



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

"Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart."

—Roy Lessin

Welcome to *Jesus is the Gift* online Bible study.

I am delighted that you have joined our class. It is my prayer that God will use this study to build your faith, enrich your life, and help you to celebrate Jesus Christ, the most valuable gift God could ever give you, and the most wonderful gift your heart could ever receive.

Thank you and God bless you,

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WHAT IS A GIFT?

A gift is something that is freely given to you by someone else. A gift is not a prize you have won, a reward you have achieved, or a bonus you have earned.

WHY IS A GIFT GIVEN?

A gift is given to you with one specific purpose in mind—that you receive it. Even though a gift may come beautifully wrapped, the giver never intended for you to look at the wrapping and walk away but to open the package and enjoy the gift inside.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is God’s gift to you.

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

II Corinthians 9:15

And what a glorious gift He is! In Romans 6:23 we read, “*The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” According to this Scripture, when you receive the gift of Jesus Christ, what else do you receive?

Romans 6:23 gives us an amazing insight. It tells us that eternal life is not found in a certain place we go to when we die, but rather, eternal life is found in a certain person, and that person is Jesus Christ.

Think of it, when you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as your Savior, His very life enters into yours. Truly, Jesus Christ is God’s indescribable gift!

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST AND WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

In I John 5:5 we read, ***“Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”*** What title is given to Jesus Christ in this Scripture?

In John 8:28 Jesus referred to Himself by what title?
So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand....”

As you can see, Jesus is an amazing person. There is no one else like Him. Jesus carries two very important titles. One title is The Son of God and the other is The Son of Man. Why does Jesus carry these two different titles?

Jesus was not 50% God and 50% man. Rather, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is rightly called the God-Man. How could Jesus be called both the Son of God and the Son of Man?

To understand this better we must go back and see where Jesus came from.

When we think about where Jesus came from we usually go back to His birth in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. But, before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He lived somewhere else.

Let's look at a conversation that Jesus had one day with some Jewish leaders...

"For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." At this the Jews began to grumble about Him because He said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can He now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

John 6:40-42

Where did Jesus say He came from?

Before Jesus came to earth, His home was in heaven. Because Jesus is God's Son, it means that everything that is true about God in His nature and character is true about Jesus. Jesus is eternal.

Here are some amazing verses from the Bible that tell us more about who Jesus is. Write down everything you discover.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.

Colossians 1:15

He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:17

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command.

Hebrews 1:3

(Note: Within the following passage of Scripture Jesus is called "the Word.")

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He existed in the beginning with God.³ God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him.⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.

John 1:1-4

Think of it. The One who created everything left heaven and came to earth as a man. The Bible tells us that one of the names given to Jesus is "Emmanuel." "Emmanuel" means "God is with us." Yes, in Jesus Christ, God became a man.

What does the following Scripture tell us about what happened to God's Son (the Word) at the manger in Bethlehem?

So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:14

Why did Jesus leave heaven and come to earth? What was the purpose of His mission?

He came because we needed Him. He came to be our Shepherd because we were like sheep that had gone astray; He came to be our Savior because we were sinners and needed to be forgiven; He came to be our Redeemer because we were lost and needed to be brought back into a right relationship with God.

What do the following Scriptures teach us about why Jesus came to earth?

***For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save that which was lost.***

Luke 19:10

***I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have it more abundantly.***

John 10:10

How did Jesus accomplish the purpose for which He came? What do the following Scriptures tell us?

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:8-10

That's right! Jesus came from heaven to die upon a cross and shed His blood so that you could be forgiven. He didn't die for His sins, for He was without sin, but He died for your sins. It is because of His death upon the cross that you can be saved and receive the gift of eternal life.

Read these wonderful words in Romans 5:16-17

And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Jesus died so you could live, and He rose from the dead so that He could live in you. Jesus Christ is God's perfect gift to you, but you must receive this gift if He is to be yours.

Will you receive Him?

Consider the following Scripture:

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

John 1:12

Write down your decision to receive the gift of God, Jesus Christ, into your life as your Savior and Lord.

Please visit www.JesusistheGift.com to contact us and tell us of your decision.
We would love to hear from you.



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