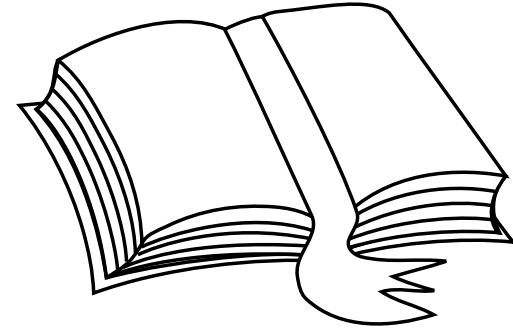


NOTES



NEW LIFE

SECTION I. Introduction

- A. What are some of your favorite things about spring?
How do they make you feel?

- B. What do you think is the best thing about something new in your life?

SECTION II. Many verses in the Bible speak of something that is *new* or *renewed*. In Revelation, the last book in the Bible, there are many visions that God gave to the apostle John. Among the visions is a passage about new life.

- A. Read Revelation 21:5a. When God says, “I am making everything new,” is He talking about the present, the past, or the future?

- B. What are some examples of new life in nature, in the world or in our lives?

SECTION III. God wants all people to have *new life* in Him. To make that possible, He sent Jesus, His only Son, to live on earth with us, love us and redeem us.

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LEADER'S NOTES**

- A. Read Luke 9:22. What four things does Jesus say have to happen?

- B. How do you think that might make everything new?

- C. Read John 3:16. How does God say it makes everything new?

- D. Read John 11:25. This verse talks about the results of what Jesus did when He died for us.
 - 1. Jesus says that He is two things. What are they?

 - 2. What does Jesus say will happen if we believe what He says?

- E. Read John 5:24.
 - 1. What two things does Jesus say we must do?

 - 2. Why does Jesus say people will not be judged?

- F. If we believe in Jesus, we will have new life, eternal life. Read Galatians 2:20.
 - 1. How will this happen?

 - 2. What do you think it means for our lives when it says "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"?

SECTION I.

Many geographical areas do have several seasons. If internationals do not have the spring season in their country, you can talk about a time when their culture celebrates something new, as perhaps a *New Year*. Most internationals know about spring, so the concept is understood. For many people *new* is synonymous with something both exciting and good. However, others may think something new is threatening.

SECTION II.

The apostle John wrote the book of Revelation at the close of the first century A.D. In prison for his faith, he wrote it while he was on the island of Patmos. It was written to seven churches in the Roman Province of Asia. John wrote the book for two reasons. First, he wanted to confront and correct the evil that was found in those seven churches. Second, he wanted to prepare the churches for the events about to happen.

SECTION III.

There are several places in the Old Testament which speak of a resurrection. For example Daniel 12:2 says, "Many sleeping in the ground will wake up. Some will wake up to live forever, but others will wake up to be ashamed and disgraced forever." Other passages are Isaiah 26:19, Job 19: 23-27 and Psalm 16:9-11. Thus the idea of resurrection was not unknown at the time of Jesus. In I Kings 17:17-24 the Old Testament prophet Elijah brought the son of the widow of Zarephath back to life. One of the passages (John 11) in the first section of this Bible study is a part of the story of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

existence the fact or state of being, life

Ephesians 4:22-24

ruin total destruction, making something useless or without value

deceive to trick someone into believing something false or bad

attitude a state of mind or way of thinking about something or someone

righteous morally good

holy sacred (set apart), pure

Colossians 3:8-10

get rid of throw away, send away etc. as *get rid of* something we do not want

curse to ask for or pray for something bad to happen to someone else

obscene something that offends the standards of what people think is decent or right (especially in sexual matters)

hatred great dislike

renewed made new

creator maker

G. Read Romans 6:3-5.

1. What happens when we believe and are baptized?
2. What kind of a life are we to live?
3. Why are we no longer slaves to sin?

SECTION IV. Jesus, through His death and resurrection, has offered us *new life*, eternal life. But how can we live this new life while we are still in our old bodies?

A. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What do we become?

B. Read Ephesians 4:22-24. What is this new creation like?

C. Read Colosians 3:8-10.

1. What have we gotten rid of? What are we to become?
2. What specifically does God do to help us become a *new creation*?
3. What are some ways in which God renews our minds so that we can become more like Him?

SECTION V. God wants us to have a full and wonderful new life. To do that, He has made us a new creation.

- A. When you get up in the morning and look in the mirror, do you see a new creation? Why?
- B. What are some things in your present life which might change if you really believe that God makes you a *new creation* every day?

NEW LIFE VOCABULARY

Luke 9:22

reject (rejected)

to refuse to accept or make use of something

chief priests

the most important religious leaders of the Jewish people

scribes

teachers who studied and interpreted the Jewish law

John 3:16

eternal

lasting for all time, never ending

Romans 6:3-7

baptize

to admit into the Christian faith by a ceremony of purification (washing); water and the Word of God are used

tomb

a place where a human body is put after the person dies—in Jesus time, it was often a cave

united

joined

crucified

to kill someone by nailing or binding to a cross

sin

a thought, word or action that is against God's will

slaves

people who are owned by another person and who must work for their owner without pay