GREAT TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE

ANSWER KEYS

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GREAT TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE

LESSON ANSWER KEY
Lesson One

What the Bible Teaches Us about God

Great Truth 1

There is only one true God

1. GOD HEAVENS EARTH
2. NO OTHER NO GOD
3. PRAISE IDOLS GLORY HOLINESS ALL

Great Truth 2

God is our Creator and the Creator of the entire universe

1. CHECK required.
2. HEAVENS EARTH SEAS EVERYTHING WORSHIP
3. LIFE BREATH EVERYTHING
4. C
5. IMPOSSIBLE
6. INMOST BEING DAYS ONE

Great Truth 3

Our God is an awesome God

1. ETERNAL IMMORTAL INVISIBLE
2. a. EVERLASTING EVERLASTING
   b. SAME END
3. COMPASSIONATE GRACIOUS ANGER LOVE
4. a. HOLY HOLY HOLY GLORY
   b. GLORY HOLY
   c. HOLY HOLY
5. SPIRIT
6. A, B, C
7. RIGHTEOUS
8. RIGHT JUST
9. D
10. A
11. LOVE
Great Truth 4

Though there is only one true God, this God exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

1. ONE
2. THE FATHER
3. GOD
4. SPIRIT OF GOD
5. THE FATHER THE SON HOLY SPIRIT
6. B

Essay Questions: The questions here require the students to express their own thoughts. Be sensitive to any misconceptions or wrong ideas students might have and respond to them appropriately.

Great Truth 5

God has made Himself known through the Bible

Where did the Bible come from?

1. EVERYTHING
2. B
3. GOD-BREATHED
4. FALSE

What is the main message of the Bible?

1. SALVATION FAITH
2. TRUE
3. BELIEVE LIFE

Can we trust what the Bible says?

1. TRUTH
2. SET ASIDE (or BROKEN*)
3. DISAPPEAR
4. TRUE
5. A

*Indicates an answer that matches the 1984 NIV Bible and corresponds to the 2003 Crossroads lessons.
What is the value of reading and studying the Bible?

1. LAMP \ LIGHT
2. a. YOUR WORD
   b. HEART \ SIN
3. COMFORT
4. WISER
5. TEACHERS \ MEDITATE
6. B
7. REBUKING \ CORRECTING \ GOOD WORK

**Great Truth 6**

God has also made Himself known through His creation

1. GLORY \ SPEECH \ KNOWLEDGE \ HEARD \ EARTH \ WORLD
2. ETERNAL POWER \ DIVINE NATURE
3. C
4. RAIN \ CROPS \ FOOD
5. TRUE

**Great Truth 7**

God sometimes made Himself known to people in other ways

1. SANDALS \ HOLY
2. A
3. B
4. IN A DREAM

**Great Truth 8**

God revealed Himself most clearly and fully through His Son, Jesus Christ

1. SON \ ALL \ UNIVERSE
2. FLESH \ GLORY \ FATHER \ TRUTH \ KNOWN
3. ONE
4. C
ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. Many things might be mentioned. Among them are the following:
   - God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
   - God is holy, just, and righteous.
   - God is merciful and forgiving.
   - God is compassionate and gracious.
   - God wants us to love, honor, serve, and obey Him in ways that He has taught us.
   - God knows all things, understands all things, and can do all things in accordance with His will.
   - God will punish the unrepentant and unbelieving with everlasting destruction.
   - God will someday create a new heaven and earth in which righteousness dwells.
   - God promises that believers will live with Him forever in glory.

2. Students should disagree. If we pick and choose from the Bible those things we like and reject the rest, we set ourselves up as the ultimate authority in life. We must always be careful to place ourselves under the Bible’s authority rather than evaluating the Bible by what we think is right and true.

3. Each student will give different answers to this question.

4. Students should agree with this statement. However, we should recognize and acknowledge that we do use certain terms in our teaching, such as “Trinity,” “persons,” etc., which are not found in the Bible itself, but are based on what the Bible says. Our primary objective here is to make sure that students do not turn to literature of the sects, cults, or non-Christian religions which teach things about God which are clearly contrary to what the Bible teaches.

LESSON THREE

The Creation of Humanity and Their Fall into Sin

GREAT TRUTH 9 God created humanity in His own image

1. IMAGE LIKENESS
2. TRUE
3. DUST GROUND BREATH LIFE LIVING BEING
4. RIB
5. ADAM AND EVE
6. BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL FRUITFUL
7. VERY GOOD
8. FRUITFUL INCREASE RULE EVERY
9. FALSE
10. GLORY HONOR RULER EVERYTHING
The beautiful world God created was ruined through humanity’s disobedience

**Essay Questions:**

1. Answers to this will vary. However, each student should recognize that one of the most important things about humanity in the beginning was that people were holy and without sin. They had a beautiful relationship with God, with each other, and with the world around them. They also were free from all the results of sin—such as sickness, sorrow, pain, and hardship.

2. The results of humanity’s sin are everywhere: suffering, sorrow, discord, hunger, disease, war, fear, crime, pain, misunderstanding, pollution, corruption, etc.

3. They died morally and spiritually. They became alienated from God, spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins. They “died” in their relationship to God and to each other, and they became mortal, destined for physical death.

4. Yes. We should treat each other with the dignity, respect, and concern that everyone deserves as an image bearer of God.

5. Some might give biblical reasons for this answer, while others might point to a deep personal awareness of their sin and lostness apart from Christ. The student should recognize that Adam and Eve’s sin made us broken people, and affects us every day.

