

To avoid confusion, please use a King James Version Bible when you study these worksheets. If you do not have a King James Bible and if you are unable to borrow or purchase one, you can contact the Middletown Bible Church and we may be able to provide you with one. These studies are very simple and the answers are always found in the Bible verse or verses that are given. To fill in the blanks and to answer the questions, please look up the Bible verse or verses, even if you think you know what the correct answer is. It is to your advantage to look at the verse, even if you think you already know what it says. As you study God's precious Word, may God Himself be your Teacher and show you wonderful things from His inspired Word (Psalm 119:18). If you believe and obey the Bible, your life will truly be changed in a wonderful way!

## THE BIBLE—GOD'S UNIQUE BOOK!

### 1A. The Names of the Bible.

Just as we learn about God from the Names that are given to describe Him, so also we learn about the Bible from its various names. Here are some of names given to describe the Bible:

- 1B. The Bible is called “the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is not just man's book filled with man's ideas, man's thoughts and man's personal opinions. It is God's Word. God is the Author of this amazing Book. Compare Romans 10:17—“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” The Bible is divine in its origin. It came from God. It is true that God used human authors to be the penmen of His Word, but, as we shall see in this study, what they wrote was exactly what God intended.
- 2B. The Bible is called the “W\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_” (2 Timothy 2:15). This Book is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It is completely trustworthy. We can believe what God says. There are no mistakes, no errors, no contradictions. It is God's Word, and “God cannot \_\_\_\_\_” (Titus 1:2), and therefore the Bible contains only truth and not error. Did Jesus believe that God's Word is **truth** (John 17:17)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We live in a day when many people reject the idea of **absolute truth**. It is an age of moral relativism. That is, if it seems right to one person, then it is true for him, but it may not be true for someone else. And one person's views cannot be condemned because his ideas are

just as good as the ideas of anyone else. But this kind of thinking rejects and ignores the God of truth who decides what is right and wrong, what is good and evil. We must reject anything that does not line up with God's Word of truth. "If you continue in My \_\_\_\_\_ ...ye shall know the T \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

3B. The Bible is called the "\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_" (Philippians 2:16). The Bible is a "**living**" Book (see Hebrews 4:12 where God's Word is said to be "quick" or "living"). When the message of the Bible is understood and believed, then lives are changed (2 Cor. 5:17). The person who believes the message of the Bible and who believes in the Christ of the Bible has everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:47). The Lord Jesus once said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are \_\_\_\_\_" (John 6:63, and see also John 6:68).

4B. The Bible is called "the H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 1:2). The word "Scriptures" means "writings" and the word "holy" means that these writings are *different* and *set apart* from all other writings. There is no other book like the Bible. The Bible is totally unique. It is the only Book God has given to man. One man said, "I believe the Bible from cover to cover and I even believe the cover because it says *Holy Bible*." May we ever treat God's Word, the holy writings, with utmost respect and reverence (see Isaiah 66:1-2). To disrespect the Bible is to disrespect the God who gave us the Bible. To honor the Bible is to honor the God whose Word it is.

2A. **The Testimony of Christ.** No one knows more about the Bible than Jesus Christ. What did the Lord Jesus Christ say about the BIBLE?

1B. **John 17:17.** The Lord Jesus said that the Word of God is \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus said it and that settles it! We know that the Bible is true because the Son of God said so! The Bible is God's Word and it must be true because....

"It is impossible for God \_\_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 6:18).

"God cannot \_\_\_\_\_" (Titus 1:2).

"God is \_\_\_\_\_" (John 3:33).

In contrast to the above, notice what the Bible tells us about the Devil in John 8:44: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the \_\_\_\_\_, because there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in him. When he speaketh a \_\_\_\_\_, he speaketh of his own: for he is a \_\_\_\_\_, and the father of it." In John 8:45-46 Jesus said, "And because I tell you the \_\_\_\_\_, ye believe me not....And if I say the \_\_\_\_\_, why do ye not believe me?"

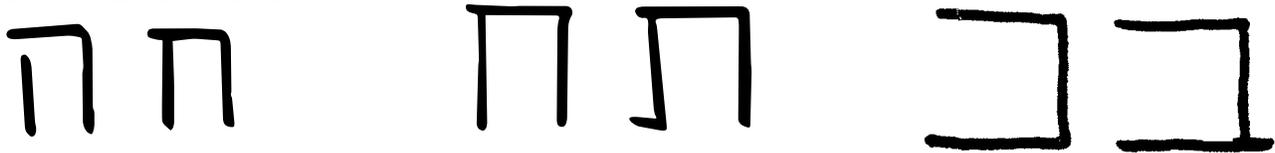
- 2B. **John 10:35.** The Lord Jesus Christ said that the Scripture cannot \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. What God has said can never be annulled or destroyed.
- 3B. **Luke 24:44** (compare Mark 14:49). The Lord Jesus said that the Scripture must be  
F \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4B. **Matthew 5:18.** The Lord Jesus said that till heaven and earth pass (away), one \_\_\_\_\_ or  
one \_\_\_\_\_ shall in no way pass from the law, till \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Therefore everything God says in the Bible will most  
certainly be F \_\_\_\_\_.

