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- Go to www.wolcarlsbad.com and download my ebook, "I Choose Jesus." Read it and gives the link to anyone you share the gospel with.
- Read chapters 1-15 of "Soul Winning" but T.L. Osborn and LaDonna Osborn. These are required by the end of the class.
- I highly recommend you read remaining chapters of "Soul Winning" but T.L. Osborn and LaDonna Osborn. These are not required, but highly suggested. You can read these chapters after the class is over.

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Lesson One - The Great Commission

I. Great missionary quotes.

- A. It has been well said that “missions is the supreme task of the church.” Or some have said it this way, “world evangelism is the supreme task of the church.”
- B. “The reason God created you, and the reason He left you on earth after He saved you are two different things. He created you for fellowship with Him, but He left you here after He saved you, to seek and to save that which was lost.” — David Emigh
- C. "Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." —Oswald J. Smith, (a Canadian evangelical preacher and author)
- D. “it’s not the great commission, it’s the ONLY commission.” —Terry Mize
- E. “I have the greatest job in the world, I get to travel the world giving Living Bread to dying men.” —Terry Mize
- F. "No one has the right to hear the gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once." — Oswald J Smith
- G. "The church that does not evangelize will fossilize." —Oswald J Smith
- H. "We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first".—Oswald J Smith

II. Statistics

- A. World wide death statistics. **Per Minute:** Around 120 deaths **Per Hour:** Approximately 7,201 deaths **Per Day:** About 172,824 deaths

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- B. 29-32% of the world's population profess Christianity. 83 people enter eternity without Christ every minute.
- C. If every Christian could reach just two, we would finish the great commission.

III. What did Jesus Himself say?

- A. **Matthew 28:18-20**
- B. **Mark 16:15-18**
- C. **Luke 24:46-49**
- D. **John 20:21-23**
- E. **Acts 1:8**

IV. The New Testament pattern. **Acts 14:27**

- A. Notice, they didn't go out and tell what was happening at church. They went out preaching the gospel and doing the works of Jesus. Then they came back to the church and gave a report. **Acts 15:4**,

- B. We have turned "evangelism" into "inviting people to church."

V. Out of his belly. **John 7:37-39** *On the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart (belly - KJV) will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet [given,] because Jesus was not yet glorified."*

- A. **Verses 37-38** in the **Mirror Study Bible** say, "On the final day, the crescendo of the eight-day Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus, knowing that he is the completeness of every prophetic picture and promise, cried out with a loud voice, if anyone is thirsty, let him come and stand face-to-face with me and drink! 38 In your realizing that I am

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what the Scriptures are all about, you will discover uniquely for yourself, face to face with me, that you are what I am all about and rivers of living waters will gush out of your innermost being!"

1. Maybe that's why, when Peter and John encountered the lame man at the temple gate in **Acts chapter 3**, they said, "*Look at us.*" **Acts 3:1-8**
2. Perhaps they understood that just as Jesus is everything the Scriptures say, they were everything He said.
3. This is why Jesus said, in **John 14:12**

B. "He that believeth... AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID..." **John 7:38 King James Version** "*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*" "*Rivers of living waters will gush out of your innermost being!*"

C. Preaching Jesus will become as unstoppable as is stopping a river. You can try to dam it up, but it will go over, around, or it will break the day. Sharing Jesus is not hard once you see the image in the mirror.

VI. Why be Happy With a Well, When Jesus Promised a River?

A. Jesus said, when He encountered the woman at the well in Samaria, **John 4:14 KJV**, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*"

B. Notice, He spoke of a well of water, living water that is, because He said It would be springing up into "*everlasting life.*"

C. **John 4:14 -vs- John 7:38**. One is a well, and the other is a river. The well is in you, springing up. The river flows out of you. The well of living water gives you everlasting life, because it remains in you. But the river is a source of life to others, because it flows out of you.

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VII. In **Luke 24:49**, Jesus told the disciples, “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” He told them to wait for the power first. The well can never be called “power,” that’s the river. In **Acts 1:5 and 8** He said, *“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ... 8 ‘But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’”*

- A. As important as the commission was, Jesus told them to wait for the power.
- B. When you try to be witnesses without the power, it is like trying to water the farm by drawing water, one bucket at a time, from the well. You need a river to water the farm.

