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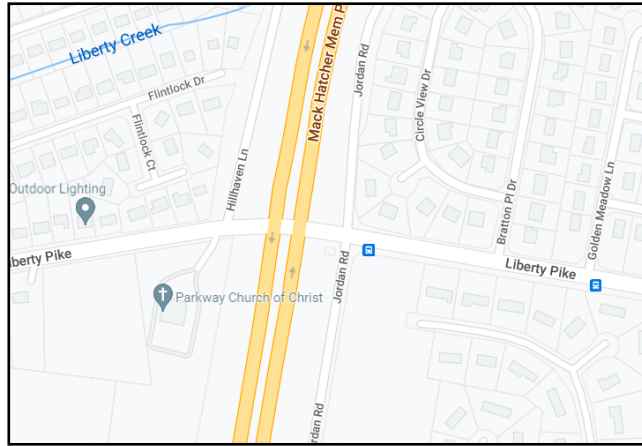
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LESSON ONE

Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. (Job 14:1)

These words, spoken thousands of years ago, express the sentiment of many living today. Now, however, there is a way out – Jesus Christ. Jesus said: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."* (John 14:6) To everything that is truly good, both in this life and in the life to come –

JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY

FINDING JESUS – THE WAY

Following Jesus as "the way" involves more than just praising Him. Jesus said:

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed." (John 8:31)

The life and teaching of Jesus are found in the first four books of the New Testament – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Other books of the New Testament are also the teaching of Jesus, for He revealed it through the Holy Spirit to men like Peter and Paul. Paul wrote:

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:37)

Following Jesus as the way, therefore, requires a careful study of the New Testament and a determined effort to live as it directs.

JESUS – THE WAY TO A BETTER LIFE

Jesus stated His purpose in coming to earth in the following words:

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Jesus provides this abundant life by offering the solution to the problems that make life difficult – guilt, self-pity,



and fear. Jesus does not promise wealth or luxury, but He does assure us of a loving Father in heaven who cares for His children and who will provide the things they need.

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'.... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:31-33)

The most content people in the world are those who have most completely committed themselves to following Jesus as the way.

Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.... (1 Peter 1:8)

JESUS – THE WAY TO FORGIVENESS

Sin is a more serious threat to our well-being than any physical, economic, or social danger that we face. Yet, all of us are guilty of sin and we are helpless on our own to remove its stain. Sin is violation of God's law and only God can forgive it. God has made provision for our forgiveness through Jesus.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:7)

... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree.... (1 Peter 2:24)

After sacrificing His life for us, Jesus explained how those who are lost in sin can have remission of sins and be saved.

"... thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations...." (Luke 24:46-47)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16)

JESUS – THE WAY TO GOD

Lost people need more than forgiveness of sins. They need to be restored to that close union with God which they lost by their sin. In sending Jesus into the world:

... God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.... (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Jesus stated that one can reach God only through Him.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

JESUS – THE WAY OUT OF CONFUSION

Many who wish to follow Christ are confused by the multitude of churches and the conflicting doctrines taught by those who profess to be Christians. One does not have to be a part of this confusion, and Jesus did not approve of it. Jesus promised:

"I will build My church." (Matthew 16:18)

We read of the beginning of Jesus' church in the New Testament.

And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

The Lord is still adding those who are being saved to His church. If we are saved, we are in His church and united with all others who are in it.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.... (Ephesians 4:4-6)

It is good for us to worship and work with other saved individuals who are bound with us in Christ by these unifying ties. But if we join another body (denomination), accept another Lord (religious authority), or adhere to another faith (creed), we are leaving the unity for which Jesus prayed: *"that they all may be one."* (John 17:21)

JESUS – THE WAY TO HEAVEN

It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

Death is the door, both to heaven and to hell. To die in Jesus is to die in the way to heaven.

"... Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...." (Revelation 14: 13)

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life...." (Revelation 22:14)

If we follow the way of Jesus until we die, we have the promise and hope of eternal life with our heavenly Father.

LESSON ONE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS.

Use the quotations in the lesson or find the verses in your own Bible from which to answer the following questions:

1. Jesus expects those who call Him "Lord" to _____ the things which He says. (Luke 6:46)
2. The apostle Paul claimed that the things he wrote were the commandments of the _____. (1 Corinthians 14:37)
3. Jesus promised the necessities of life to those who seek first God's _____ and _____. (Matthew 6:33)
4. We have redemption and forgiveness of sins through the _____ of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:7)
5. Jesus said that _____ and remission of sins should be preached in His _____. (Luke 24:47)
6. To be saved, one must _____ and be _____. (Mark 16:16)
7. Can anyone, of any religion, reach God without Jesus? _____. (John 14:6)
8. The Lord added to the church daily those who were being _____. (Acts 2:47)
9. How many baptisms does God recognize? _____. (Ephesians 4:5)
10. Blessed are the dead who die in the _____. (Revelation 14:13)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING SIX LESSONS!