*Indicates an answer that matches the 1984 NIV Bible and corresponds to the 2003 Crossroads lessons.*
LESSON FOUR

Only God Can Save Humanity from Sin

GREAT TRUTH 11 Humanity is no longer holy or good

1. DECEITFUL CURE
2. EVIL THOUGHTS THEFT ADULTERY ENVY FOLLY
3. DEAD FLESH (or SINFUL*) DESIRES THOUGHTS WRATH
4. DISOBEDIENT PLEASURES ENVY HATING
5. NONE; NOT EVEN ONE
6. DECEIVE OURSELVES

GREAT TRUTH 12 There is nothing we can do to make ourselves right with God

1. B
2. FILthy RAGS
3. FALSE
4. ALL

GREAT TRUTH 13 Our sins provoke God to anger and deserve eternal punishment

1. a. DETECT HATE
   b. DEATH
2. a. WRATH ANGER
   b. WRATH DISOBEDIENT
3. a. REPAID
   b. BLAZING FURNACE (or FIERY FURNACE*) WEEPING
   c. EVERLASTING LORD

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1. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
2. HIS SON         JESUS
3. CHRIST DIED FOR US
4. LAMB         SIN
5. C
6. DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK
7. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
   CHECK required.
8. a. REPENT         SINS
     b. BELIEVE       SAVED
9. A
10. FALSE
11. LOVE       MERCY       ALIVE     DEAD     GRACE     FAITH     GIFT     WORKS

**Essay Questions:**

1. Most students will probably acknowledge that what the Bible says is true. They will recognize the sinfulness of their own hearts and will also recognize the sinfulness of others. Some students, however, may indicate that they know some “good” people, even though they are not Christians. If so, point out to them that even though some people may do things that are “good” by human standards, no one loves God and others perfectly as God requires. No one lives every moment to God’s glory. No one is free from sin. Even though God graciously restrains some people from committing all kinds of sinful deeds, sin resides deeply in every human heart.

2. Students’ answers will vary. However, they should include such things as the following: God demands perfection in all that we do, and we are all very imperfect. No one is capable of keeping God's law or giving Him the perfect love and obedience He requires of us; each day we add to our debt through the sins we commit. The penalty for any sin is eternal death, so none of us can pay that penalty and still live.

3. It is extremely serious, since the Bible never speaks of a “second chance” to repent and believe after we die. Hebrews 9:27 tells us that people are destined to die once and after that we will face judgment. Those who are not forgiven will experience the full penalty for their sins.
Great Truth 15  
Jesus Christ is human—just like us

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT
2. MANGER (or NO ROOM*) ROOM (or INN*)
3. GREW  STRONG  WISDOM
4. WISDOM  STATURE  GOD  MEN
5. TRUE
6. A
7. TRUE

Great Truth 16  
Jesus is the Son of God

1. SON OF GOD
2. SON OF GOD
3. SON  LOVE
4. CHRIST  SON  LIVING GOD

Great Truth 17  
Jesus Christ is truly God

1. MIGHTY GOD
2. GOD WITH US
3. GOD
4. DEITY
5. MY GOD
6. O GOD
7. GOD  HUMAN
8. GOD  SAVIOR
9. JESUS
10. TRUE

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**Great Truth 18**

1. SIN (or WITHOUT SIN*)
2. NO SIN DECEIT
3. SIN
4. RIGHTEOUS
5. FAITH BELIEVE

**Great Truth 19**

1. CHECK required.
2. A
3. B
4. a. SAVE SINNERS
   b. OUR SINS
   c. OUR SINS
   d. THE SINS
5. a. LOVED
   b. LOVED LOVED (or LOVE*)
   c. LIFE (or HIS LIFE*)
   d. HIS LIFE
6. PLAN (or PURPOSE*) FOREKNOWLEDGE CROSS
7. B

**Great Truth 20**

1. a. MARY MAGDALENE
   b. AFRAID CRUCIFIED RISEN DISCIPLES
   c. HURRIED AWAY AFRAID JOY
2. CONVINCING PROOFS ALIVE KINGDOM GOD
3. a. PREACHING FAITH
   b. FUTILE SINS
   c. LOST
   d. PITIED
4. C
5. a. PREPARE PLACE
   b. COMPLETELY INTERCEDE
   c. HIGHEST EVERY
   d. ALL EVERYTHING
6. HEAVEN LOWLY GLORIOUS

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**ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. Answers here will certainly vary. Some may emphasize who Jesus was—both human and God. Others might emphasize what Jesus did. Still others might emphasize what Jesus means to them personally. All students should at least include something about Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and future return. But do not expect a complete Christology in one paragraph!

2. In His human nature, Jesus is as human as we are and was tempted as we are. He certainly does understand all our temptations. In His compassion and mercy, He is concerned about everything that concerns us. Moreover, because He is divine, He is able to know each one of us completely and give each one of us all the attention we need or desire.

3. If Jesus was nothing more than a “good” person, He was not and could not be our Savior. We need a Savior who was perfect in every way and who was both willing and able to pay the eternal death penalty we deserved. Moreover, since Jesus made some fantastic claims for Himself, He was not even a “good” person if the claims He made were not true. Either Jesus was all He said He was or He is in no way worthy of our praise, trust, or obedience.