VIII. **Matthew 28:18-20**

- A. *“Authority”* from the Greek word, *“exousía.”* Power is not a bad translation, but there are some other possible english words that could have been used that would have been more descriptive in this context.
 - 1. *“Potentate,”* which describe a what a king or ruler has, could have been used. *“Authority,”* which is what numerous other translators chose. *“Jurisdiction,”* speaks of the realm of one’s authority, i.e. a sheriff’s jurisdiction is the county that he is elected to serve as the chief law enforcement officer.
 - 2. Jesus said, *“heaven and earth are my jurisdiction.”* Let’s take a little time here to discuss this.
 - 3. I really like this English word, *“jurisdiction”* here. Jesus is telling us, as the Son of God, I have authority in heaven (**Philippians 2:10** *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth*).

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- B. Because I came into the earth through physical human birth, I have legal jurisdiction here, I authorized you to go and preach the gospel, and furthermore, I authorize you to use my name to execute another kind of power, “dynamis.” This is the word that would be used to refer to the power of a lion, an army, or atomic bomb. It means force, miraculous power, ability, strength. It is where we get the word, “dynamite.”
- C. You shall receive dynamis. **Acts 1:4-8**

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Lesson One - The Great Commission - Worksheet

1. From the “Great Missionary Quotes,” give one that speaks to you in a powerful way. Explain why.

2. Why did I say, “it is possible that we could finish the great commission today?”

3. Where in the Bible is the Great Commission found?

4. What did Jesus tell us to go preach?

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5. From **Acts 14:27**, what did I say is the New Testament pattern. How is that different from what much of the church has told us to do?

6. Explain how important it is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit for effective evangelism.

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7. In **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus said, “*All authority is given to me...*” What is the Greek word for “*authority*,” and what does it mean?

8. In **Acts 1:8**, Jesus said, “*You shall receive power...*” What is the Greek word for “*power*,” and what does it mean?

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9. Explain the difference in **John 4:14**, and **John 7:38**.

10. What evangelism tool did Peter and John used in **Acts 3:1-8**?

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Lesson Two - What the Gospel is

I. Repentance according to Jesus. **Mark 1:14-15**

A. Paul tells us what the gospel is. **Romans 1:16**

1. Paul did not say, "I am not ashamed of Christ." He said, *"I am not a shamed of the GOSPEL— the MESSAGE— the GOOD NEWS of Christ!"*
2. If it doesn't reveal the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ alone, it is not the gospel of Christ.
3. Must reveal the righteousness of God.
 - a) **Philippians 3:9**
 - b) **Romans 5:17**
4. Justification by faith
 - a) **Romans 3:28**
 - b) **Romans 5:1**
 - c) **Galatians 2:16**
5. Living by faith
 - a) **Habakkuk 2:4**
 - b) **Romans 1:17**
 - c) **Galatians 3:11**
 - d) **Hebrews 10:38**
 - e) **Romans 3:27**

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II. The gospel of Christ is the power of God. **Romans 1:16**

A. Not the Gospel of Jesus, but the Gospel of Christ.

1. The gospel of Jesus would be the good news of the life and ministry of Jesus, the man. **Acts 1:1**
2. The gospel of Christ, is the anointing in you. **Colossians 1:27**
 - a) Revelation of this mystery will lift you. **1 Corinthians 2:7**
Amplified *“but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom once hidden [from man, but now revealed to us by God, that wisdom] which God predestined before the ages to our glory [to lift us into the glory of His presence].”*
 - b) A mystery revealed is no longer a mystery. **Ephesians 3:9**
3. Here Jesus introduces the gospel of Christ. **John 14:12**

III. The gospel of Jesus is the good news of His life and the wonderful things He did in His earthly ministry. The gospel of Christ is “Christ in you...”

