



# GREAT TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE



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## ANSWER KEY

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# 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.

## **LESSON TWO**

### **How We Can Learn about God**

## **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

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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

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**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

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**GREAT TRUTH 7** **God sometimes made Himself known to people in other ways**

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

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**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

1. GOOD EVIL
2. DIE
3. SERPENT
4. OPENED GOD EVIL
5. C
6. D
7. TRUE
8. They tried to hide
9. A
10. HIS WIFE, EVE
11. CHILDBEARING PAINFUL (or PAIN\*) HUSBAND RULE
12. GROUND PAINFUL THORNS THISTLES SWEAT DUST DUST
13. DIE

**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.

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# 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.

## LESSON FIVE

### Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Truly Human and also Truly God

#### **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**

**Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience**

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

## **GREAT TRUTH 19**

**Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin**

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**

**Jesus Christ arose from the dead and returned to heaven**

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.

## LESSON SIX

### What the Bible Says about Salvation

#### GREAT TRUTH 21

#### Salvation must include repentance from sin

1. REPENT
2. CONFESSING      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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1. ETERNAL LIFE      PERISH      SNATCH      NO ONE
2. BEGAN      COMPLETION
3. BELIEVE      KNOW

**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

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

**Those who faithfully follow Jesus as Lord will  
receive great blessing and joy**

## **GREAT TRUTH 28**

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.

## 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**

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1. HOLY ALL I AM HOLY
2. TRUE
3. LOVE PEACE KINDNESS FAITHFULNESS SELF-CONTROL
4. B
5. POWER WITNESSES
6. A
7. TEMPLES (or TEMPLE\*) YOUR OWN BOUGHT BODIES (or BODY\*)

## **GREAT TRUTH 31**

### **The Holy Spirit helps believers bring praise and thanksgiving to God**

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1. WINE FILLED SPIRIT (or SPIRITUAL\*) HEART EVERYTHING
2. D
3. GOOD
4. POWER GREATNESS
5. LOVE FAITHFULNESS
6. DARKNESS SON
7. ALL WILL
8. We should also tell others what Jesus has done for us.

## **GREAT TRUTH 32**

### **The Holy Spirit helps believers show their thankfulness in lives of service and obedience**

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1. MERCY LIVING PLEASING THIS WORLD MIND
2. B
3. THANK SONGS JOY
4. E
5. LOVE

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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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# LESSON NINE

## What the Bible Says about Relationships

### 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. C
2. HEARTS CHILDREN HOME WALK LIE GET UP
3. a. NOTTURN FROM IT  
b. PEACE DELIGHTS (or DELIGHT\*)
4. a. DISGRACES  
b. JUDGE SIN RESTRAIN
5. DISCOURAGED
6. A
7. a. FATHER MOTHER  
b. RIGHT FATHER  
c. FAITH GRANDMOTHER MOTHER YOU
8. HONOR
9. A
10. A

**ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

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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# LESSON TEN

## What the Bible Says about the Church

### **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 from 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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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, 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**

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

**GREAT TRUTH 43**

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

**God's glorious kingdom is opposed by Satan's kingdom of darkness**

#### **GREAT TRUTH 47**

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

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

#### **GREAT TRUTH 48**

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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- 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.



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