4. We hope that each student will be able to say sincerely that Jesus Christ is his or her Savior and Lord. If a student is not able to say that yet at this point, do stress (again) the importance of repentance and faith and the glory and joy which accompany salvation. You may also wish to share briefly your own testimony.

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**LESSON SIX**

What the Bible Says about Salvation

**GREAT TRUTH 21**

Salvation must include repentance from sin

1. REPENT
2. CONFESSION  BAPTIZED
3. REPENT  GOD  DEEDS
4. FALSE
5. BROKEN  CONTRITE  DESPISE
6. B
7. a. JOY  GLADNESS
   b. CLEAN or PURE
   c. SALVATION  WILLING
8. B
**Great Truth 22**  
Salvation must include a personal faith in Jesus

1. ETERNAL LIFE REJECTS WRATH
2. a. BELIEVED CHILDREN
   b. SAVED
   c. BELIEVES ETERNAL LIFE
3. LORD
4. TRUE
5. B

**Great Truth 23**  
The blessings of salvation are many

1. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
2. D
3. PEACE
4. CHILDREN OF GOD
5. a. SPIRITUAL
   b. CREATION HOLY BLAMELESS
   c. SONSHIP (or HIS SONS*)
   d. GRACE
   e. REDEMPTION FORGIVENESS SINS GRACE
6. PREPARE PLACE COME BACK I AM

**Great Truth 24**  
No one is too sinful or too bad to be saved

1. WORST MERCY WORST PATIENCE BELIEVE ETERNAL
2. TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
3. TODAY PARADISE
4. TRUE
5. WHITE RED WOOL

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ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. Sin involves a very serious offense against God. If we are not sorry that we have offended God and do not repent of that, we are not even serious about wanting forgiveness. We may want to avoid the penalty for our sin, but we are then concerned only about ourselves and not about the honor and holiness of God. God will forgive only those who understand what they have done, who are sincerely sorry for having offended Him, and who desire a new heart and spirit, as David did.

2. Most students should understand by now that Christ lived, died, and rose again in their place, meriting eternal life for those who believe and paying the death penalty which they deserve.

3. Most students will understand that no one is too bad to be forgiven.

4. Students will probably point to their way of life, their testimony, their devotional life, their sincere desire to study the Bible, and their eagerness to share the message of salvation with others.

LESSON SEVEN

What the Bible Says about Following Jesus as Our Lord

GREAT TRUTH 26  Jesus Christ is the Lord and Master of all believers

1. LORD  KINGS
2. LORD
3. LORD  GOD
4. TRUE
5. LORD
6. B
7. LORD JESUS CHRIST
8. TURN AWAY FROM WICKEDNESS
9. MONEY (POSSESSIONS, WEALTH, PROPERTY, RICHES... )
10. FALSE

   Students should express that it is impossible for someone to be a Christian without serving Jesus as Lord in everything. Service to Jesus is an immediate response to the grace God first showed us.
Great Truth 27: It may be very costly for us to follow Jesus as Lord

1. ME HATES MASTER YOU
2. GOD FATHER ME
3. A
4. EVERYTHING
5. A
6. GODLY PERSECUTED
7. WORLD SUFFERINGS
8. a. INSULT ME
   b. SURPRISED (or STRANGE*) ABUSE
   c. INSULTED CHRIST
9. C

Great Truth 28: Those who faithfully follow Jesus as Lord will receive great blessing and joy

1. GLAD HEAVEN
2. MOMENTARY ETERNAL GLORY
3. A
4. HONOR SERVES
5. C
6. TRUE
7. C

Essay Questions:

1. No. Everyone who has truly been born again will also have a strong desire to live a life of thankfulness and obedience to Jesus. It’s quite possible, of course, for sincere believers to fall into sin—even very serious sin. However, sin and failure will always be followed by sincere repentance and by a sincere desire to live for Christ—even if the desire is not always faithfully carried out.

2. Everyone who truly desires to serve Christ as Lord will want to serve Christ as Lord in every area of his life. Anyone who deliberately chooses not to honor Christ as Lord in even one area of his life has chosen to make himself lord rather than Christ. At the same time, we must readily acknowledge that almost all of us have at least one area of weakness in our lives where we struggle to honor Jesus consistently as Lord. We may seriously desire to serve Christ in this area, but we do not faithfully carry out that desire. So, though it is theoretically true that Christ is Lord of all or not Lord at all, almost everyone of us will have to acknowledge that we fail to honor Christ as Lord the way we should. Even so, our prayerful desire should always be to make Christ Lord of all without hesitation, excuse or compromise.

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3. In general, the answer should be a clear Yes. Those who follow Christ will seek to honor Him in every area of life and others will soon discern this. Areas where our Christian commitment should become evident are in such things as our language, attitude, concern for others, devotional life, and in an increasing demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).

4. Some students may not wish to answer this question at all. A few may give an answer which is not really true. Others, however, may choose to share with you something they are really wrestling with. Those who do this should receive from you a sincere, thoughtful, humble, biblically based response.

5. Students who are being “persecuted” for their faith will probably experience some form of ridicule, mockery, taunting, or the like. They may also be subject to very special temptations. A few may also be subject to various forms of physical abuse. Be sensitive to their responses.

6. Believers are blessed already now! They have peace with God, forgiveness, the promises of God, and many other blessings besides. (Review some of the blessings mentioned in Lesson 6.) However, some students may also be experiencing some very difficult times and consequently long for their heavenly home. Such longing is quite natural for a persecuted or struggling believer and should not be condemned. However, students should be encouraged to trust the Lord for help in their present situations rather than try to escape from or run away from their problems. Encourage each student with such things as the following:
   
   (a) Reflect on the blessings we have already now and thank God for them.
   