The "jot" (or "yod") is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet:



The word printed above is the Hebrew word for God ("Elohim"). It is the word that Moses wrote in Genesis 1:1—"In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ created the heaven and the earth." Find the smallest letter in this word and circle it. You have just circled a "jot" (yod).

The "tittle" is a very small mark that helps you to tell the difference between two Hebrew letters that look almost the same.



Written above are 6 Hebrew letters grouped into three groups of two letters each. In each group the two letters look very much alike. In each group, one of the letters has a small part added to it which distinguishes it and makes it different from the other letter. Circle this part (and do it for each group of letters). You have just circled a "tittle."

We have something similar to this when we write English letters in script. If we don't dot the "i" it could look similar to an "e" . If we don't cross the "t" it could look similar to an "l" . If Jesus were speaking to us today in English, He might say it this way, "Every dotting of the 'i' and every crossing of the 't' in the Word of God will be fulfilled." Every letter and every word in the Bible is important and is true. We need to understand God's infallible Word, believe it and live it!

- 5B. **Matthew 24:34-35.** The Lord Jesus said that heaven and earth shall pass away, but His Words \_\_\_\_\_

3A. **The Testimony of the Bible.** What does the Bible say about itself?

- 1B. **2 Timothy 3:16.** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" can also be translated this way: "All Scripture is **God-breathed.**" How much of the Bible is God-breathed? \_\_\_\_\_

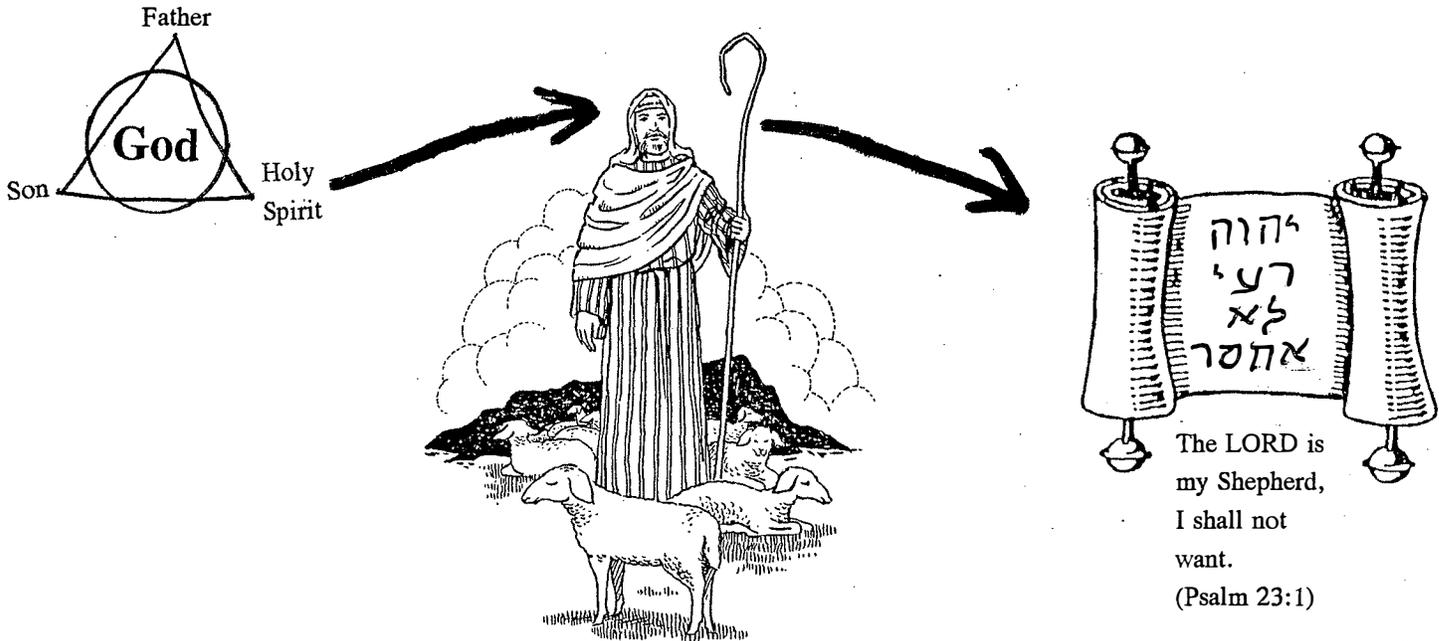
Whenever we talk we are breathing out words. It is impossible to speak words without breathing them out. Try holding your breath and speaking at the same time. Can you do it? \_\_\_\_\_ The verse above tells us that God has breathed out certain words. God has breathed out the Scriptures. "All S \_\_\_\_\_ is God-breathed" and this means that the whole Bible is from the mouth of God! The whole Bible is God's Word. "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ it" (Isaiah 40:5). Compare Psalm 33:6 where the expression "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" is equivalent to the expression "the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_."

2B. 2 Peter 1:21

Problem: "Wait a minute! You just said that all Scripture is God-breathed and that the whole Bible is the Word of God, but I thought men wrote the Bible (such as David, Moses, Paul, Luke and Matthew). How can the Bible be God's Word if it was written by men?"

We find the answer to this problem in 2 Peter 1:21: "For the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Word of God) came not at any time by the will of man, but \_\_\_\_\_ (such as Moses and David and Paul) spoke as they were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit."

