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An Introduction to the Workbook

1. The Organization of the Lessons

This Workbook consists of twelve lessons which are divided into three general sections Salvation, Prophecy and Worship. Each of the three sections begins with an Introduction which outlines what the lessons will teach and ends with a Review which summarizes the lessons for that section.

2. The Subject of the Lessons

#	Name	Subjects	“How To”
I. Salvation			
1.	From Genesis to Revelation	Creation, Heaven, The Fall, Salvation, The Bible	How to Study the Bible
2.	From Ashes to Assurance	The Sanctuary, Altar of Burnt Offering, Hell, Forgiveness, God’s love	How to Receive and Give Forgiveness
3.	From Emptiness to Fullness	The Holy Place, Bible Study, Prayer, Witnessing, Our High Priest	How to Experience a Meaningful Devotional Life
4.	From Bondage to Freedom	The Most Holy Place, Ten Commandments, Victory in Christ	How to Overcome Temptation
II. Prophecy			
5.	From Drunkenness to Readiness	The Relationship Between the Physical and Spiritual, The Eight Natural Remedies	How to be Healthy Through the Eight Natural Remedies
6.	From Death to Life	The State of Man in Death The Resurrection	How to Deal With Grief
7.	From Dread to Hope	The Second Coming The Millennium	How to Prepare for Christ’s Soon Return
8.	From Daniel to Revelation		How to Understand Time Prophecies
III. Worship			
9.	From Stress to Rest	The Biblical Day of Rest	How to Experience a Meaningful Day of Worship
10.	From Mine to Thine	The Biblical Concept of Stewardship	How to be a Faithful Steward
11.	From Rebellion to Loyalty	The Controversy Between Christ and Satan, The Remnant	How to Live as God’s Witness
12.	From Longing to Belonging	Baptism, Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts Discipleship	How to be a Faithful Disciple Through Spiritual Gifts

3. The Time and Materials Needed to Complete the Lessons

In order to complete the lessons you will need this workbook, a pen or pencil and a box of crayons. The workbook can be completed in a minimum of 12 weeks. Although the lessons can be studied at random, there is a definite advantage in following the order given in the workbook.

4. Suggested Plans of Study

This workbook can be completed as a self-directed study or as part of a group study:

Plan 1—Group study: If you study in a group, it will take about a week to complete each lesson. The group does this by taking about one hour to complete all five questions. Use the rest of the week to finish the last two pages of summarizing and learning to apply the lesson.

Plan 2—Self-directed study: This self-directed study will also take a week to complete each lesson. You do this by answering one or more of the five questions per day and then doing the next two pages to finish the week. It is always when studying by yourself to have someone monitor your progress or answer questions on a regular basis.

5. The Format of the Lessons

Each lesson is divided into seven parts which are introduced by the following symbols:

1. From Genesis to Revelation

Many people when reading the Bible have difficulty putting the various parts together into a united whole. This is no wonder, when we consider that the 66 books of the Bible were written in both prose and poetry, over a 1500 year period, by some 40 authors in a wide range of styles and settings. Yet God, as the Divine Inspirer of Scripture, was able to bring out the one theme that met man's greatest need—to be restored to a lost relationship with his Maker. In this introductory lesson we are going to study this grand, overarching theme of the Bible.

1. How Did the World Begin?

Genesis 1:1,31; 2:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. . . . 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed. . . . 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

- Underline the key words in Genesis 1:1 that tell how everything came into being.
- Circle the words in Genesis 1:31 which describe what God saw after the creation.
- According to Genesis 1:31; 2:1, how many days did it take to create the earth? _____
- Check the best reason(s) God rested on the seventh day:
He was tired and wanted to get away from it all.
He wanted to show that rest is as much a part of life as work.
He wanted to rest from His work so He could spend time with the creation.

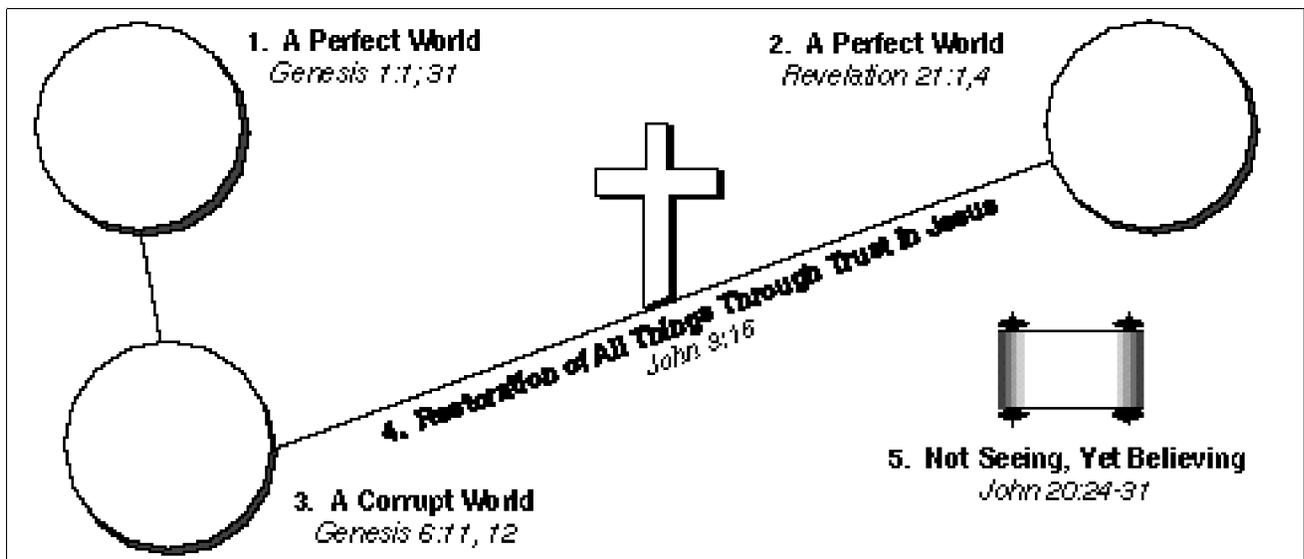
Color the upper left circle “**A Perfect World**” to show the earth God created.

