



LEVEL 2

THE EXPERIENCES OF A DISCIPLE

CLASS ONE: NEW BIRTH

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1. Created for a Love Relationship

God created man for a love relationship with Himself. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life through a relationship.

[**Jeremiah 1:5**]; "Before you were formed in your mother's womb, I knew you."

When God created Adam, He put him in the garden of Eden so He could fellowship with Adam. This has been God's desire over the years, that we will know Him and walk with Him.

2. Man sinned and sin led to death

[**Genesis 2:15-17**]. God gave the man a command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The consequence of disobeying this commandment was death.

[**Genesis 3**] Man disobeyed the command given by God, and death was introduced into the world.

"Death means separation." When we look at the scriptures, we can see death in three forms.

- a. Physical death – **Luke 16:19-31**
- b. Spiritual death – **Ephesians 2:1**
- c. Eternal death – **Revelation 20:11-15**

The consequence of man's sin was that death was passed to everyone. [**Romans 5:12** | **Romans 5:17**]. Sin always leads to death (Separation).

A life of separation is a life of hopelessness, confusion, despair, no peace with God.

Sin brings curses, poverty, failure and empowers Satan to torment you.

This life leads to eternal death (eternal separation from God) eventually. (**Romans 6:23** – The 'payment', 'salary' for sin is death)

3. God hates your sinful life

God does not hate the sinner but the sin of such a person.

God is Holy!

4. God's only provision for your sin is Jesus

God's Promise [**Ezekiel 36:26**]

His Provision – God's only provision for your sin is Jesus.



(**John 1:29** | **John 14:6** | **Luke 19:10** | **1 Peter 3:18** | **Revelation 1:5** | **2 Corinthians 5:21**)

He died for our sin, and He resurrected and lives for us [**Isaiah 53:5-6**]. He took our place on the cross; He paid the price we were supposed to pay, the price of death.

This is what we call the Gospel; That Christ died for our sins, was buried and He also resurrected. [**1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 4**] This is the Good News!

5. Great Invitation. [**1 John 2:2**]

The death of Jesus, which was the price for our sin, was God's provision for man to be restored to an intimate love relationship with Him.

Just like every other invitation, each person must personally respond by accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour. God does not force anyone to do so. This invitation cannot be responded to on behalf of anybody.

'God will not act against your will.'

What we get to receive when we invite Him;

- The blessing of Abraham [**Galatians 3:13-14**]
- We become the righteousness of God [**2 Corinthians 5:21**]
- Peace with God through justification [**Isaiah 53:15** & **Romans 5:1**]
- **2 Corinthians 8:9**
- Acceptance! He was rejected and forsaken so that we will be accepted [**Isaiah 53:3-4**]

6. How to access His provision / How to respond to this great invitation

- a. Repentance (Complete turnaround/forsake your old way of life) [**Acts 2:37-38**]
- b. Believe and Confess [**Romans 10:9-10**]
 - Believe [**John 3:16**]
What do you believe? We must believe that Jesus is the son of God and died on the cross for our sins and He resurrected on the third day.
 - Confess His Lordship.

7. Implications of the New Birth.

- a. You are a New Creation in Christ Jesus
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17**
 - Old things have passed away.
 - All things have become new.
- b. You are a child of God
 - **John 1:12**



HOW TO SHARE JESUS

1. Your testimony [**Mark 5**]: After Jesus had healed the mad man of Gadara, He tasked him to go and tell people his story. He was supposed to go and tell people how God had had mercy on him. The testimonies of our encounter with Jesus are tools that can be used to share the love of Christ with other people. Your testimony should include the following;
 - Your life before you met Jesus.
 - Exactly how you met Jesus.
 - The transformation you see in your life since you gave your life to Christ.
2. Romans Road [Road to salvation]
 - **Romans 3:23** – All have sinned.
 - **Romans 6:23** – Wages of sin / Gift of God.
 - **Romans 5:8** – Grace of God [Love of God while we were yet sinners]
 - **Romans 10:9-10** – Access, Believe and Confess.

Evangelism

How do you lead someone to pray the sinner's prayer?

- Explain what you are about to do.
- Tell the person to believe the prayer.
- Ask the person to repeat after you.