A. Do not become partakers with those who deny the gospel. **2 Timothy 3:1**

1. **Romans 6:23**

2. If we preach salvation by a change of behavior, we deny the power.

- a) Grace through faith, the only way to salvation. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
- b) We do not evangelize to bring them under the law, but to faith in Christ. **Romans 3:19-20**

B. How do you use the law “lawfully?” **1 Timothy 1:8-11**

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1. To use the law lawfully, it must be used according to its intended purpose. **Galatians 3:24**

2. *Through the law comes the knowledge of sin.* **Romans 7:7**

a) **Romans 7:8**

b) I was dying but I didn't know what was killing me. **Romans 7:9-14**

c) The gospel tells me how to be free from sin. **Romans 7:15-23**

d) God, through Christ delivered me. **Romans 7:24-25**

IV. The gospel of Jesus, or the gospel of Christ?

A. What Jesus did in His life 2,000 years ago changes nothing for me today. But Christ in me changes everything.

B. Christ in me is the power of God to soteria

C. σωτηρία sōtēría, so-tay-ree'-ah; feminine of a derivative of G4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally): —deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

D. The word of Christ. **Romans 10:17 New King James.** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* **Romans 10:17 New American Standard.** *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

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Lesson Two - What the Gospel is - Worksheet

1. What is the definition of “gospel?”

2. Is everything in the Bible “gospel?” If “no,” give me an example of something in the Bible that is not gospel.

3. In **Romans 1:16**, did Paul say he was not ashamed of Jesus? If no, what did he say? What does that mean?

4. What does **Romans 1:16** say the gospel is?

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5. **Romans 1:17** tells us how to identify the gospel. How do you identify it?

6. **1 Corinthians 2:7** speaks of the wisdom of God being a mystery. Is it a mystery to us? Why, or why not?

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7. **2 Timothy 3:5** says, “*having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away.*” What is the power Paul is talking about here?

8. How did you become a sinner? Answer with scripture.

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9. How does a man become righteous? Answer with scripture.

10. What is the purpose of the law? Answer with scripture.

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Lesson Three - What The World Needs to Know

- I. Our calling...till everyone knows God is madly in love with them. **Romans 10:18**
 - A. God so loved them. **John 3:16**
 - 1. Sinners love those who them. Maybe they don't know. **Luke 6:32**
 - 2. Their debt has been paid. **1 John 2:1**
 - a) *propitiation* = hilasmos hil-as-mos' - 1) an appeasing, 2) the means of appeasing
 - b) While we were still sinners. **Romans 5:8**
- II. Everyone... why they need Jesus. **Romans 3:23**
 - A. Sinner by virtue of being a descendent of Adam. **Romans 5:12**
 - B. The only way to enter the kingdom of God. **John 3:3**
 - C. Salvation is for all. **Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13**
 - D. God doesn't demand that we get good enough before we can come to Him. **Ephesians 2:8**
 - E. Repentance for remission of sins. **Luke 24:47**
 - 1. Repentance = metanoia met-an'-oy-ah - 1) a change of mind
 - 2. A change of mind... belief. **Acts 19:4** *Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."*
 - 3. Repentance – from an unbeliever to a believer.
- III. What happens when a person is born again?

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A. Passed from death to life; darkness to light. **Colossians 1:13**

B. Son of God. **John 1:12**

C. New creature in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

IV. Use your testimony. **Acts 26:8-23**

A. What did Paul say about repentance? Note the order. **Acts 26:20**

1. Repentance - change your mind... turn to God.
2. The result is good works. **Acts 26:20 (Amplified)** *but I openly proclaimed first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent [change their inner self--their old way of thinking] and turn to God, doing deeds and living lives which are consistent with repentance.*
3. **Acts 26:20 (Bible in Basic English)** *But I went about, first to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, and through all the country of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, preaching a change of heart, so that they, being turned to God, might give, in their works, the fruits of a changed heart.*

B. When using your testimony, don't make the focus how bad you were, but how good Jesus is.

C. Notice how Paul wrapped this testimony up. **Acts 26:24-29**

V. The sinner's prayer. **Romans 10:9**

A. If we confess our sins. **1 John 1:8**

1. To deny that you have sinned is to say, "I don't need a Savior."
2. To confess your sins is not the confession of every single individual sin. It is to acknowledge we need help.
3. Guilty of all. **James 2:10**

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- B. Something I can feel? – Nowhere in scripture are we told we should feel something or not feel something.