2. How Will the World End?

Revelation 21:1,4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. . . . 4 He [God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

- What new things are recreated in the last book of the Bible? _____
- Who wipes away our tears in Revelation 21:4? _____

Color the upper right circle “**A Perfect World**” to show the earth God will recreate.



3. Who Corrupted Our Present World?

Genesis 6:11-12 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways

a. Underline the word that appears 3 times which describes the condition of the earth.

b. In Genesis 1:31 God looked on the earth and saw it was "very good." What did God see only a few chapters later in the Book of Genesis? _____

c. According to Genesis 6:12 who had corrupted the earth? _____

Color the left-hand circle "A Corrupt World" to show the degradation that is around us.

4. How Do We Get to Heaven?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

a. Check below which world(s) God so loved in John 3:16:

? The perfect world He created in Genesis 1-2.

? The corrupt world we live in now.

b. What did God give in order to show His love for us? _____

c. Check below how we are saved according to John 3:16:

? Just lead a "good" life and hope for the best.

? Be a "religious" person by going to church and being respectful.

? Believe in, have faith and trust in Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour.

d. According to John 3:16, is everyone going to have everlasting life? _____

Color the cross to heaven to show that "Believing in Jesus gives everlasting life."

5. How Can We Trust Someone We Have Never Seen?

 John 20:24-31 Now Thomas . . . one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- a. Why didn't Thomas believe the other disciples after they had seen the Lord? _____

- b. Underline the blessing Jesus promised in John 20:29 for those who have not seen, yet believe.
- c. What guiding principle did John use in the selection of the material for his book according to John 20:31? _____

Color the Bible Scroll which is the "Not Seeing Yet Believing" to knowing & loving God.

Summarize what God has revealed to you through the Bible about the world and His Word:				
#	Subject	Verses	Question	Summary
1	Creation	Gen. 1-2	How did the world begin and who made it according to the Bible?	
2	The Future	Revelation 21	What does the Bible tells us about the destiny of our planet?	
3	Sin	Genesis 6:11-12	Who is responsible for the evil in our world?	
4	Salvation	John 3:16	According to the Bible, how do we receive eternal life?	
5	The Bible	John 20:24-31	How can we have faith in a God we have never seen?	

How to Study the Bible

In this lesson we've learned that our once perfect world was corrupted by man through his disobedience. In His infinite love and mercy God sent His Son to restore all things to their original perfection and happiness. By reading the Bible we can develop the dynamic faith that is necessary to cooperate with Jesus in His work of restoration.

How Often Should I Study?

Learning about the Bible once a week in church is not enough to nourish our Christian life. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to ask, "Give us this day our daily bread." Ask God to help you read a portion of scripture every day. Choose a time during each day when you can give full attention to learn more about Jesus.

What Should I Study?

1. *The Book of John*—This gospel has simple stories that are easy to relate to.
2. *The Book of Proverbs*—There are 31 chapters in this book of wisdom. Study the chapter that corresponds to the same date of the month. Example: On June 21st read Proverbs 21 etc.
3. *A Daily Devotional Book*— These books give a Scripture and reading for each day.
4. *These Lessons*—You can also look up the texts of these lessons in your own Bible.

How Should I Study?

1. *Begin with Prayer*—Before you begin to study, ask God to give you wisdom and insight.
2. *Quality not Quantity*—A careful reading of Scripture will be more helpful than a hasty glance.
3. *Journalizing*—Many people keep a record of their daily encounters with God in the Bible.

Knowing that the Bible is the place where God has chosen to reveal Himself to me, I commit _____ minutes per day, beginning on this date _____ at this time _____ to learn to personally know God through study the Bible for myself.

Journal of Discovery					
Read the chapter(s) and record some of the facts and experiences from your study of the Bible:					
Date	Time	Scripture	What does God want me to know?	What does God want me to feel?	What does God want me to do?
		Genesis 1-2:2			
		Revelation 21			
		Genesis 6			
		John 3			
		John 20			