

## BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINE

### LESSON # 3

#### *“WHY DO ALL MEN AND WOMEN NEED TO BE SAVED?”*

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#### **I. ALL MEN NEED TO BE SAVED BECAUSE THEY ARE SINFUL.**

##### **A. Psalm 14:1-3 (see also Psalm 53:1-3).**

According to verse 2 of Psalm 14, who was it that looked down upon the children of men? \_\_\_\_\_  
According to verse 3, how many good and righteous men and women did He find? \_\_\_\_\_ As  
other people look at us and examine the way we live, we may appear to be righteous and good and  
kind. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Does God see as a man sees? \_\_\_\_\_ "for man looks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ but the LORD looks \_\_\_\_\_." Read Hebrews  
4:13. Can we hide anything from the eyes of God? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, we must see ourselves as God  
sees us!

##### **B. Romans 3:10-18 and Romans 3:23**

As we read Romans 3:10-18 we discover how sinful we really are in the eyes of God!

Verse 10—How many righteous men are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 11—How many men understand and seek after God? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 12—How many good men are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 18—How many men fear God? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Proverbs 8:13 and Proverbs 3:7, what does it mean to fear God? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Read Romans 3:23. How many men have  
sinned? \_\_\_\_\_ Does this include you? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 Peter 2:21-22 and  
2 Corinthians 5:20-21, who was the only exception to what we are told in Romans 3:23? \_\_\_\_\_

[**Note:** In Luke 1:46-47 the virgin Mary said that God was her \_\_\_\_\_.

What kind of a person needs a Savior? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, what kind of a person was

Mary? \_\_\_\_\_ Does Romans 3:23 include the virgin Mary? \_\_\_\_\_ ]

From what we have learned in Romans 3:10-18 and Romans 3:23, how many men and women need to  
be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. 1 Kings 8:46.** How many men are there who never sin? \_\_\_\_\_ "For there is no man  
who \_\_\_\_\_" including \_\_\_\_\_ (write your own name!).

**D. 1 John 1:8-10.** In these verses John is writing to believers (saved people). According to verse 8, if  
we say that we have no sin, who are we really fooling? \_\_\_\_\_

In John 5:10, if we say that we have not sinned, we are saying God is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Whenever we do not believe God's Word we make God a \_\_\_\_\_. That is, by not believing what God has said, we are really accusing God of being a liar! If 1 John 1:8 and 1 John 1:10 are true for believers (and they are!), do you think these verses are true for the unsaved also? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ALL MEN NEED TO BE SAVED BECAUSE THEY ARE WICKED.**

**A. Jeremiah 17:9-10.** "The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things, and \_\_\_\_\_."  
 \_\_\_\_\_." In this verse, the expression "desperately wicked" really means "*incurably sick*."  
 We are so wicked that God says we are like a person who has a deadly, incurable disease. It is a disease far worse than cancer or leprosy or AIDS--it is the number one killer-**SIN!**

**B. Mark 7:20-23.** The Lord Jesus, the Son of God, spoke these words.  
 Did Jesus agree with Jeremiah 17:9? \_\_\_\_\_ According to the Lord Jesus (Mark 7:20-23) is man's heart basically evil or basically good? \_\_\_\_\_ Write down six of the things that go out (proceed) from within us, proving that our hearts are wicked and diseased (Mark 7:21-22):

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

In Mark 7:23, Jesus described these things as "\_\_\_\_\_ things." After studying Mark 7:20-23, we must conclude that man's basic and biggest problem is (circle the right one):

a. hunger	b. corrupt government
b. poor housing	e. pollution in the water
c. wars	f. an evil and polluted heart

**C. Matthew 7:9-11.** According to these verses, did the Lord Jesus say that men are good or evil? \_\_\_\_\_  
 According to these verses (especially verse 11), is it possible for an evil person to do good things? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, when we see people doing what seems to be kind and good deeds, does this mean that these people are not evil? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. ALL MEN NEED TO BE SAVED BECAUSE THEY ARE LOST.**

**A. Luke 19:10.** What one word did the Lord Jesus use in order to describe those people for whom He came to seek and to save? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Isaiah 53:6.** In this verse, Isaiah said that we are like lost \_\_\_\_\_. According to Isaiah 53:6, how many of us have gone astray and wandered away from the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, how many men and women are really lost? \_\_\_\_\_

In Isaiah 53:6 we learn that instead of following God's way, we have **all** turned to our \_\_\_\_\_ way and in Judges 21:25 we learn that every man did that which was right \_\_\_\_\_. In Matthew 10:6, the Lord described the Jewish people as "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of Israel" and in Matthew 9:36 the Lord was moved with compassion when He saw the crowds of people because they were \_\_\_\_\_ abroad, as \_\_\_\_\_ having no \_\_\_\_\_.

