

Student Bible Study on Baptism

Take time to read and investigate the following points. The fill-in-the-blank sections correspond with the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible. If you don't have an NIV Bible, you can still read along in your own Bible. An answer key is available at the end of this study guide to provide any fill-in-the-blanks to which you cannot immediately discover an answer. (scroll to bottom for printable version)

1. GOD CREATED . . .

- Space, Earth, Trees, Water, Animals, EVERYTHING!
- Name some other things God created:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- _____ created you just like an artist painting a masterpiece!

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's WORKMANSHIP, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

WORKMANSHIP means a work of art.

You are God's work of art.

God made you because He _____ you and has great plans for your life!

- Read Genesis 1:28-31

God saw all that He had made and it was _____.
In fact it was perfect

Until...

2. SIN ruined God's perfect creation.

- Read James 4:17

Sin: Choosing to disobey what you know God would want you to do.

- God hates _____ so much that he cannot be around it.

Is there any food that makes you sick? For some people they hate a food so much they can't even stand the smell of it! They have to get it out of the room. That's how God is with sin. He is so pure he cannot even stand for sin to be in his presence.

Habakkuk 1:13 says that God's eyes are too pure to even look on sin.

- Sin is an attitude & an action

Sin is 100% rotten.

God is 100% pure.

3. Who has sinned?

- "For all have sinned and fall short of God's glory." Romans 3:23

Does that mean...

1. A few people have sinned?
2. Nobody has sinned?
3. Everybody has sinned?

_____ has disobeyed God's good rules. EVERYBODY

- Can you name a specific time when you sinned against God and broke one of His rules? _____
- Read Matthew 5:48

How good would a person have to be to live with God in heaven?

Have you always lived your life that way? _____

- Read Romans 6:23

What are wages? _____

Because of our sin we have earned _____

- So let's break it down

God hates _____.

God loves _____.

All people have sinned.

Some people think that if they are good enough, they can erase the sin in their life.

Some people think that if they pray enough, they can erase the sin in their life.

But nothing we do is enough to erase the sin in our lives because the sin is too big.

No one could ever be _____ to be with God because _____ of us have broken God's rules at some time.

4. God looked down from heaven and saw that we could never get rid of the sin in our lives. We could never get to heaven on our own. So He created a way.

- Read again Romans 6:23.

What does the second part of that verse say? _____

What do you think eternal life is?

Eternal life is living forever in _____ with _____.

- Read John 3:36

Who gets to live forever with God? _____

- Read Philippians 3:20

What does the Bible call the place of eternal life? _____

- Read Revelation 21:1-5 and John 14:2

What is heaven like?

Jesus is preparing a place for each of his believers.

5. JESUS is the way we get the gift of eternal life!

- God loves us so much that he wants to give us a gift through _____.
- Since we couldn't get to God, God came to us in the form of a baby born in a town called Bethlehem.
- The baby's name was _____.

He was 100% God and 100% human all at the same time.

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Jesus paid the wages of your sin with His death so you can receive God's gift of eternal life with Him!

That's what Jesus did for you!

- Jesus did NOTHING wrong – no sin at all.

You have done some wrong things.

Jesus took your punishment when He died on the cross.

Why? Because He loves you!

- What Jesus did for us is called GRACE.

Grace is when someone does something for you that you don't _____.

- Read 1 John 2:1-2

Who did Jesus buy eternal life for? _____

6. To accept God's gift you have to

- BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son and he died to pay the price for your sins.

- REPENT

Repenting is making a u-turn away from sin and toward Jesus.

- CONFESS

Let people know that Jesus has saved you and that you are making him the boss of your life, your LORD!

- BE BAPTIZED

Be baptized to obey Christ's command, to accept forgiveness of your sins, to receive the Holy Spirit, to show trust in Jesus, and to show others God's work in you life.

Jesus has given us a very special way to accept Him and to show others that we are making Him our Lord. It's called _____

Baptism is the way the Bible teaches us to show God, yourself and everyone else that you are CHOOSING to make Jesus the King of your heart.

- Read Acts 2:38, 8:36, 9:18.

In the book of Acts, when someone wanted to accept Jesus as their Lord, the Bible says they were _____.

- Now read Romans 6:4.

Just like Jesus died and rose again to a new life, your old self and its sins are gone and you are a brand new person!

It's not because of what happens on the outside, but because of God's forgiveness of your _____!

If you don't CHOOSE Jesus in your heart, baptism is just getting wet. Check out Romans 10:9!

- Read Romans 6:1-2

Once you confess that Jesus is the King of your life and are immersed, you are forgiven. Does that mean you can just keep sinning? _____

Now you spend the rest of your life learning to live like God's Child, a kid of the King! Each day as a Christian you can grow to be more like Jesus.

- List some things you might do that would help you to be more like Jesus (Remember, they don't get you into Heaven – that's the free gift of grace.)

For we are God's WORKMANSHIP, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

As you grow to be like Jesus, God is painting an awesome picture with your life.

ANSWER KEY

The bulleted answers correspond to blanks under each section in the studies.

1. God created . . .

- God, loves
- good

2. Sin ruined God's perfect creation

- sin

3. Who has sinned?

- everybody
- perfect all the time; no
- something you work for, something you earn, like an allowance; death
- sin; people; good enough; all

4. God looked down from Heaven and saw that we could never get rid of sin in our lives.

- The gift of God is eternal life; heaven; God
- anyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Heaven
- It will be beautiful, God lives with us. There will be no tears, no death, no pain. Everything will be new. It is the best place ever.

5. Jesus is the way we get the gift of eternal life!

- Jesus
- Jesus
- deserve
- me; the whole world

6. To accept God's gift you have to

- baptism
- baptized
- sins
- no