*Illustration: David wrote Psalm 23:1 as he was moved (carried along) by God the Holy Spirit:*



God was preparing David to write Psalm 23:1 even before David was born! The same was true for Jeremiah. God was preparing Jeremiah to be a prophet even before he came forth out of his mother's \_\_\_\_\_ (see Jeremiah 1:5).

David grew up and became a shepherd. One day as he realized the loving care and protection of the LORD, he wrote, "The \_\_\_\_\_ is M\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_." God the Holy Spirit was moving David in such a way that the words that David wrote were exactly the words that God wanted him to write. Listen to what David himself said at the end of his life in 2 Samuel 23:2—"The \_\_\_\_\_ of the L\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_ was in \_\_\_\_\_ tongue." According to this verse, who was the One who really spoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Whose Word was in David's tongue? \_\_\_\_\_

3B. Isaiah 40:8 (see also 1 Peter 1:23-25 and Matthew 24:35).

God's Word stands for how long? \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word is S\_\_\_\_\_ in H\_\_\_\_\_ for how long (Psalm 119:89)?  
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- 4B. Search through some of the writings of the prophets (such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Malachi, etc.) and notice how often you read such expressions as. . .

“Thus saith the LORD”

“saith the LORD”

“The Word of the LORD came unto me saying. . .”

## SALVATION

### 1A. Why do all men need to be saved?

Introduction (Luke 5:27-32)

According to Luke 5:31, what kind of people need a doctor? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of people do not need a doctor? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 5:32. Do righteous people need to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of a person needs a Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHY DID JESUS COME INTO THE WORLD?

Here are four verses that answer this question:

1. 1 Timothy 1:15 “Christ Jesus came into the world \_\_\_\_\_
2. Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ that which is \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. Matthew 1:21 “And thou shalt call His Name \_\_\_\_\_; for He shall \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. John 3:17 “For God sent **not** His Son into the world to condemn (judge) the world, but that the world through \_\_\_\_\_ might be \_\_\_\_\_.”

According to Luke 5:32, Jesus came into the world to save what kind of people? \_\_\_\_\_ Righteous people do not need to be saved. But read Romans 3:10. How many righteous people are there? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, how many people need to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Luke 5:30 and then circle the correct answer:

- a. The Pharisees and Scribes were righteous men.
- b. The Pharisees and Scribes thought they were righteous. They were SELF-righteous.

In doing these worksheets, it is important to take time to look up all the verses that are listed, even if you think you know the answer. Read the verses carefully and find your answer in the Scriptures. In this way you will learn exactly what the Bible teaches. The question that you should constantly be asking yourself is this: “What saith the Scriptures?” (See Romans 4:3)

Read Luke 18:9-14 and then answer these questions:

Which man thought he was righteous? \_\_\_\_\_ Which man realized he was a sinner? \_\_\_\_\_ Which man was saved? \_\_\_\_\_ Before a person can be saved, what must he first realize? \_\_\_\_\_

**1A. Why do all men need to be saved?**

**1B. All men need to be saved because all men are SINFUL.**

1C. Psalm 14:1-3 (see also Psalm 53:1-3)

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

2C. Romans 3:10-18 and Romans 3:23

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

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

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

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

Verse 18—How many men fear God? \_\_\_\_\_ [To "fear God" means that a person reverences and respects God so much that he is afraid to displease Him.]

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Read Romans 3:23. How many have sinned? \_\_\_\_\_ Does this include you? \_\_\_\_\_

According to 1 Peter 2:21-22 and 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, who was the only exception to what we are told in Romans 3:23? \_\_\_\_\_

In Luke 1:46-47 the virgin Mary said that God was her S \_\_\_\_\_. What kind of person needs a Saviour (compare Luke 5:30-32)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, what kind of a person was Mary? \_\_\_\_\_ Does Romans 3:23 include the virgin Mary? \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was a God-fearing woman who was greatly used by God to be the vessel God would use in bringing His Son into the world, but Mary was not sinless.

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

3C. 1 Kings 8:46. How many men are there who never sin? \_\_\_\_\_  
"for there is no man who \_\_\_\_\_"  
including \_\_\_\_\_ (write your own name).

4C. 1 John 1:8-10. In these verses John is writing to believers. According to verse 8, if we say that we have no sin, who are we really fooling? \_\_\_\_\_  
In verse 10, if we say that we have not sinned, we make God a \_\_\_\_\_ [read 1 John 5:10—whenever we do not believe God's Word we make God a \_\_\_\_\_. By not believing what God has said we are actually accusing God of being a liar!] If the statements found in 1 John 1:8 and 1 John 1:10 are true for believers (and they are!), do you think that these statements are also true for those who are unsaved? \_\_\_\_\_

**2B. All men need to be saved because all men are WICKED.**

1C. Jeremiah 17:9-10. "The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things, and \_\_\_\_\_."  
In this verse, the expression "desperately wicked" really means "incurably sick." We are so wicked that God says we are like a person who has a deadly, incurable disease. It is a disease far worse than cancer or heart disease or AIDS. It is the number one killer—**SIN!**

