lungs breathe, and most importantly, the whole person lives and functions.

The Church is like that. I support you. You support me. We support others. We do this to help each other and for the good of the entire Church. In a book, three men, called the Three Musketeers, said, "All for one and one for all!" That is what the Church is—all for one and one for all.

That goes against what our sinful nature wants us to think or do. Our sinful nature always says, "Me first." Our sinful nature's favorite name for itself is "Number One." Its favorite activity is "Looking out for Number One." Pride gets in the way of our getting along and our serving one another. That is why we need to find out how to serve each other and heal the

hurts our pride inflicts on others. We need to try to imitate the love Jesus showed to others.

1. We are members of the _____ of _____; Jesus himself is the _____.
2. As each part of the human body depends on every other part, so in the church, everyone is to help _____.
3. _____ gets in the way of our unity and service for one another.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 51)

As each part of a human body depends on every other part, Christians depend on each other. Each of us walks with God under the guidance of his word, and we walk together as members of his body. He strengthens us through Christian fellowship and Christian friendship. A poet once said, "No man is an island." No Christian is an island either. God

has reached out to all of us. In drawing us close to himself, he draws us close to other Christians too. In fact, as Christians our closeness to Jesus is our closeness to one another as God's family. You may have almost nothing in common with Christians of other cultures and races. You may have almost nothing in common with any other Christian, but you do share the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism... one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5, 6).

4. Each person walks with God under the guidance of his _____.
5. As he draws us close to himself, he draws us close to _____.
6. According to Ephesians 4:5, 6 as Christians we share one _____, one _____, one _____ and one _____ and _____ of all.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 51)

Do you remember when we talked about how we confess our sins to God? We can confess our sins to our fellow Christians also. We confess our sins to each other and ask for forgiveness. When someone asks for our forgiveness, we can say the words Christ himself gave us to say: "Your sins are forgiven" (Matthew 9:2).

Did you ever hit your toe against something? Oh! At that moment nothing hurts worse! You hit the toe in the right way, and it sets off every nerve in your body. That happens in the Church, too. "If one part [of the body] suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

7. If someone confesses his sin and asks for forgiveness, we can say:

" _____

 _____."

8. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] _____ every part _____ with it; if one part is _____ every part shares in its _____."

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 51)

Review of Chapter Four

God builds his Church by strengthening people with the knowledge of his forgiving love. He nurtures us and helps us grow in faith. He is the only one who can move us from being selfish to being servants for others.

Answers to questions within Chapter Four:

1. body, Christ, head; 2. each other; 3. Pride; 4. Word;
5. other Christians; 6. Lord, faith, baptism, God, Father; 7. your sin is forgiven; 8. suffers, suffers, honored, joy.

Test on Chapter Four

1. We are members of the _____ of _____; Jesus himself is the _____.
2. As each part of the human body depends on every other part, so in the Church, everyone is to help _____.
3. _____ gets in the way of our unity and service for one another.
4. Each person walks with God under the guidance of his _____.
5. As he draws us close to himself, he draws us close to _____.

6. According to Ephesians 4:5, 6 as Christians we share one _____, one _____, one _____, one _____ and _____ of all.

7. If someone confesses his sin and asks for forgiveness, we can say:

" _____
_____."

8. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] _____, every part _____ with it. If one part is _____, every part shares in its joy."

(Check your answers on page 58)



Glossary

(A list of words you may not know)

accident	an event brought about by chance
adopt	to take someone into ones family
appreciate	be glad about
appropriate	proper or suitable
aspect	something that is true about a situation
attitude	state of mind
avoid	to stay away from something
baptism	having water applied to you in the name of God; the way to become a Christian
circumstances	reasons for something that happens
communicate	talk to each other
consequences	things that happen as a result of your actions
created	made out of nothing
deserve	to be worthy of or suitable for

determine	to decide, find out
exist, existence	to be something real or actual
famous	well known
fellowship	being in agreement with others
fortunately	a good happening, luckily
functions	works as it is supposed to
incredible	not believable
infected	to cause disease or harm
inflict	to force something unpleasant on someone
inheritance	money or property you get from a close relative when he or she dies
island	a piece of land surrounded by water
major	greater in number, size or importance
nurture	to cause to grow
originally	at the beginning
passage	a sentence or verse from the Bible
personally	doing something for oneself
Pharisee	a member of an ancient Jewish religious group

renewed	to be made new, to be created again
resemble	look like or be like
slave	a person owned by another and must work for him
spiritually	having to do with our life with God
standards	rules that you must follow
struggle	to go forward with great effort
survive	to continue to live or exist
target	anything to aim at or to shoot at
transplant surgery	taking an organ (like the heart) out of one person and putting it into another
womb	the place inside a woman where a baby grows