In I Peter 2:25, what does Peter say we were like before we were saved? \_\_\_\_\_. To Whom did we return when we were saved (1 Peter 2:25)? \_\_\_\_\_

Read John 10:11 and Psalm 23:1. Who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: The words "Bishop" means somebody who watches over us and looks out for us, lest we should fall into danger, an **Overseer**).

#### **IV. ALL MEN NEED TO BE SAVED BECAUSE THEY ARE DEAD.**

**A. Genesis 2:17.** What did God say would happen to Adam if he should eat the forbidden fruit? \_\_\_\_\_ When did God say this would happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Adam die physically on the very same day that he ate the fruit (Genesis 5:3-5 may help you to answer this question)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, in Genesis 2:17, was God speaking primarily of physical death? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Genesis 2:25 and Genesis 3:6-7. Did a change take place with respect to Adam and Eve after they sinned? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Genesis 3:19, was physical death part of the curse that was placed upon man because of Adam's sin? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Ephesians 2:1.** Before we were saved we were \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (see also Ephesians 2:5 and Colossians 2:13).

**C. John 5:24.** The moment a person is saved he passes **from** (out of) \_\_\_\_\_ **unto** (into) \_\_\_\_\_ (see also 1 John 3:14). Therefore, before a person is saved he is in a state of \_\_\_\_\_. According to John 6:47, what does a person have the moment he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the unsaved man is spiritually dead because he does not have \_\_\_\_\_. In Ephesians 4:17-18 we learn that the unsaved man is alienated from (separated from) \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, the dead person (Ephesians 2:1) is the person who does not have God's life. The moment a person is saved he is "**quickened**" (Ephesians 2:5) which means he is "**made alive**." According to 1 John 5:11, where is eternal life to be found? \_\_\_\_\_ Read 1 John 5:12. If a person has the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord, what does he also have? \_\_\_\_\_. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have \_\_\_\_\_. If a person does not have life, then he is dead! Therefore, we may say that the person who does not have the Son of God is \_\_\_\_\_. In John 17:3 what does Jesus say eternal life really is? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore the person who does not know the Father and the Son (in a personal way) does not have \_\_\_\_\_. Thus we may say that the person who does not know God is \_\_\_\_\_.

**D. John 3:14-16 and John 5:24 and John 6:47.** What must dead men and dead women do in order to have life? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do all men and women need to be saved?

**V. ALL MEN NEED TO BE SAVED BECAUSE THEY ARE BLIND.**

**A. The unbeliever is blinded by Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4).**

In 2 Corinthians 4:4 the devil is called by what name? \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: the word "*world*" should be translated "*age*"). This verse teaches us that Satan blinds certain people in order that the light of the gospel might not shine unto them. Are these people believers or unbelievers?

\_\_\_\_\_.  
In 2 Corinthians 4:3 there is a word that describes this same group of people. What is that word? \_\_\_\_\_  
According to these verses, does Satan want people to understand and believe the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: the Gospel is the Good News about the Lord Jesus Christ--see 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.) Read Luke 8:4-5 and Luke 8:11-12. According to Luke 8:12 circle the two things that Satan does not want people to do:

- Live religious lives.
- Believe the Word of God.
- Go to church.
- Become saved.
- Give money to the poor.
- Draw pictures of the devil with horns and a long red tail.

**B. The unbeliever is blinded by his inability to understand God's truth. It is impossible for the unsaved man to understand the Bible (1 Corinthians 2:14).**

Who is the perfect Teacher that Jesus spoke about in John 14:26? \_\_\_\_\_ What are the two names that this Teacher is called in John 15:26?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: the name "*Comforter*" means "*Helper*." The Holy Spirit is the One who comforts and helps and encourages and teaches the believer. Jesus promised His disciples (the apostles) in John 16:13, that this Teacher would guide them into what? \_\_\_\_\_ As we read 1 Corinthians 6:19 we discover that the \_\_\_\_\_ lives and dwells in every believer. Read Romans 8:9. If a person does not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within, does he really belong to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ Who dwells in every true believer according to Romans 8:11? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Romans 8:15-16, what did we receive the moment we were saved? \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, how many Christians have the Perfect Teacher, the Spirit of Truth, living in them? \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 2:9-16 (All Men Are Spiritually Blind)**

**Verse 9**--How can we learn about the things that God has prepared for believers? Can we learn about such things by using our eyes? \_\_\_\_ by using our ears? \_\_\_\_ by thinking and using our minds? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 10**--The only way we can learn God's truth is by (circle the correct answer):

- Going to college for 4 years (especially a Bible College)
- Reading books about religion and the Bible.
- Having God's truth revealed to us by God.
- Watching beautiful sunsets.
- Thinking and meditating for long periods of time.