2C. Mark 7:20-23. The Lord Jesus, the Son of God, spoke these words. Did Jesus agree with Jeremiah 17:9? \_\_\_\_\_ According to the Lord Jesus (Mark 7:20-23) is man's heart basically evil or basically good? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write down six of the things that go out (proceed) from within us, proving that our hearts are wicked and diseased (Mark 7:21-22):

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

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

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

3C. Matthew 7:9-11. According to these verses, did the Lord Jesus say that men are good or evil? \_\_\_\_\_ According to these same verses (especially verse 11), is it possible for an evil person to do good things? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, when we see people doing what seem to be kind and good deeds, does this mean that these people are not evil? \_\_\_\_\_

**3B. All men need to be saved because all men are LOST.**

1C. Luke 19:10. What one word did the Lord Jesus use in order to describe those people for whom He came to seek and to save? \_\_\_\_\_

2C. Isaiah 53:6. In this verse, Isaiah said that we are like lost \_\_\_\_\_. According to Isaiah 53:6, how many of us have gone astray and wandered away from the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, how many men and women, boys and girls are really lost? \_\_\_\_\_ In Isaiah 53:6 we learn that instead of following God's way, we have **all** turned to our \_\_\_\_\_ way and in Judges 21:25 we learn that every man did that which was right \_\_\_\_\_ . In Matthew 10:6, the Lord described the Jewish people as "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of Israel" and in Matthew 9:36 the Lord was moved with compassion when He saw the crowds of people because they were \_\_\_\_\_ abroad, as \_\_\_\_\_ having no \_\_\_\_\_. In 1 Peter 2:25, what does Peter say we were like before we were saved? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom did we return when we were saved (1 Peter 2:25)? \_\_\_\_\_ Read John 10:11 and Psalm 23:1. Who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls? \_\_\_\_\_ [Note: the word "bishop" means somebody who watches over us and looks out for us, lest we should fall into danger].

**4B. All men need to be saved because all men are DEAD.**

1C. Genesis 2:17. What did God say would happen to Adam if he should eat the forbidden fruit? \_\_\_\_\_ When did God say this would happen? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Adam die physically on the very same day that he ate the fruit (Genesis 5:3-5 may help you answer this question)? \_\_\_\_\_ (continued on the next page)

In Genesis 2:17 was God speaking primarily of physical death? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Genesis 2:25 and Genesis 3:6-7. Did a change take place with respect to Adam and Eve after they sinned? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Genesis 3:19 was physical death part of the curse that was placed upon man because of Adam's sin? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Adam die physically on the day that he sinned or hundreds of years later (Genesis 5:3-5)?  
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2C. **Ephesians 2:1.** Before we were saved we were \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (see also Ephesians 2:5 and Colossians 2:13).

3C. **John 5:24.** The moment a person is saved he passes from (out of) \_\_\_\_\_ unto (into) \_\_\_\_\_ (see also 1 John 3:14). Therefore, before a person is saved he is in a state of D\_\_\_\_\_. According to John 6:47, what does a person have the moment he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the unsaved man is spiritually dead because he does not have eternal \_\_\_\_\_. In Ephesians 4:17-18 we learn that the unsaved man is alienated from (separated from) the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, the dead person (Ephesians 2:1) is the person who does not have God's life. The moment a person is saved he is "quicken" (Ephesians 2:1) which means he is "made alive." According to 1 John 5:11, where is eternal life to be found? \_\_\_\_\_ Read 1 John 5:12. If a person has the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord, what does he also have? \_\_\_\_\_ The person who does not have the Son of God (has never received Him, see John 1:12) does not have \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:12). If a person does not have life, then **he is dead!** Therefore, we learn in 1 John 5:12 that the person who does not have the Son of God is D\_\_\_\_\_. In John 17:3 what does Jesus say eternal life really is? \_\_\_\_\_  
Therefore the person who does not know the Father and the Son (in a personal and real way) does not have eternal \_\_\_\_\_. We conclude, therefore, that the person who does not know God is D\_\_\_\_\_ (compare 1 Thess. 4:5).

4C. **John 3:14-16 and John 5:24 and John 6:47.**

What must dead men and dead women do in order to have life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**5B. All men need to be saved because all men are BLIND.**

**1C. The unbeliever is blinded by Satan** (2 Corinthians 4:4).

In 2 Corinthians 4:4 the devil is called by what name? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [Note: the word "world" may be translated "age"]. This verse teaches us that Satan blinds certain people in order that the light of the gospel might not shine unto them. Are these people believers or unbelievers? \_\_\_\_\_ In verse 3 there is a word that describes this same group of people. What is that word? \_\_\_\_\_ According to these verses, does Satan want people to understand and believe the gospel, the good news about Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ [Note: the gospel or good news is summarized in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4]. Satan wants people to remain in the dark. Read Luke 8:4-5 and Luke 8:11-12. According to Luke 8:12 circle the two things that Satan does not want people to do:

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| a. Be religious            | d. Become saved  |
| b. Believe the Word of God | e. Give money to the poor                                    |
| c. Go to church            | f. Draw pictures of the devil with horns and a long red tail |

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

Who is the perfect Teacher that Jesus spoke about in John 14:26? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ What are the two names that this Teacher is called in John 15:26? 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

[Note: The name "Comforter" means "Helper, One who comes to our side to help us and aid us." The Holy Spirit is the One who comforts and helps and encourages and teaches the believer.]

