

*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 134*

*Practical Sanctification*  
*As New Creatures in Jesus, Get Caught up in*  
*Him*



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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just 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 sins 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 His Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you become 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



Hi kids. We are going to begin this lesson with a quiz. That's what teachers do, right? They give quizzes.

Let's get started. Take out a piece of paper and a pen or pencil and take the quiz:

1. Name the five richest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman football trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America beauty contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prizes.
5. Name the last six Academy Award for movies winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last ten years' worth of World Series winners.
7. Name the Grammy award winners for song of the year for the last ten years.

How did you do? Not great, right? That's because these things are not the important things in life...AT ALL. However, you will hear from the world that these things are the important things. Yes, these are major big deals of the world but hardly any one of us really remembers these winners, do we? These are the top in their fields. BUT guess what? Most of us forget about them as time goes by. In time their awards tarnish, and their trophies and certificates are buried with their owners and forgotten.



Here's another quiz for you. Let's see how you do with this one:

1. List some teachers that you really liked and who cared for you and guided you in school.
2. Name three really close friends who you really love to be with and love to be with you.
3. Name five people who have taught you something really important.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Name some heroes whose stories have inspired you.
6. Name three people that have helped you in your Christian walk.

Easier? Did you do better on this one? Bet you did!

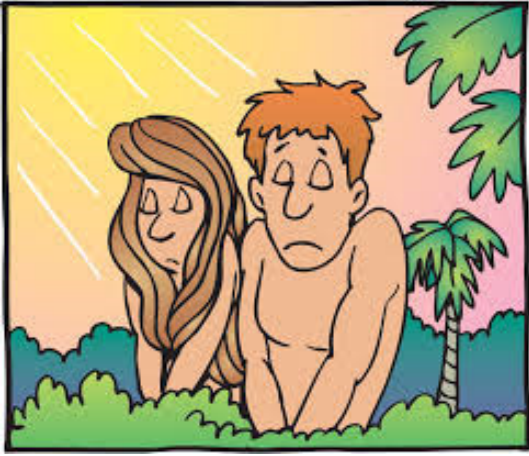
The people who make a difference in your life are **NOT** the ones with the most trophies, the most money, the most talent, or the most awards. They are the ones who care about you. The ones who love you, the one's you love. Don't get caught up in the world view.



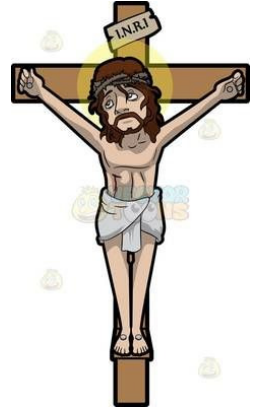
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John 3:16 "For God so **loved** the world that He gave his One and only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have **eternal life.**" This is the greatest major gift in all of our lives, kids! **God loves us.** And **He promises to take care of us from now until eternity.**

Rom 3:21-25 "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been shown, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, (22) even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no difference; (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; (25) whom God displayed publicly (on the cross) as a propitiation (God the Father was **TOTALLY** satisfied with Jesus' work on the cross) in His blood (His death on the cross) through **faith.**" God has justified us (that means He declared us perfect in Jesus) and has given us the gift of His righteousness, His perfection. He sees us as being totally perfect just like Jesus. **AMAZING!!**



Rom 5:17-18 "For if by the transgression (sin) of the one (Adam in the Garden of Eden), death ruled through the one (Adam), much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will rule in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (18) So then as through one transgression (sin of Adam) there resulted judgment to all men, even so through one act



of righteousness (Jesus on the Cross paying for all the sins of ALL mankind) there resulted justification (perfection) of life to all men." This one act is the greatest act in all of human history and in all the universe...Jesus' death on the cross!

Rom 5:19 "For as through the one man's (Adam's) disobedience (sin) the many were made sinners (all mankind), even so through the obedience of the One (Jesus) the many (all who believe in Jesus) will be made righteous (perfect in the Father's eyes)." You were made at your birth a sinner not because of anything you did. You were made a sinner your birth through Adam's sinful disobedience, not your own.



Rom 5:20-21 "The Law came in so that the transgression (sin) would increase (the Ten Commandments and all the law **showed mankind that they are sinners**); but where sin increased, grace increased all the more, (21) so that, as sin ruled in (spiritual) death, even so grace would rule through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." THESE THINGS are the major big deals of our lives: forgiveness, grace, righteousness, eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, don't cheat your soul by getting caught up what the silly things that the world wants you to go after. Get caught up in the wonderful eternal things that Jesus Christ gave us...the greatest gifts of all!

If you've been studying these lessons, you'll see that we have been learning a lot about practical Christianity for a few months now and that means that we have been getting into some very sensitive parts of life like violence, immorality, hypocrisy, being foolish, fatherlessness, marriage, parenting, divorce etc. When we do that it is really easy to start thinking about ourselves and how well we are performing. That is natural or a normal reaction and expected. We want to please our Father.

If you do that (and you will) you start to realize that UH OH – “I have failed in some of these things. Well, that is exactly what is supposed to happen when we study about these things in the Bible. **It teaches us that we fail sometimes even when we don't want to fail.** Adam probably thought that way after he sinned in the Garden.