We learn from 1 Corinthians 2:10 that God reveals His truth to us by (through) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Is there anything about God or about God's truth that the Holy Spirit does not understand? \_\_\_\_\_  
[Remember, the Holy Spirit is God--see Acts 5:3-4, and as God He is all knowing or omniscient].  
According to 1 Corinthians 2:10, who is it that really understands the deep truths and the deep things of God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 11 (1 Corinthians chapter 2)** --Without the Lord's help, is it possible for a man to know and understand the things of God? \_\_\_\_\_ Who does know the things of God according to this verse?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Read Isaiah 55:8-9.

Are God's thoughts far above and far greater than your thoughts? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Romans 11:33-34.  
Do you think the Lord needs a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything that the Lord does not know?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything that you do not know? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Who must this teacher be? \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle the sentences that are true:**

1. I can learn God's truth without the Lord's help.
2. It is impossible for me to learn any truth about God and about His Word unless He reveals it to me and teaches me.
3. Unless the Lord shows me and teaches me what the Bible really means, I will never really understand it.
4. I can understand the Bible on my own, although with the Lord's help I would probably learn much more.

**Verse 12 (1 Corinthians chapter 2)** --What does every believer receive the moment he is saved?  
\_\_\_\_\_ This verse teaches us that God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are freely \_\_\_\_\_ to us of God and that is why He has given to us the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ to be our Teacher. Do you think that God wants you to know His truth? \_\_\_\_\_ Read 1 Corinthians 14:20. When it comes to understanding His truth, does God want us to be babies or grown up? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 13 (1 Corinthians chapter 2)** --Do we learn God's truth by our own wisdom or by the Holy Spirit teaching us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 14 (1 Corinthians chapter 2)** --The "*natural man*" is the unsaved person. This verse teaches us that unsaved men and women are blind when it comes to God's truth. Can the natural man receive the truths of God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_ Can he know and understand them? \_\_\_\_\_ What one word in this verse shows us what the unsaved man really thinks about God's truth?

\_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, when you share something from the Bible with an unsaved person, should you be surprised if he should make fun at you? \_\_\_\_\_ Should you be surprised if he can't really understand God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_ [Do you remember when you were unsaved? Did you understand the things of God or were you blind? \_\_\_\_\_ The word that is translated "*natural*" in 1 Corinthians 2:14 is the same word that is translated "*sensual*" in Jude 19. Thus as we look in the book of Jude, verse 19, we learn that the natural (sensual) man is the man who does not have the \_\_\_\_\_. From what we have learned already, who is the only Person who can teach us and reveal to us God's truth? \_\_\_\_\_

If a person does not have the Teacher, can he learn the truth? \_\_\_\_\_ Does the natural man (the unsaved man) have the Teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Does the natural man understand what Jesus did for him on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_ What one word best describes the way the unsaved person feels about the cross? \_\_\_\_\_

If you share with a person that the only way he can be saved is by believing in a crucified Savior, should you be surprised if he thinks you are a fool? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 Corinthians 1:18 what kind of person really understands the meaning of the cross? \_\_\_\_\_  
Only God can open the eyes of the blind. The natural man is spiritually blind and he cannot understand truth. Only God can open the eyes of a natural man through the miracle of the new birth (John 3:3-5). The moment a person is born again (by believing in Christ as Savior) he receives the Holy Spirit, and as a newly born baby, he begins to desire the pure milk of the Word of God so that he might learn and grow (see 1 Peter 2:2). The Holy Spirit is now his Teacher!

**Verse 15 (1 Corinthians chapter 2)** --The spiritual man is the person who has the Holy Spirit (he is a believer in Christ) and who allows the Spirit to teach him. The spiritual man loves the Word of God (Psalm 119:97) and his constant prayer to God is this: " \_\_\_\_\_ thou mine \_\_\_\_\_, that I may behold \_\_\_\_\_ out of thy \_\_\_\_\_ " (Psalm 119:18).

### HOW IS A PERSON SAVED?

A person is saved by taking God at His Word, by believing that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is God, that Jesus died on the cross for all. The word all includes everyone, and all includes you. If you have never trusted Jesus to save you, why not ask Jesus to save you now?

**Ask Him:** *"Lord, I believe you died for me and I now receive you as my Savior".*

If you ask Jesus to save you, you will have eternal life as **I John 5:12** says: *"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."*

**Romans 10:13** *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

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