The Lord Jesus promised His disciples (the apostles) in John 16:13 that this Teacher would guide them into what? \_\_\_\_\_

As we read 1 Corinthians 6:19 we discover that the \_\_\_\_\_ lives and dwells in every believer. Read Romans 8:9. If a person does not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within, does he really belong to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ Who dwells in every true believer according to Romans 8:11? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Romans 8:15-16, what did we receive the moment we were saved? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, how many Christians have the Perfect Teacher, the Spirit of Truth, living in them? \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 2:9-16 (men are spiritually blind)**

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

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

- a. Going to college for four years (especially a Bible college)
- b. Reading books about religion and the Bible
- c. Having God’s truth **revealed** to us by God
- d. Watching beautiful sunsets
- e. Thinking and meditating for long periods of time

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

**Verse 11**—Without the Lord’s help, is it possible for a man to know and understand the things of God? \_\_\_\_\_ Who does know the things of God according to this verse? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Are God’s thoughts far above and far greater than your thoughts? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Romans 11:33-34. Do you think the Lord needs a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything that the Lord does not know? \_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything that you do not know? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Who must this teacher be (1 Cor. 2:13)? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the sentences that are true:

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

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

**(1 Corinthians 2:9-16)**

**Verse 13**—Do we learn God’s truth by our own wisdom or by the Holy Spirit teaching us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 14**—The “natural man” is the unsaved person. This verse teaches us that unsaved men and women, boys and girls are blind when it comes to God’s truth. Can the natural man receive the truths of God’s Word? \_\_\_\_\_ Can he know and understand them? \_\_\_\_\_ What one word in this verse shows us what the unsaved man really thinks about God’s truth? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, when you share something from the Bible with an unsaved person, should you be surprised if he should make fun of you or ridicule you for believing what God says? \_\_\_\_\_ Should you be surprised if he cannot really understand God’s Word? \_\_\_\_\_ [Do you remember when you were unsaved? Did you understand the things of God or were you blind? \_\_\_\_\_] The word that is translated “natural” in 1 Corinthians 2:14 is the same word that is translated “sensual” in Jude 19. Thus as we look in the book of Jude, verse 19, we learn that the natural (sensual) man is the man who does not have the \_\_\_\_\_. From what we have learned already, who is the only Person who can teach us and reveal to us God’s truth? \_\_\_\_\_ If a person does not have the Teacher, can he learn the truth? \_\_\_\_\_ Does the natural man (the unsaved man) have the Teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Does the natural man understand what Jesus did on the cross for us? \_\_\_\_\_ What one word best describes the way the unsaved person feels about the cross? \_\_\_\_\_ If you share with a person that the only way he can be saved is by believing in a crucified Saviour, should you be surprised if he thinks you are foolish? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 Corinthians 1:18 what kind of person really understands the meaning of the cross? \_\_\_\_\_ Only God can open the eyes of the blind (see Acts 16:14 and 26:18). The natural man is spiritually blind and he cannot understand God’s truth. Only God can open the eyes of a natural man through the miracle of the new birth (John 3:3-5). The moment a person is born again (by believing in Christ as Saviour) he receives the Holy Spirit and as a newly born baby he begins to desire the pure milk of the Word of God so that he might learn and grow (see 1 Peter 2:2). The Holy Spirit is now his Teacher!

**Verse 15**—The spiritual man is the person who has the Holy Spirit (he is a believer in Christ) and who also allows the Spirit to teach him. The spiritual man loves the Word of God (Psalm 119:97) and his constant prayer to God is this: “\_\_\_\_\_ Thou mine \_\_\_\_\_, that I may behold \_\_\_\_\_ out of Thy \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalm 119:18).

## 2A. Why Was It Necessary For Christ To Die?

### Introduction

In Matthew 16:21 the Lord Jesus said He \_\_\_\_\_ go to Jerusalem. He knew that He would \_\_\_\_\_ many things and be \_\_\_\_\_ and on the third day He would be \_\_\_\_\_. Did Jesus believe His death was necessary? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Matthew 16:22. Did Peter believe it was necessary for Jesus to die? \_\_\_\_\_ Who inspired or influenced Peter to contradict what Christ had spoken (see verse 23)? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider John 10, verses 11-18. According to verse 11, did Jesus freely give His life or did others take it from Him? \_\_\_\_\_ In verse 15 Jesus said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ my life for the sheep." Could any man take the life of the Son of God from Him (verse 18)? \_\_\_\_\_ Who was it that freely gave His life on the cross (v.18)? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Luke 4:28-30. What happened when the angry mob tried to kill Jesus (verse 30)? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you think it would have been possible for the Lord's enemies to kill Him before it was time for Him to die on the cross (see John 7:30)? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Matthew 26:47-54. We learn in verse 53 that Jesus could have prayed and the Father would have given Him \_\_\_\_\_ to rescue Him from those men who were seeking to arrest Him and kill Him [Note: A "legion" was part of a Roman army that comprised between 3,000 and 6,000 men. The word is used to describe a very large number, as in Mark 5:9]. Did Jesus pray this prayer? \_\_\_\_\_ Read John 18:2-6. What happened to the band of officers when Jesus said, "I AM *HE*"? \_\_\_\_\_ Who was really in complete control of the situation, the arresting officers or the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