Well, cheer up! You're actually **worse** than you think! Don't worry! This isn't being taught to scare you, it should actually make you feel better! **What you say! How's that possible?** Answer...there is something cheerful, hopeful, and freeing about realizing that **without Jesus, there is no hope for ANY OF US!**

Take a moment to really think about that, okay? We struggle, struggle, and struggle and we think that it's a struggle to get better but really the whole struggle is to get us to stop trying to get better...in our flesh...our bodies...the part that we struggle with.

Kids, accept the fact that we're wicked in our fleshly bodies, that we can be evil and rebel against God. We are hopeless in our old man, our sinful bodies. The Bible says things like “**dead – DEAD! – in our trespasses and sins.**” The Bible says that “**nothing – NOTHING – good dwells in us, that is our flesh.**” All our failures are real...they are disobedience, rotten thoughts, anger, lust, fear, guilt, shame, wanting to rebel against God and His ways and His standards, selfishness, and disobeying parents. Have you heard enough?



Our failures will make a long list in the Bible! They are not pretty, these lists describe, not the guy in jail, not the guy in the news, not the poor wicked unbeliever, but they describe US...you...me...as we are naturally, as we were born, as we still are in our flesh!

DON'T PANIC!!! Here's the good news: you can read those wonderful, joyful, hooray, CHEER UP words also in the Bible in **Rom 7:17. "No longer am I the one doing it, but sin that lives inside me!"**

God did something about that wretched man that we are in our flesh, our bodies. What did He do? Pay attention now! What did He do? **He put an END TO HIM (our sinful old man flesh), and gave us JESUS instead.**



Read all about it in **Romans 7:18-25**. "For I know that **nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh;** for the willing (to do good) is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. (19) For the good that I want to do, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do NOT want to do. (20) But if I am doing the very thing I do not want (to do), **I am no**

**longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.** (21) I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. (22) For I joyfully agree with the law of God in the inner man, (23) but I see a different law (of sin) in the parts of my body, making war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my body parts. (24) Wretched man that I am! **Who** will set me free from the body of this (spiritual) death? (25) **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin." Yes, crazy, right? It sure is!!! So, give thanks to Jesus. He is beautiful and precious and loves us. He is Perfect JESUS Who rescued us from our sinful flesh! Get caught up in Jesus. Think about what He has done for you!



And you can say to those who make fun of your beliefs (and they do because they are earthly people and fallen angels, too, that do that). You can say, "Go ahead, have your fun now, because every day I am being made new, there is a new me being built up from God's Word, and one day I'm going to be just like Jesus!" **Galatians 2:20** "I have been **crucified** with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave Himself up for me."**

Remember "Cheer up, you're **worse** than you think?"



Imagine a man who works for a business that takes broken down property and remodels it. He's a foreman and works with houses that are broken down. Only the house he has been given to fix up this time is in horrible shape, really bad. All the windows are broken or missing. There are termites

everywhere, pipes leaking, a roof full of holes, mold on the walls, floorboards broken, and a lot of other things that are really bad.



Every time his crew goes to fix something, they discover something even worse. Finally, the city inspector pays a visit to the house being remodeled and by the time he is done inspecting it, he has come to one conclusion: this property is condemned.

As the inspector tells the foreman that it's condemned, he hears this gigantic sigh of RELIEF from the foreman of the job! The foreman asks the inspector, "So, we don't have to do anything else to try to fix this house?" "Nope, says the inspector. Stop all the work."



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Cheer up – it's worse than you thought! What now? Well, this old house has been condemned. So, it gets torn down and an entirely NEW house will go up in its place. **2 Cor 5:17-21** "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old (broken) 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 pledged to us the word of reconciliation (peace between God and believers because of Jesus' work on the cross)."

**2 Cor 5:20** "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 (Jesus) who knew no sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God (perfect) in Him."

**Matt 9:16-17** "But no one puts a new patch of cloth on an old garment; for the new patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear will result. (17) Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the old wineskins will burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Are you getting the picture, kids? When we believe in Jesus for our salvation, we become new...new creatures in Christ...forever! Here on earth even with our fleshly bodies and in heaven in our resurrection bodies! **2 Cor 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*"



No more being upset by your failures, right? Besides, all your regrets, all your guilt, all your determining not to do it again, all your confessions, all your making it up to God, all your times being sorry, all your worries, all the things you say you will do to make up for what you did wrong...ALL OF THESE done 1,000 times every day for the rest of your life...Are NOT ENOUGH!!!!!! Besides, even if you do all of that, your wicked old flesh you...STILL HANGS AROUND until you get your new heavenly resurrection bodies.

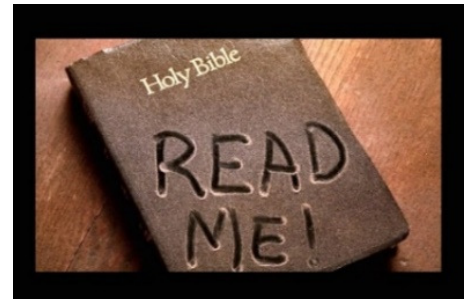
WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO ABOUT THAT????????????????? NOTHING!

LISTEN! JESUS IS STILL HERE IN YOU! IN YOU! IN THE PARTS OF YOUR BODIES! EVEN IN YOUR BRAIN WHERE YOU THINK!

ONLY WHAT JESUS DID FOR US ON THE CROSS IS ENOUGH...GET CAUGHT UP IN HIM...EVERYDAY!

Until next time, stay in God's Word...

Close in prayer.



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