

Step By Step Through The Bible With Children

**"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children."**

(Isaiah 54:13)

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LESSON 3 -

HEAVEN

JESUS told Nicodemus that he must be born again and receive a new life, a spirit-life if he wanted to live in Heaven.

Let us see how much we remember about our lesson on the New Birth.

How do we obtain it? "By believing in JESUS."

Whose life is it? "JESUS' resurrection life. This new life is JESUS living in our hearts and using our hands, our feet, our lips for right words and deeds, instead of wrong, bad, sinful words and deeds, such as come from our natural hearts."

What else do we obtain besides a new life? A new name, a new Father, a new home, etc.

Nicodemus had the same kind of life which his father and mother had, just as you and I have. It was the same kind of life Adam and Eve had after they disobeyed GOD and lost His image and likeness. It fitted Nicodemus to live in this earth, but not in Heaven. Just as you and I have life for this earth, but not for Heaven.

Today I wish to tell you something about Heaven. Heaven is GOD's home, and His Word tells us that our eyes have never seen, nor our ears ever heard, and our hearts have never imagined anything so perfect and beautiful as that home we call Heaven.

It is a glorious place because there is no sin there, no sorrow, no death, and no tears. GOD also tells us that nothing hateful or bad can enter into Heaven (Read Revelation 21, 22), for then Heaven would be spoiled, just as our beautiful earth is spoiled because of sin.

Only the redeemed, which means the saved, will be there. Only those who believe that JESUS died for them, and have had their hearts washed in JESUS' precious blood will be in that new

home.

In Heaven all of the redeemed will sing a new song, a song of praise to JESUS for what He has done. Their song will be (Revelation 1:5), "**Unto him that loved us; and washed us from our sins in his own blood.**" The song will tell all that JESUS has done - there will not be a thing sung about anything that we have done. Let us all repeat the new song together. Now once more.

What did JESUS do? "He loved us - He washed us in His precious blood." Let us repeat that beautiful song again. "Unto him that loved us," etc.

What kind of people will be in Heaven? "Washed people." Yes, people who believe that JESUS died for their sins, people who have been washed in His blood.

Some of us may think that we are very good, and that we have never done anything very wrong, but GOD tells us that our thoughts, our desires, and our deeds are wrong. Our nature is the wrong kind of nature for Heaven. He tells us that we need to be cleansed from sin in JESUS' blood, and receive His nature.

When we invite Him to come into our hearts to live, we belong to JESUS and must learn to do and go His way and not our way. We forget so easily and quickly to whom we belong, and then evil thoughts, angry words, selfish deeds creep in, and we are like our old sinful self, and not like JESUS.

We are little Christians now. We must learn to let JESUS rule our hearts and lives completely. When we do wrong we must confess our sin. That means to tell JESUS about it. Tell Him that we are sorry, ask Him to forgive us and help us never do it again. Let us ask Him to teach us to let Him live all of His life in us.

Suppose you went to Heaven not having asked JESUS to wash away your sin (because you thought that you were good enough and had never done anything wrong), there would be one sinner in Heaven who had never been washed, and who could not sing this beautiful song of praise. Besides, Heaven would be no longer a place where there would be no sin, no sorrow. You would be there with all of your sin, and Heaven would be spoiled.

That is why JESUS said to Nicodemus, "**Ye must be born again.**" In other words, you must believe in JESUS, and let Him give you a new life that will fit you for Heaven.

Perhaps there are some here today who know that you are sinners and that you need JESUS, who would like to ask Him to wash your hearts in His precious blood and give you His life. If so, you may raise your hands and I will help you ask JESUS to save you.

We are told to believe in our hearts. *JESUS* can see the heart. We are told to confess with our lips in order that *others* may know that we believe in JESUS (Romans 10:9, 10).

All who believe this wonderful Good News story may say after me, "I believe that JESUS died for my sins; (all repeat). I now take Him as my Saviour. Amen."

To whom do you now belong? Yes, JESUS.

How can you grow each day to be more like Him? By learning about Him and reading His Word - the Bible.

Just as JESUS was about to return to His Heavenly Father after He had finished His work for sinners here on earth, He said to His disciples. "**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen**" (Matthew 28:19-20). JESUS meant that everyone who hears the good news, that JESUS died for sinners, should go and tell it to others, and that He would be with them always as they were telling that news.

Each one of you who has received JESUS into his or her heart should tell your parents, your brothers and sisters, and your playmates that JESUS died for them also.

Perhaps they will not like to hear it, but JESUS said, "Never mind, I will be with you and will bless you for doing it, and I will bless the words you say about Me."

JESUS can use and bless even little children when they tell others about him, and many little children have led their parents and friends to JESUS.

Let us stand and sing, "Take It Wherever You Go," "Tell It Wherever You Go." "Live It Wherever You Go." (Ask two children to step forward and hold the Bible while you sing.)

Lesson: Revelation 21 and 22.

Memory verse: John 3 :18.

We cannot urge too strongly, that the teachers read this volume and all the following volumes through many times until the truth, and the background of the Bible, becomes so familiar that it will not be hard to tell it to the children in your classes.

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