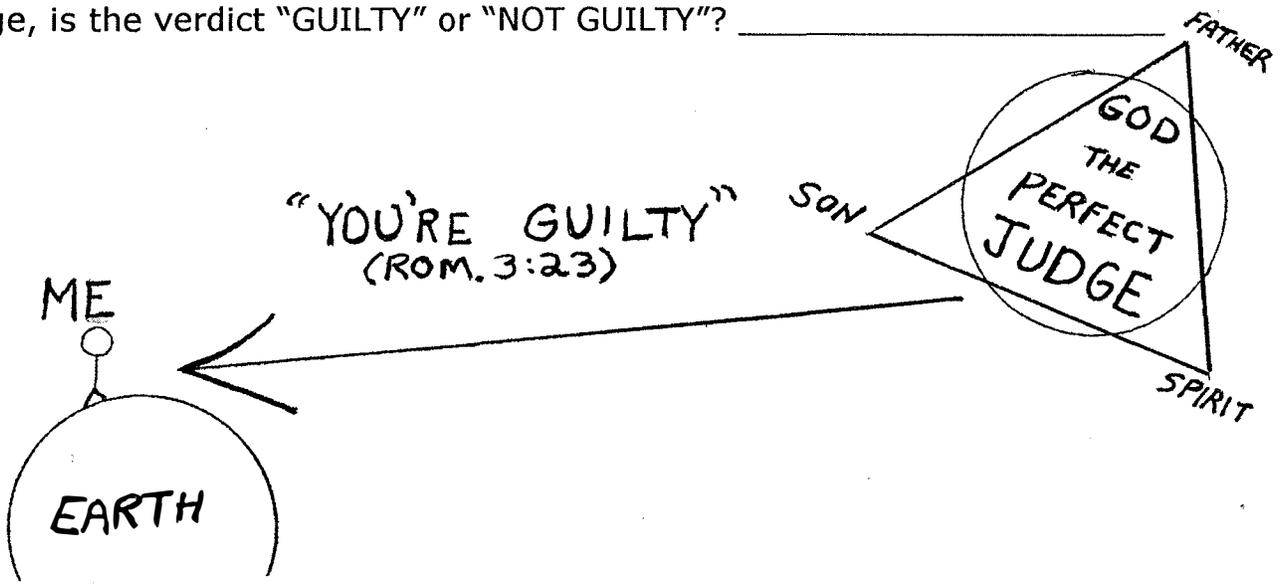
Read John 3:14. Was it necessary for the Son of man to be lifted up on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_ The Son of man (circle the correct answer): a. Should be lifted up. b. Might be lifted up. c. Must be lifted up d. May be lifted up. His death on Calvary's cross was an absolute necessity!

We have seen that it was absolutely necessary for Jesus to die on the cross. Now we must learn **why** He had to die. To understand **why** the Lord Jesus had to die we must study the **Four Basic Facts of the Gospel**:

### **The Four Basic Facts of the Gospel (Good News)**

#### **1B. FACT NUMBER 1– All men are guilty before God.**

Romans 3:19: "that \_\_\_\_\_ mouth may be stopped and \_\_\_\_\_ the world may become \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_." We have already studied that all men are sinful and wicked (see pages 5-7). As we stand before God the Righteous Judge, is the verdict "GUILTY" or "NOT GUILTY"? \_\_\_\_\_