VI. What to do now?

A. Read the Bible. **1 Peter 2:2**

1. Faith comes from hearing the Word of God. **Romans 10:17**
2. Study of the Word of God will cause you to continue to believe. **1 John 5:13**

B. Prayer will help you to "not faint." **Luke 18:1**

C. Fellowship with other believers. **Hebrews 10:24**

D. Share what God has done for them. **Matthew 10:32, Luke 12:8**

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Lesson Three - What the World Needs to Know - Worksheet

1. What did I say is the reason sinners don't love Jesus? Prove your answer with scripture.

2. According to **John 1:12**, what do you become when you receive Jesus?

3. What scripture do we base the sinners prayer on? Write out a prayer you would use to lead someone to receive Jesus as their savior.

4. **1 John 1:8** says, "*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*" Give me another scripture that shows why I would be a liar to say we have no sin.

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5. If we say we have no sin, what, in essence are we saying?

6. Give two scriptures that tell us who can be saved?

7. What is wrong with basing your salvation on feelings? It's there any scripture that tells us we should feel saved?

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8. Explain to me what happened when you accepted Jesus as your Savior.

9. In **Acts 26**, when Paul used his testimony, did he say anything about a change of behavior? If yes, what did he say?

10. Your testimony is a powerful tool for evangelism. Write yours out.

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Lesson Four - I Choose Jesus

I. You Must Be Born Again

- A. A conversation between Nicodemus, and Jesus, in which Jesus introduces us to a new term, “born again”. **John 3:1**
- B. Seeing the kingdom of God is contingent upon being born again. The word “see” is translated from the Greek word “oida” which means to perceive with any of the senses, to experience, or to get knowledge of.

II. What is the New Birth?

- A. In order to do or experience anything “again” you must have already done or experienced it at least once.
- B. What happened at the first birth? To be “born” again means that you are repeating the birth experience. In **John 3:6**, Jesus says, *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”* thus answering Nicodemus’ question about entering a second time into his mother’s womb. He makes it very clear that the first birth was a flesh birth, but the second is a spirit birth.
- C. Jesus also confirms this. **John 3:5**
 - 1. Does being born of the water refers to water baptism?
 - 2. At the time of birth the “water” broke and you were born shortly thereafter.
 - 3. Your flesh is what was born of the water, or of the flesh, but your spirit is born of the Spirit of God.
 - 4. The seed of the Word of God was planted in your heart that resulted in the new, or spirit birth. **1 Peter 1:23**
 - 5. The new birth or spirit birth is that moment of passage from one realm, the kingdom of darkness or death, to another, the kingdom

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of light or life, or God. All three of the following verses are talking about the new birth.

- a) **John 5:24**
- b) **1 John 3:14**
- c) **Colossians 1:13**

III. Why Do We Need A New Birth?

- A. Man was created in the image and likeness of God; created to live in the kingdom of God. In **Genesis chapter 1** we read,
- B. **Genesis 2:16**
- C. **Genesis 5:3** and **5** tell us Adam lived 930 years. We don't know how old Adam was when the fall occurred but we do know he lived physically for many years after the fall. That is to say Adam did not die physically the day he ate of the forbidden fruit. Did God lie, or is there something else we need to understand here?
- D. Adam did die that day, but it was a spiritual death that eventually manifested itself in physical death.

IV. New Birth is the Door. He was not trying to keep some people out of heaven, but rather was telling everyone how to get in. **John 3:3, John 14:6**

- A. The Key That Opens the Door
- B. **Romans 10:6-11**
 - 1. Paul tells us here that we don't need Jesus to come do something. He already did everything necessary.
- C. Totally by God's Grace. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
 - 1. Grace is sometimes defined as "unmerited favor".