   (b) Remember that God often uses difficult circumstances to purify and strengthen our faith and make us stronger and more effective Christians.
   
   (c) Take courage from the fact that God promises never to leave us nor forsake us.
   
   (d) Rejoice in God’s promise of future blessings, give Him thanks for them, and joyfully look forward to them.

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**LESSON EIGHT**

**The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life**

**GREAT TRUTH 29**

The Holy Spirit is the giver of life

1. WATERS
2. MADE LIFE
3. CREATED GROUND (or EARTH*)
4. SPIRIT SPIRIT BORN AGAIN
5. CREATION OLD NEW
6. GOOD GIFTS ASK HIM

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**Great Truth 30**  
The Holy Spirit helps believers live fruitful and holy lives

1. HOLY  
2. ALL  
3. I AM HOLY

**Great Truth 31**  
The Holy Spirit helps believers bring praise and thanksgiving to God

1. WINE  
2. FILLED  
3. SPIRIT (or SPIRITUAL*)  
4. HEART  
5. EVERYTHING

**Great Truth 32**  
The Holy Spirit helps believers show their thankfulness in lives of service and obedience

1. MERCY  
2. LIVING  
3. PLEASING  
4. THIS  
5. WORLD  
6. MIND

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Great Truth 33

The Holy Spirit also helps us in our prayer life

1. ANYTHING WILL
2. WEAKNESS PRAY FOR WORDLESS (or WORDS*) THE SPIRIT GOD (or GOD’S*)
3. a. ME ANSWER TROUBLE HONOR
    b. CALL HEAR
    c. ANSWER YOU
    d. GIVEN FIND OPENED
4. A
5. D
6. YOUR YOUR YOUR
7. TRUE
8. PRAY CONTINUALLY
9. TRUE
10. B

Essay Questions:

1. Students should agree. We can in no way earn salvation by what we do ourselves. Salvation is totally a gift of God’s grace which we receive by faith. However, once we are saved, we will begin to do the good works which “God prepared in advance for us to do.” Someone who claims to be saved but does not do good works of service and gratitude is not truly saved at all. See James 2:14-26.

2. By nature all people are spiritually dead in their transgressions and sins, totally depraved, incapable of doing any spiritual good (Ephesians 2:1-3). Therefore, they need a new heart, a new spiritual nature. They need to be made alive in Christ or “born again” (Ephesians 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:5-8). Being “born again” means to receive this new nature or new heart which comes to us through the work of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20). Though the old sinful nature can never please God (Romans 7:18; Romans 8:8, 13), the new Spirit-given nature does produce spiritual fruit which pleases God and leads to life, peace, and holiness (Romans 6:20, 22; Romans 8:6).

3. Some students might find it difficult to find ways to express their gratitude and praise to God under their present circumstances. Others, however, find many ways to do so. They can pray, tell others about Christ, worship with others, help others who are in need, learn more about God through the study of His Word, put aside deeds of darkness and walk as children of light.

4. Student responses will obviously be varied but should all be very interesting. Be sensitive to their observations and provide encouragement where you can.

5. Each student will find different things to write about here. Answers may include the following (as well as other valid things): God is eager to have us pray and willing to listen to us and answer us when we do; Jesus prays for us in heaven and the Holy Spirit also helps us pray according to God’s will; God grants us far more than we ask for or can even think of; we should pray for the needs of others and not just for our own; we should always remember to pray first of all for God’s honor and glory (“Your kingdom come, Your name be hallowed, Your will be done”). We do well to follow the ACTS pattern of prayer—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

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Great Truth 34
Relationships are a gift from God

1. B and C
2. STRANGERS ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING
3. GRACE
4. COMPASSION KINDNESS HUMILITY GENTLENESS PATIENCE
5. a. EVIL EVIL RIGHT DEPENDS PEACE REVENGE WRATH ENEMY FEED GIVE NOT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD
   b. KIND COMPASSIONATE FORGIVING GOD FORGAVE YOU
   c. FORGIVE FORGIVE THE LORD FORGAVE YOU
6. B
7. LOVE LOVED LOVE HATES LIAR LOVE LOVE LOVES LOVE
8. D

Great Truth 35
Both being married and being single are gifts from God

1. MALE FEMALE
2. GOOD FAVOR
3. FULFILL WIFE BODY HUSBAND BODY WIFE
4. TRUE
5. NOT TO RESTRICT YOU UNDIVIDED DEVOTION

Great Truth 36
God gave us guidelines for a good marriage

1. A and C
2. C
3. HONORED PURE JUDGE
4. B
5. PURITY REVERENCE
6. INNER GENTLE QUIET GOD’S
7. CONSIDERATE RESPECT LIFE PRAYERS
1. Some students may give a fairly routine response to this question. Others, however, may point out an area in which they are really struggling to be obedient to the Lord. Seek to be sensitive to their situation so that you can be helpful in your response.

2. Some students may already have had a significant failure in relationships. They may genuinely regret what they have done wrong and express a strong desire to start over—either in a marriage or in another relationship. Some will acknowledge that following God’s guidelines is the only possible way for them to be happy in their relationships.