Answers to the Chapter Tests

Chapter Test One: (Pages 18 - 19)

1. God;
2. likeness;
3. holy, pure, close, forever;
4. relationship;
5. miss the target;
6. holy;
7. separated;
8. die;
9. holy (or pure);
10. relationship, children;
11. death.

Chapter Test Two: (Page 33)

1. created again;
2. sin;
3. free;
4. good things, evil;
5. God's;
6. Confess;
7. free.

Chapter Test Three: (Pages 42 - 43)

1. adopted;
2. his (God's) love;
3. gracious, merciful, loving;
4. children;
5. death, everlasting (eternal) life;
6. accept (believe);
7. forgive;
8. inheritance;
9. name, adopts, eternal life;
10. check your Bible.

Chapter Test Four: (Pages 52 - 53)

1. body, Christ, head;
2. each another;
3. Pride;
4. word;
5. other Christians;
6. Lord, faith, baptism, God, Father;
7. your sins are forgiven;
8. suffers, suffers, honored.



Final Test

Congratulations! You have completed your study of the book *Free to Live*. Go back through the book and review any mistakes you made in the chapter tests. Also review the goals from each chapter. When you are certain you know all the goals, you are ready to take the Final Test.

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Free to Live ***Final Test***

Complete the following:

1. We are created by _____.
2. Originally, man and woman were created by God in his _____.
3. Man and woman were created to resemble God in three ways:
 - a. They were _____ and _____ in their love and actions;
 - b. They were _____ to God;
 - c. They were created to live _____.
4. They have a close _____ with him.
5. The word sin means to _____
_____.
6. Sin ruins our lives. We are no longer _____.

7. Because of sin we are _____
from God.
8. Because of sin we will all _____
someday.
9. Because of Jesus, God declares us
_____.
10. Because of Jesus, we have a renewed
_____ with God. God even
calls us his _____.
11. Because of Jesus, God will give us life after
_____.
12. The word renewed means to be
_____.
13. Before we were renewed we were slaves
to _____.
14. Now our sins are _____ and we
have the ability to do what God wants us to.

15. In Romans Paul said, "I don't do the _____ I want to do. Instead, I do the _____ things I don't want to do."
16. We have _____ power in our struggle against sin.
17. _____ means that we admit that we have disobeyed God.
18. We have been _____ as God's children.
19. According to Ephesians 1:5 why did God decide to adopt us through Jesus Christ?
- _____
- _____
- _____
20. God chose us, not because we deserve it, but because he is _____ and _____ and _____.

21. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are actually God's _____.
22. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the reward for sin is _____ and that God's gift to us is _____.
23. The gift becomes yours only when God leads you to _____ it.
24. No matter what you have done God can and does _____ you.
25. The special blessing of being God's child is that we have an _____ waiting for us.
26. God gave us his _____ and _____ us as his children and gives us an inheritance of _____.

27. Write the words of 1 John 3:1 which tell us that we are God's children.

28. We are members of the _____
of _____; Jesus himself is
the _____.

29. As each part of the human body depends
on every other part, so in the Church,
everyone is to help _____
_____.

30. _____ gets in the way of our
unity and service to one another.

31. Each person walks with God under the
guidance of his _____.

32. As he draws us close to himself, he draws
us close to _____
_____.

33. According to Ephesians 4:5, 6 as Christians we share one _____, one _____, one _____, one _____, one _____ and _____ of all.

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" _____
_____. "

35. 1 Corinthians 12:26 reminds us: "If one part [of the body] _____, every part _____ with it. If one part is _____, every part shares in its joy.

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