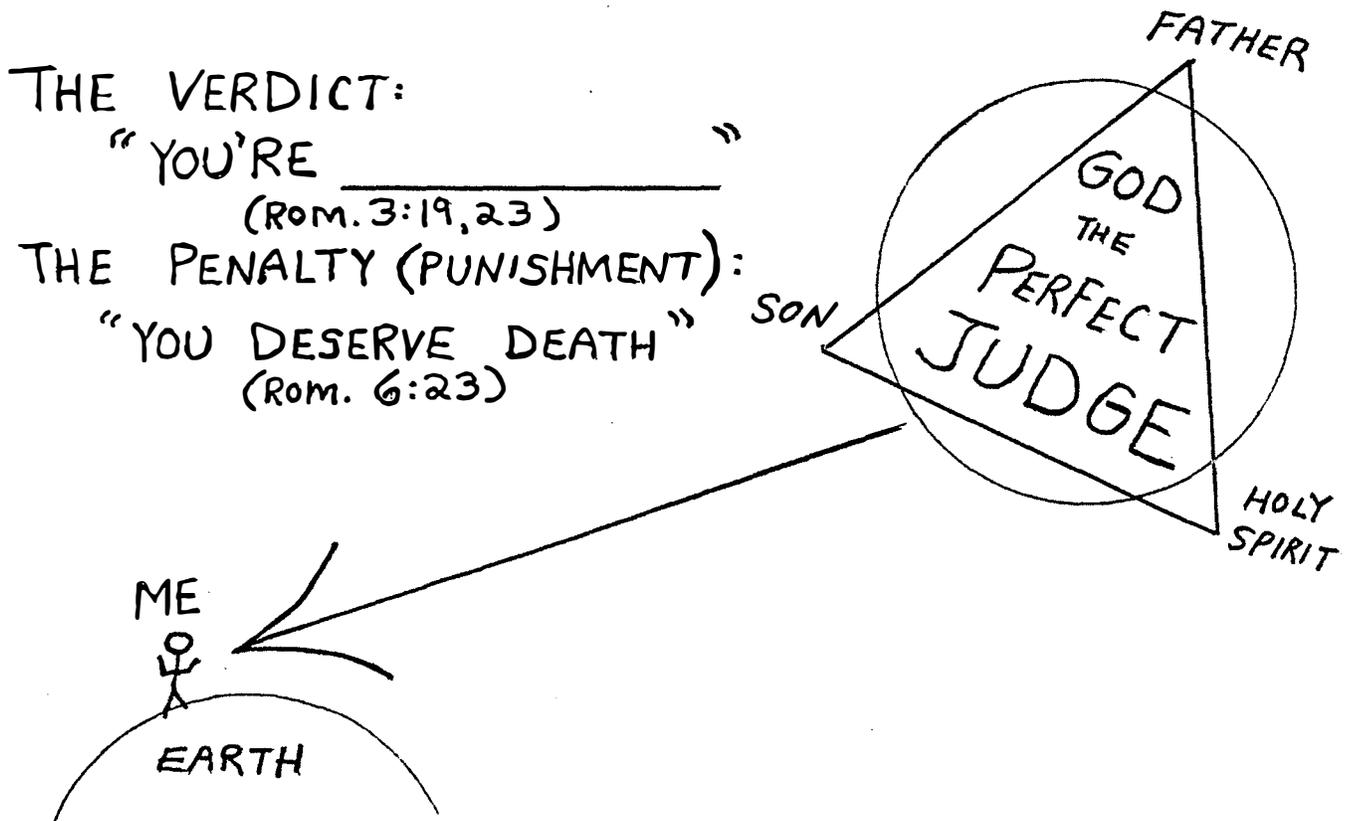
#### **2B. FACT NUMBER 2– There is a penalty for our guilt.**

Not only are we guilty, but there is a penalty involved! We learn in Ezekiel 18:4 that the person who sins shall \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, because of our sin we deserve (circle one): a) a \$500 fine b) 5 weeks in prison c) 10 years in prison d) the death penalty. Because of my sin I deserve the \_\_\_\_\_ penalty. In Genesis 2:17 we found that the penalty for Adam's sin was also the \_\_\_\_\_ penalty. What is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23)? \_\_\_\_\_ If you were paid \$10.00 per hour and you worked a 40 hour week, then you deserve to be paid how much money that week? \_\_\_\_\_ If your boss were fair and honest, then your wages for that week would be \_\_\_\_\_. God is perfectly fair and just. Because of our \_\_\_\_\_ we deserve to die. We have earned for ourselves the \_\_\_\_\_ penalty. God the Righteous Judge knows what kind of work we do as we live in sin each day and God's Word tells us that the wages of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:23).

### **What is this death penalty?**

We must remember that this death (Rom. 6:23) is more than just physical death, although physical death is certainly included as part of the consequences of sin (Gen. 3:19). Death means SEPARATION from God and unless a person is saved he will suffer eternal separation from the Lord. It also involves eternal punishment. According to 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, those who do not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ will be punished with \_\_\_\_\_ and they will be forever separated from the \_\_\_\_\_ and from \_\_\_\_\_ The wicked (unbelievers) will be sent into what kind of fire (Matthew 25:41)? \_\_\_\_\_ Hell was prepared for whom? \_\_\_\_\_ The wicked shall suffer what kind of punishment (Matthew 25:46)? \_\_\_\_\_ In Revelation 20:14 we learn that this eternal separation from God is called the \_\_\_\_\_ death. According to Revelation 20:15, what will happen to those who are not found written in the book of life? \_\_\_\_\_ In Revelation 21:8 the lake of fire is called \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Illustration of FACT NUMBER 2**



**3B. FACT NUMBER 3--The penalty must be paid.**

God the Righteous Judge cannot say, "You deserve the death penalty, but because I'm a merciful God I'll forget about that and I'll let you live!" If God were to do that, He might be merciful, but He would no longer be Just and He would no longer be Holy and He would no longer be Righteous! Imagine a human judge saying to a criminal, "I know you robbed that bank and shot the teller at the window but because I'm so merciful I'll forget it ever happened and I'll let you go free!" Would such a judge be exercising righteous justice? \_\_\_\_\_ Do criminals deserve to be punished? \_\_\_\_\_ Do guilty people deserve to be punished? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Romans 3:19 and 3:23, are you a guilty person? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you deserve to be punished? \_\_\_\_\_ What punishment (penalty) do you deserve? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Deuteronomy 25:1-2. If a person is righteous (innocent) then the judge should justify him (declare him to be innocent). If the person is innocent then the judge should say, "You're not guilty!" If the person is guilty, then he should be condemned. Read Deuteronomy 25:2. If the guilty man deserves to be beaten, should the judge let him go unpunished? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, God is the Perfect Judge. Is God ever unfair? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God ever make a mistake? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God see and understand all things? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God know all the facts? \_\_\_\_\_ Is God ever wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Is God ever unrighteous? \_\_\_\_\_ Is there ever a crime that God does not observe? \_\_\_\_\_ Is anything hidden from the eyes of God (Hebrews 4:13)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is God's verdict ever wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, as God the Perfect Judge sees you, what is the verdict (see page 13)? \_\_\_\_\_ Because of this verdict, what is the punishment (see pages 13-14)? \_\_\_\_\_