3. Many students may be able to write here from experience. Some may come from broken homes with strained relationships and may themselves be separated or divorced or estranged. Some mentors could possibly relate to these students because many are also affected by broken homes in some way. However, even if you cannot relate to a student’s situation, seek to be empathetic and understanding to their comments and feelings.

4. It is quite likely that most students will recognize that the failures in their own lives and in the lives of others have come about because they did not follow the Bible’s teachings. It is doubtful that many students will suggest other teachings that they think are actually better than those found in the Bible.

5. Some students may find that it is too late for them to make the changes they would like to see. They may simply regret that there is nothing they can do presently to repair the damage brought about by earlier mistakes. On the other hand, many might welcome the opportunity to indicate what they would like to do or wish they had done. It should be interesting to read their answers.

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Great Truth 38  The church of Jesus Christ is made up of all true believers
1. C
2. a. BODY
   b. WIFE or BRIDE
   c. HOLY TEMPLE
   d. PILLAR FOUNDATION
3. COUNT TRIBE LANGUAGE LAMB

Great Truth 39  We can recognize the true church of Jesus Christ by what it teaches and what it does
1. TEACHING TRUTH FREE
2. TEST FALSE PROPHETS
3. FALSE
4. A
5. LOVE ONE ANOTHER
6. OBEY LOVE HOME TEACHING
7. C
8. FALSE
9. DISCIPLES BAPTIZING EVERYTHING

Great Truth 40  Members of Christ’s church joyfully serve others
1. SERVED GIVE HIS LIFE
2. D
3. DOING GOOD OPPORTUNITY ALL BELIEVERS
4. LOVE GOOD DEEDS
5. B

Great Truth 41  The church should be different than the unbelieving world
1. LOVE THE FATHER FLESH (or CRAVINGS*) EYES PRIDE (or BOASTING*) WORLD
2. C
3. FALSE
4. NO WORLDLY PASSIONS SELF-CONTROLLED

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Great Truth 42  

The church should serve as Christ’s witness to the world.

1. SALT   LIGHT
2. POWER   WITNESSES
3. PREACHED   WHEREVER
4. GLORIFY (or PRAISE*)  FATHER
5. a. NUMBER   SAVED
     b. COURAGE   ORDINARY   ASTONISHED   JESUS
     c. DISCIPLES   RAPIDLY   LARGE   FAITH

Essay Questions:

1. Answers will vary. However, since special emphasis is put on the church as the Bride of Christ in this lesson and in the Roadmap, many may choose to comment on this.

2. The answer is clearly No. It is difficult or even impossible to speak effectively and persuasively about the life-changing work of Christ if one is not changed oneself.

3. Some will probably write about the effectiveness of a changed life. Others may write about direct, personal evangelism. Still others may emphasize quiet conversations, Bible studies, worship—or other things. You may well learn something from your students to help you witness more effectively yourself!

4. We would like students to remember some of the traditional “marks” of the true church such as the pure preaching of God’s Word, faithful and proper celebration of the sacraments, effective and consistent church discipline, and a strong outreach program of some kind. Some students, however, may choose to write about good fellowship, lively sermons, love and warmth, personal acceptance, uplifting music, a variety of people in terms of age, race, interests, and other things. All of these things are also significant, but we do not want them to lose sight of the items first mentioned above.

Lesson Eleven

What the Bible Says about Failures, Frustrations and Faithfulness

Great Truth 43

The strongest believers must still wrestle with sin and failure in their lives.

1. SILENT  GROANING  HEAVY  STRENGTH
2. B
3. UNDERSTAND   WANT  HATE
4. C
5. Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus.
6. NAIL MARKS  FINGER  SIDE  BELIEVE
7. FALSE

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Great Truth 44  
We may experience major problems and trials in this life

1. Joy  Trials  Faith
2. Crown  Life
3. Peace  Trouble  Overcome
4. A, C and D
5. Genuine
6. Astray  Obey
7. B
8. Outwardly  Inwardly  Light  Momentary
   Glory  Seen  Unseen  Temporary  Eternal

Great Truth 45  
God is faithful to all His promises and will never fail us

1. With  Leave  Forsake  Afraid
2. Pardons  Angry  Mercy  Compassion  Depths  Sea
3. Deserve  Heavens  Great  Love  East  West  Removed
4. Faithless  Faithful
5. Search  Look After  Rescue  Scattered
6. Love  Consumed  Compassions  Faithfulness
7. Anxiety  Cares
8. Prosper  Hope  Future  Pray  Listen  Find  Heart
9. Death  Life  Present  Future  Anything Else  Separate
10. Tired  Fall  Hope  Strength  Eagles  Weary  Faint

Essay Questions:

1. Answers will vary depending on the students’ experiences.

2. Most of us, even the mature Christians among us, cannot honestly say that we find our trials to be a source of “pure joy.” On the other hand, there are some people who have profited greatly from their trials and who honestly thank God for them. All of us should seek to find “God’s rose” in the midst of the thorns of our lives. We will rarely enjoy the thorny trials, but we may have the satisfaction and thus the joy of knowing that God is graciously using trials for our spiritual benefit.

3. The blessings of our future are wonderfully great—beyond anything we can imagine or describe. At the same time, the blessings of our present life are great, too. True Christians enjoy peace, love, joy in the Lord, and all the benefits and blessings of salvation already now (see Lesson 6). If we learn, as Paul did, to be content under all circumstances (Philippians 4:11-12), and if we are able to do whatever God requires of us—with Christ’s help—(Philippians 4:13), we will enjoy blessings already in this life which far surpass those of the unbeliever (Philippians 4:19).