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2. “Unmerited” means you didn’t deserve it.
 3. “Favor” cannot be earned or deserved or it is not favor.
 4. God showed favor toward you for no other reason except that He loves you. He loves you, not because of what you did or did not do, but because of who He is... He is love. **(1 John 4:8)**
- V. God was unwilling to be separated from you. You’re were unable to help yourself, your inability to meet the righteous standard of God, prompted Him to go outside of you and do something that would take your ability to perform completely out of the equation. **Romans 5:17-19**
- A. One man, Adam stood as a representative of the entire human race.
 - B. We were all in Adam.
 - C. Death was Adam’s unmerited gift to us.
 - D. When you make that decision to accept Jesus as your Savior, just like Adam’s sin was counted to you as though you had done it, now Jesus’ perfect righteous act is counted to you as though you had done it.
 1. He traded places with you.
 2. Adam’s sin, our sin, and was fully punished, and we, by accepting His substitutionary work are counted as righteous. Righteousness is God’s unmerited gift to us.
 3. Now because you accepted the gift of righteousness there is no more punishment for you.
- VI. So What Now?
- A. Since you did nothing to earn this righteousness, there is nothing you must do to keep it. It is a gift.

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B. Read these verses from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Christians at Galatia. **Galatians 3:1-6**

C. Everything you will ever receive from God comes the same way, by believing Jesus did the work on the cross and God now offers it to you as a free gift.

D. **Romans 5:1-2**

E. *Having been justified...* Past tense. He did not say in order to be justified (justified means you were declared to be righteous, or in right standing with God).

1. He also tells how you were justified, by faith. Faith in what? Faith in what Jesus did at the cross.
2. We have peace with God.
3. You currently have access to everything Jesus went to the cross to provide for you. Access the same way as you accessed your salvation.

VII. What About Good Works, going to church and giving up all the things I used to do?

A. FOR good works, not by good works. **Ephesians 2:10**

B. The term, "in Christ Jesus" indicates how you are specially equipped for the purpose of good works. **Acts 10:38**

C. No amount of good works were enough to bring you into right standing with God, and no amount of good works will be enough to keep you in right standing with God.

D. **Ephesians 1:13**

E. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

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VIII. What about going to church? Understand the purpose of going to church. This topic could be an entire book in itself, but I will summarize.

A. Pastors are instructed to feed the flock of God. **1 Peter 5:2 (KJV)**
Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereof], not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

B. **Ephesians 4:11**

C. Going to church was never intended to appease God. He has already been appeased by Jesus' work on the cross. Church attendance is about you receiving pastoral teaching and care, and about coming into a partnership with other believers around the common purpose of propagating the gospel.

IX. Read Your Bible. The primary purpose for reading your Bible is to know God.

A. I don't read my Bible to get God to love me. I read it to know He does.

B. When you read your Bible look for Jesus, or we could say, anything that reveals Jesus to you. Each time you start to read ask Holy Spirit to show you Jesus in what you read. **2 Corinthians 3:18**

C. Read it as a revelation of Jesus and of who you are in Him. **1 Corinthians 6:17**

D. God says I will take the very essence, the very core, the hard heart out of you and replace it with the very core of who I am, a brand new heart or spirit in you. **Ezekiel 11:19**

X. Shouldn't I Pray?

A. Have a Father-child conversation with Him. He is not going to refuse to hear you just because you aren't really proficient at this prayer thing yet. **Luke 12:32**

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- B. Take time to listen, and expect Him to talk back to you. **Hebrews 4:16**

XI. Live Jesus

- A. Plug in to a local church where you can be taught the Word of God and participate in things that contribute to your spiritual growth. **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- B. It has been well said there is strength in numbers. You are a part now of the family of God. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

XII. **Tell Somebody.** Now that you have received Jesus as your Savior you are assured that when your life on earth comes to an end you will spend eternity with Jesus. That is such an amazing peace to know you will not go to hell. However Jesus died for every person on earth and has asked you to help reach them with the same good news you heard.

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Lesson Four - I Choose Jesus - Worksheet

1. I'm **John 3:5**, Jesus said, "*unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*" Is t his referring to water baptism? If no, what does it mean?

2. When we are born again, what is the seed we are born of?

3. In **John 14:6**, Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*" Why did He say that?

4. Referring to the previous question. Was Jesus trying to keep people of other religions out of heaven? If no, what was He doing?

5. Explain **Ephesians 2:8-9**

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6. I said, "if you could trace your DNA back far enough, you would find..."

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7. How did you be come a sinner? Answer with scripture.

How did you be come righteous? Answer with scripture.

8. When we tell a new believer to read the Bible, what should we tell the to look for?

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9. List three things you should tell a new believer to do, including scripture a to support them, to help them get started following Jesus.