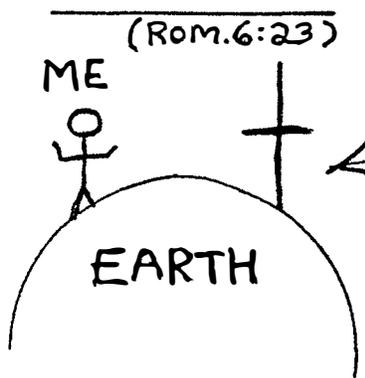
**4B. FACT NUMBER 4--Christ paid the penalty as our Substitute!**

We deserve the \_\_\_\_\_ penalty and this penalty M\_\_\_\_\_ be paid! We are all condemned sinners deserving an eternal death in the LAKE OF FIRE which is called the \_\_\_\_\_ (see Revelation 20:14 and 21:8), BUT, God sent His beloved Son into the world (read John 3:17) not to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but that the world through Him might be \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to pay the DEATH PENALTY for Me! He took my place and He died for me!

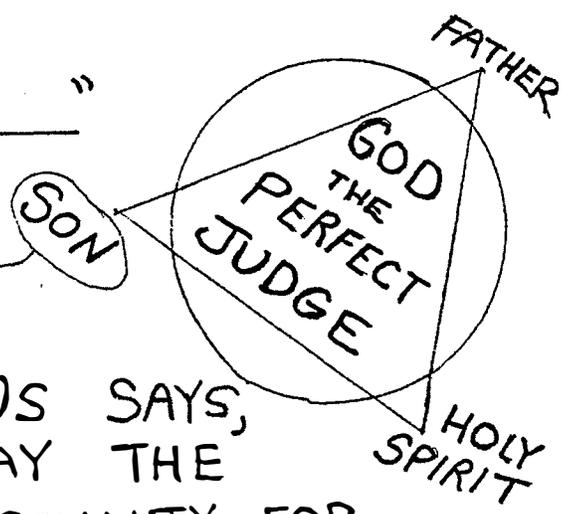
THE VERDICT: "YOU'RE \_\_\_\_\_"  
(Rom. 3:19,23)

THE PENALTY:  
"YOU DESERVE"  
(Rom. 6:23)



(1 TIMOTHY 1:15)

JESUS SAYS,  
"I'LL PAY THE \_\_\_\_\_ PENALTY FOR YOU! I'LL DIE SO THAT YOU CAN LIVE!"  
(1 CORINTHIANS 15:3)



According to 1 Corinthians 15:3, what did the Lord Jesus do for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus paid the death penalty that I deserved! In Romans 5:6 we learn that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for what kind of people? \_\_\_\_\_ In Romans 5:8 we discover that even when we were yet \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. In Galatians 1:4 we learn that Christ gave Himself on the cross for whose sins? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, who paid the penalty for our sins? \_\_\_\_\_ Who deserved to pay the penalty for our sins? \_\_\_\_\_ Who paid the penalty even though He didn't deserve it? \_\_\_\_\_ Christ bore whose sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24)? \_\_\_\_\_ What do you think "tree" means in this verse (compare Acts 5:30 and 10:39)? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times did Christ suffer for sins (1 Peter 3:18)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, is it necessary for Christ to die again on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the Just One (the Righteous One) that this verse is talking about? \_\_\_\_\_ Who are the unjust ones (the unrighteous ones)? \_\_\_\_\_ Christ died for us in order that He might B \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Who knew no sin? \_\_\_\_\_ Who was made sin for us? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was He made sin for us? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Isaiah chapter 53 and circle every verse that tells us about Christ dying for our sins:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10      11      12

The following statements are either **True or False**. Put a **T** before those statements that are True and put an **F** before those that are false:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's enemies could have killed Him at any time.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus freely lay down His life on the cross.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ It was absolutely necessary for Christ to die so that we could be saved.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter did not want Christ to be killed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ As the Righteous Judge of the Universe sees you and sees the way you have lived, the verdict is "Not Guilty!"
6. \_\_\_\_\_ All men are guilty before God, but because God is loving and merciful, there is no penalty for our guilt.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The wages of sin is a free trip to heaven.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The penalty of death which sinful man has earned for himself (Rom. 6:23) has nothing to do with eternal separation from God and punishment by God, but it merely means that someday we must die physically.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ A Holy God must judge and punish sin.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ All men will spend eternity in the lake of fire.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ No one will spend eternity in the lake of fire.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The lake of fire is called the second death which involves separation from a Holy God and eternal punishment.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ A fair and righteous judge is one who does not punish the criminal.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ God sent His Son into the world to condemn the world.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus died as my Substitute which means that He died in my place.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus the Righteous One died for unrighteous me.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus died so that I might live!
18. \_\_\_\_\_ God showed His great love towards us by forgetting about our sin.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ God showed His great love towards us by sending His Son to die for our sin.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ I believe with all my heart that the Lord Jesus Christ paid the death penalty for my sin and I'll always be thankful for what He did for me on the cross.