4. Student responses should be both interesting and revealing. Be sure to encourage them!
Lesson Twelve

The Kingdom of God and the World to Come

Great Truth 46

God is King forever

1. RULER KINGS LORDS HONOR MIGHT
2. KING PRAISE NATIONS THRONE
3. PRAISE GLORY EVERLASTING ALL

Great Truth 47

God’s glorious kingdom is opposed by Satan’s kingdom of darkness

1. a. GOD
   b. RULER
2. RULERS POWERS SPIRITUAL EVIL
3. a. LIGHT
   b. ROARING LION

Great Truth 48

The kingdom of God came to earth in the person and work of Jesus Christ

1. GLORY WORSHIPED EVERLASTING DESTROYED
2. B
3. KING (or RIGHT*) BORN WORLD TRUTH
4. a. DISEASES DEMONS
   b. SINS FORGIVEN
   c. SET FREE
   d. DEAD TALK
5. WORLD FIGHT ANOTHER PLACE
6. a) DARKNESS KINGDOM FORGIVENESS
   b) POWERS AUTHORITIES CROSS
7. B
8. TRIUMPH (or OVERCOME*) KING KINGS FAITHFUL

Great Truth 49

The kingdom of God has not yet come in all its fullness

1. C
2. B

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The coming kingdom will be exceedingly glorious

1. TRUE
2. GLORIOUS IMPERISHABLE IMMORTAL POWERFUL SPIRITUAL
3. FIERY LAKE DEATH
4. C
5. a. GOD
   b. TEAR DEATH MOURNING CRYING PAIN
   c. NEW
   d. PEARLS GOLD
   e. NIGHT
   f. IMPURE NAMES BOOK LIFE

**Essay Questions:** All the essay questions here require personal, thoughtful responses. Be sensitive to any responses which may require special comments.
Day One—God Alone Is to Be Worshiped

Jeremiah 10:6-7
6“No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. 7Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.”

Psalm 46:10
10He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Matthew 4:10
10Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Day Two—God Is Great and Worthy to Be Praised

Psalm 99:1-3
1The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. 2Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. 3Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

Psalm 66:1-5
1Shout for joy to God, all the earth! 2Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. 3Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. 4All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.” 5Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

Psalm 95:3-7
3For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. 4In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. 5The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; 7for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Day Three—Who Is Like Our God?

1 Kings 8:27
27“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!”

Isaiah 55:8-9
8“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9aAs the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Romans 11:33-36
33Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? 35aWho has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” 36For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.
Day Four—Our Creator God Is Worthy of All Praise

Psalm 47:6-8
6Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. 7For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. 8God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Psalm 89:11-13
11The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. 12You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name. 13Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.

Revelation 4:11
11“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Day Five—God Is Holy and Mighty

Psalm 99:9
9Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

Exodus 15:11
11Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Revelation 4:8
8Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Day Six—God Is Righteous and Just

Psalm 11:4-7
4The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. 5The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. 6On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. 7For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

Psalm 96:10-13
10Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. 11Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. 12Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. 13Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Zephaniah 3:5
5The Lord within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.

Day Seven—Our God Is Merciful and Loving

Psalm 25:6-7
6Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. 7Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
Psalm 86:5-7
5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. 6 Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. 7 When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Psalm 103:1-5
1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Roadmap 2 Light upon Your Path

Day One—The Bible Came from God: We Must Obey!
Exodus 32:15-16
15 Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. 16 The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19
18 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees . . .

2 Kings 17:13
13 The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: “Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets.”

Day Two—The Bible Is a Guide for Living
Psalm 19:7-11
7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 119:1-6
1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—3 they do no wrong but follow his ways. 4 You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! 6 Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

Psalm 119:30-32
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. 31 I hold fast to your statutes, Lord; do not let me be put to shame. 32 I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.
Day Three—God Teaches Us through His Word

Acts 20:32
32“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

Romans 15:4
4For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Hebrews 4:12
12For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Day Four—God’s Word Gives Life

Psalm 119:93
93I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

James 1:18
18He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

1 Peter 1:23
23For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Day Five—The Bible Is Powerful and Authoritative

Ephesians 6:17
17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Matthew 4:4-10
4Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 7Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Matthew 22:36-40
36“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Day Six—The Bible’s Prophecies Will Be Fulfilled

Matthew 5:18
18“For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”
Acts 1:16
16 and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.”

1 Peter 1:10-11
10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

Day Seven—God’s Word Is Eternal

Psalm 119:89
89 Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Isaiah 40:8
8 “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

1 Peter 1:25
25 “...but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

Roadmap 3 From Glory to Glory

Day One—All Creation Declares God’s Glory

Isaiah 40:25-26
25 “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Psalm 8:1-9
1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 19:1
1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day Two—People Are Created in God’s Image

Genesis 1:27
27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 5:1-2
1 This is the written account of Adam’s family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created.
James 3:9
9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness.

Day Three—Creation Is Broken by Sin

Genesis 3:17-18
17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.”

Romans 8:22
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Psalm 103:15-16
15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

Day Four—Our Father Is Merciful to His Broken Creation

Psalm 145:8-9
8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Matthew 5:45
45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Luke 6:35-36
35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Day Five—God Preserves His Creation

Psalm 36:5-9
5 Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. 6 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. 7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. 8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Psalm 65:9-13
9 You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. 10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. 11 You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. 12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. 13 The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Psalm 104:24-30
24 How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. 26 There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. 27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. 28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they
are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**Day Six—God’s People Will Be Transformed and Made New**

Matthew 13:43

43 “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Colossians 3:4

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Philippians 3:21

21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**Day Seven—God Will Restore His Creation and Make It New**

Revelation 21:1

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Isaiah 65:17-19

17 “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.”

