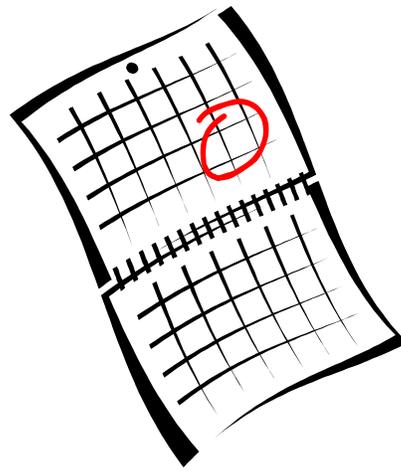


The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 38

The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
This is the Day the Lord has Made



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson



THIS is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Are you happy the Lord made this day for you, kids? I'm happy because you're here ready to learn God's Word. What door will you enter into today?

Think about this...we know what happened yesterday, but we can never return there can we? We know nothing about tomorrow, though it is very close to us, right? All the wonder and the magic are in the present. We know enough, and it is

upon us, and we can live it. [Heb 13:8](#) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Now that should make you VERY happy.

With Jesus it is always NOW. That's the funny thing about our eternal God. He can live at any time He chooses. He has the choice of a thousand years, a million days, any yesterday, any tomorrow but His favorite time of all is right NOW...TODAY!

It's amazing how often when things happen in the Bible it says in the Bible it is happening TODAY. It's amazing how often things happen in the Bible while it is still TODAY. Almost like that's the only time God works with down here on earth.

Let's take a look at what all this means. Take for example the [Red Sea](#) in [Exo 14:13-14](#) "But Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear! Stand by and see the deliverance of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. (14) The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.'"



The call goes out to choose TODAY. Divine timing is most important in our daily DECISION MAKING. You will be faced with a door each day. Get to the door. GO thru the door. [Joshua 24:15](#) "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Our opportunity to live in the light of eternal life is always, and only, now. If you need help today, if you need answers today, ask Him for it...today.

1 Kings 18:36-39 "At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. (37) Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again. (38) Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. (39) When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, 'The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.'"

Jesus was all about TODAY. He was completely focused on the work His Father laid out for Him to accomplish each day. And what fantastic things they were. Jesus always knew what time it was. He always knew what it was time for and He always obeyed His Father in Heaven and wonderful things happened like salvation.

Look at these examples of Jesus focusing on what is right and for today:

Luke 19:5-10 "When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, 'Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.' (6) And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. (7) When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, and 'He (Jesus) had gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner (8) Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.' (9) And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. (10) For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.'"

Luke 23:42-43 "'Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!' (43) And He said to him, 'Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.'"

So look at what we have today, kids: 2 Cor 5:17-21 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature (nature or species); the old things passed away. Behold, new things have come. (18) Now all these things are from God, who reconciled (made peace with) us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (peace), (19) namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation (peace treaty with God the Father). (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (21) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness (+R) of God in Him." Wow, Paul that is one amazing run of Bible doctrine. We have the cross, we have living for others, we have reconciliation, we have the new creature, we have +R and are justified...all kinds of amazing stuff.



So I wonder, when should we start using all this stuff? 2 Cor 6:1 "And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain (2) for He says, 'AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU. Behold, now is THE ACCEPTABLE TIME, behold, now is THE DAY OF SALVATION.'" NOW is the acceptable time...TODAY is the right time...EVERYDAY of your lives, there is an open door in your lives, and it leads to eternity. It leads to eternal life. This is the day to forgive that person. Now is

the acceptable time to believe. Today is the time ordained by God for going to Him about that problem that has been bothering you and really upsetting you.

There is a door in your room today. It is marked with the cross. It is Christ. It is open, and He is asking you to go through that door. It may be the door to eternal life...the cross of Christ is the door to salvation and forgiveness and fellowship with God. The cross of Christ is the door to growing up spiritually in Christ...resurrection life in time. Whatever door you need...go through that door...NOW

Close in prayer

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