2 Peter 3:13

13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

**Roadmap 4 The Wages of Sin**

**Day One—No One Is Without Sin**

Psalm 143:2

2 Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . .

Proverbs 20:9

9 Who can say, “I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin”?

**Day Two—Our Sins Are Many**

Romans 1:21-32

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and
worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.  

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Isaiah 59:12-15

12 For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: 13 rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. 14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. 15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

Amos 5:11-12

11 You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. 12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Day Three—We Are Hypocrites

Isaiah 29:13

13 The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”

Matthew 23:23-24

23 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.”

Romans 2:1

1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Day Four—Our Sin Has Provoked God to Wrath

Ephesians 5:5-6

5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient

Romans 1:18

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness . . .
Matthew 10:28
28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Day Five—Resisting Sin Is the Way of Life
Hebrews 12:1-3
1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1 Peter 2:11
11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

Proverbs 6:23-26
23 For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life, 24 keeping you from your neighbor’s wife, from the smooth talk of a wayward woman. 25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes. 26 For a prostitute can be had for a loaf of bread, but another man’s wife preys on your very life.

Day Six—We Must Repent of Our Sins
Isaiah 55:7
7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Psalm 25:11
11 For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Psalm 38:18
18 I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

Day Seven—God Forgives When We Repent
Isaiah 43:25
25 “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

Proverbs 28:13
13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

1 John 1:9
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
Day One—Jesus Is Our Savior

Luke 4:18-19
18“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Matthew 1:21
21“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Luke 19:10
10“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Day Two—Jesus Is the Divine Son of God

John 11:27
27“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Acts 9:20
20At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Matthew 8:28-29
28When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 29“What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

Day Three—Jesus Had the Divine Power to Do Miracles

Matthew 14:15-23
15As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” 16Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” 17“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. 18“Bring them here to me,” he said. 19And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. 22Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone . . .

Mark 6:45-51
45Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. 47Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 51Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed . . .
John 2:1-11
1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” 4 “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then Jesus called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” 11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Day Four—Jesus’ Compassion Led Him to Heal Many People
Matthew 9:35-36
35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 20:29-34
29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 32 Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 33 “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” 34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Mark 1:40-42
40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” 41 Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Day Five—Jesus Loved Sinners
John 8:1-11
1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” 6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Luke 7:36-50
36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house,
so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 15:1-7
1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 6 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Day Six—Jesus Died for Our Sins

Isaiah 53:5-7
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Hebrews 2:9
9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

1 John 3:16
16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Day Seven—Believing in Jesus Brings Eternal Life!

John 3:14-15
14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

John 11:25-26
25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
John 6:40
40 "For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Roadmap 6  The Greatest Gift

Day One—We Are Saved by Grace

Titus 3:5-7
5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Romans 11:6
6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10
8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Day Two—Only Faith Saves Us and Makes Us Righteous

Romans 1:16-17
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Philippians 3:8-9
8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Galatians 2:16
16 Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Day Three—Jesus’ Blood Redeems Us from Sin

1 John 1:7
7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 Peter 1:18-19
18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
1 Peter 2:24
24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Day Four—Jesus Frees Us from Sin

John 8:31-36
31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” 34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Romans 6:6-7
6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

1 Peter 2:16
16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves.

Day Five—Salvation Allows Us to Live Holy Lives

Philippians 2:12-13
12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Colossians 3:12-14
12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

2 Peter 1:3-4
3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Day Six—Salvation Makes Us Children of God

Romans 8:14-17
14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 John 3:1-2
1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
John 1:12-13
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

Day Seven—Salvation Produces Good Works

John 15:5-6
“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

Titus 2:13-14
While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Ephesians 2:10
For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Roadmap 7 Lord of All

Day One—Jesus Reigns over All
Colossians 1:16-18
For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

1 Corinthians 8:6
Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

Jude 4
For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Day Two—We Must Acknowledge Jesus as Lord
Romans 10:9-10
If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

1 Peter 3:15
But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect . . .
Acts 5:14
Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Day Three—Jesus Gives Us Blessings as Lord

Romans 8:37-39
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Ephesians 4:11-13
11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Day Four—We Must Serve Jesus as Lord

Ephesians 5:8-12
8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

Ephesians 5:17-20
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:17-23
17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters . . .

Day Five—We Must Obey Jesus as Lord

Matthew 7:21-23
21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”
James 1:22
22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
1 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. 3 It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Day Six—Jesus Will Provide for Us as Lord
Philippians 4:19
19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13
13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Matthew 6:24
24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Day Seven—Jesus Is Glorified as Lord
Philippians 2:9-11
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 17:1-5
1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

Revelation 5:12
12 In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Roadmap 8 The Giver of Life

Day One—The Holy Spirit Is Our Counselor
John 14:16
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever . . .
John 14:26
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Ephesians 4:30
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Day Two—The Holy Spirit Gives Us New Life**

John 3:5-8
Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Titus 3:5
He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit . . .

John 1:12-13
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

**Day Three—The Holy Spirit Gives Gifts to All Believers**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11
4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Hebrews 2:4
4God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Acts 5:12-16
12The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. 13No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

**Day Four—The Holy Spirit Gives Believers Power and Boldness**

Acts 1:8
8“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 2:2-4
2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 4:31
31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Day Five—The Holy Spirit Leads the Church
Acts 13:2-4
2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. 4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Acts 16:6-7
6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

Acts 20:28
28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Day Six—The Holy Spirit Purifies Believers
Galatians 5:16-18
16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Romans 5:5-9
5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

1 Peter 1:2
2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Day Seven—The Holy Spirit Makes Us Fruitful
Galatians 5:22-25
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:18-19
18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord . . .

Galatians 6:8-9
8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Roadmap 9  Happiness Is...

Day One—Husbands, Love Your Wives
Ephesians 5:25-28
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Titus 2:4
4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children . . .

Colossians 3:19
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Day Two—Sex Belongs in Marriage
1 Corinthians 7:2-5
2 But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. 3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Ecclesiastes 9:9
9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

Proverbs 5:20-21
20 Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man’s wife? Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman? 21 For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths.

Day Three—God Means for Marriage to Last
Matthew 5:32
32 “But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

Mark 10:9
9 “Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
1 Corinthians 7:10-11
10To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. 11But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

Day Four—Children Are a Blessing from God
Psalm 113:9
9He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.

Psalm 127:3-5
3Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. 4Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. 5Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Proverbs 17:6
6Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Day Five—Parents, Instruct Your Children in the Lord
Deuteronomy 4:9
9Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Psalm 78:5-6
5He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, 6so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Proverbs 4:1-2
1Listen, my sons, to a father’s instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. 2I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

Day Six—Children, Honor Your Parents
Mark 7:10
10For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’”

Proverbs 23:22
22Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 6:20
20My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.

Day Seven—Wise Children Are a Joy
Proverbs 15:20
20A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

Proverbs 23:24
24The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.
Proverbs 27:11

11 Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart; then I can answer anyone who treats me with contempt.

Roadmap 10  The Beautiful Bride

Day One—The Church Is Christ’s Bride

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

2 Corinthians 11:2

2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Revelation 19:7

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Day Two—Christ’s Bride Is Faithful

Revelation 2:10

10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

3 John 3-4

3 It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Revelation 14:12

12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

Day Three—Christ’s Bride Loves (Part I.)

John 13:34-35

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4:11-12

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

John 15:12

12 “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

Day Four—Christ’s Bride Loves (Part II.)

Romans 12:9-10

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Ephesians 4:2
2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 5:1-2
1 Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Day Five—The Church Tells Others about Her Bridegroom

Acts 4:33
33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all . . .

Acts 5:30-32
30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 22:14-15
14 Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.’”

Day Six—God Makes His Bride Holy and Pure

1 Thessalonians 3:13
13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Philippians 1:9-11
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23
23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Day Seven—The Bride Is Very Beautiful

Ephesians 5:25-27
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Revelation 21:2
2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Song of Solomon 4:7
7 You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you.
**Day One—Broken People Fail to Meet God’s Standards**

*2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-15*

1 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. 2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”

**Galatians 2:11-13**

11 When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. 13 The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

**Matthew 26:69-75**

69 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said. 70 But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said. 71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72 He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!” 73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.” 74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**Day Two—Our Broken Bodies and Hearts Fail**

*Psalm 25:16-21*

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. 18 Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. 19 See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! 20 Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

*Psalm 31:9-12*

9 Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. 10 My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak. 11 Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me. 12 I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

*Psalm 6:6-7*

6 I am worn out from my groaning; All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. 7 My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.
Day Three—Believers Will Suffer Hardship

2 Corinthians 1:8
8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.

Matthew 10:21-23
21 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

1 Corinthians 4:11-13
11 To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. 12 We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; 13 when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

Day Four—God Is Faithful to Us

Luke 22:32
32 “But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Psalm 40:1-3
1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

2 Chronicles 33:12-13
12 In his distress he sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. 13 And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.

Day Five—God Will Help Us to Be Faithful

Psalm 86:15-17
15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did. 17 Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 37:23-24
23 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; 24 though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 55:22
22 Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

Day Six—God Forgives Our Failures

Psalm 85:2-3
2 You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. 3 You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.
Psalm 32:5
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

John 8:11
11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Day Seven—God Is Faithful to Keep Us Faithful
1 Corinthians 1:8-9
8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:3
3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

1 Corinthians 10:13
13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Roadmap 12  Glory without End

Day One—God Is Glorious
Psalm 93:1-2
1 The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. 2 Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Psalm 97:9
9 For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Psalm 138:4-5
4 May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed. 5 May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

Day Two—Jesus Showed God’s Glory
Matthew 12:28
28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 4:23
23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Acts 10:36-38
36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
Day Three—Jesus Reigns in Glory

Ephesians 1:19-22
19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church . . .

Revelation 11:15
15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

1 Peter 3:22
22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Day Four—Jesus Will Be Revealed in Glory

Matthew 24:30
30 “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.”

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7
6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

Matthew 25:31
31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.”

Day Five—Evildoers Will Be Expelled from God’s Glorious Kingdom

Matthew 13:41-42
41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 22:13
13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Matthew 25:46
46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Day Six—Believers Have a Place in God’s Glorious Kingdom

2 Timothy 4:7-8
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Colossians 3:4
4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Revelation 3:4-5
4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

Day Seven—Believers Will Share in Christ’s Glory
Matthew 13:43
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Romans 8:17
17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Revelation 22:5
5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.