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STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

This course describes who a Christian *is* and what a Christian *does*. It explains how a person becomes a Christian and some of the main things about the Christian way of life. If you are a new Christian it will help feed your new life as a follower of Jesus Christ, just as food nourishes you physically.

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Course Components

This course has two parts: this study course and the exam booklet.

How To Study

This study has twelve chapters, and each chapter has its own exam. Begin by asking God to help you understand the material. Read the chapter through at least twice, once to get a general idea of its contents and then again, slowly, looking up any Bible references given.

Begin studying immediately, or if you are in a group, as soon as the group begins. We suggest that you keep a regular schedule by trying to complete at least one chapter per week.

Exams

In the exam booklet there is one exam for each chapter (exam 1 covers chapter 1 of the course). Do not answer the questions by what you think or have always believed. The questions are designed to find out if you understand the material given in the course.

After you have completed each chapter, review the related exam and see how well you know the answers. If you find that you are having difficulty answering the questions, review the material until you think you can answer the questions.

How Your Exams Are Graded

Your instructor will mark any incorrectly answered questions. You will be referred back to the place in the course where the correct answer is to be found. After finishing this course with a passing average, you will be awarded a certificate.

If you enrolled in a class, submit your exam papers to the leader or secretary of the class who will send them for the entire group to the Correspondence School.

See the back of the exam booklet for more information on returning the exams for grading.

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BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Begin by reading Psalm 116

The title of this course is *The Christian Life*, meaning the Christian way to live. The lessons in this course are going to teach you some of the things that are very important in the life of a Christian. But let's think about those two words for a minute—*Christian* and *Life*. The Bible talks about the believer in Jesus Christ having “eternal life.” Eternal means *forever*. When a believer dies, he or she continues to enjoy this kind of life in God's home, heaven. The unbeliever continues to “live” after their body dies too—but in a terrible place of punishment, separated from God.

What the Lord Jesus did

Maybe you're saying, “Well, I expect to go to heaven. I'm a pretty good person. I do my best.” Other people may think that they have done so many *wrong* things that they don't deserve eternal life. Whether we think we are good or bad, what really matters is what *God* says about us. The Bible teaches in Romans 3:23 that “all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.” *All* means everyone. None of us meets God's perfect standard. None of us deserves eternal life. What we deserve is God's judgment.

How can I have eternal life?

There is only one way to have eternal life, and that is to become a Christian. We must make a personal, deliberate decision to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died taking the punishment for our sins. God judged Jesus in your place and mine. Jesus “was handed over

to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God” (Romans 4:25). Jesus made it possible for us to spend eternity with him and his Father in their glorious home so we wouldn’t have to spend eternity paying for our sins ourselves.

The Lord Jesus said in John 5:24, “Those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” When you put your trust in Jesus, believing that he died to save you from *eternal punishment*, God gives you *eternal life*.

Do you believe what God has said about his Son in his Word? When you do, you will have this eternal life. In John 3:36 we read, “All who believe in God’s Son have eternal life. Those who don’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life, but the wrath [punishment] of God remains upon them.” Until you place your trust in Christ and his death for you, you are under God’s wrath; you will be punished for your own sins. Tell the Lord Jesus “thank you” for saving you from eternal punishment. Then thank God for forgiving your sins because of Christ’s death. When you do, you will become a *Christian*.

Living eternal life now

There is more good news—we do not have to wait to die to begin enjoying eternal life! Jesus said in John 17:3: “This is the way to have eternal life—to *know you*, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” The Christian life is a *relationship* with God and his Son Jesus that we have *now*. Learning how to make the most of that relationship is what this course is all about.

As a new Christian, you will want to love and follow the one who gave you new life. Read and study all the lessons in this book so that you learn more about living your new life for the Lord Jesus.

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EXAM BOOKLET

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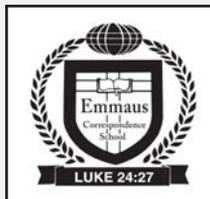
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A NOTE ON THE EXAMS

The exams are designed to check your knowledge of the course material and the Scriptures. After you have studied a chapter, review the exam questions for that lesson. If you have difficulty in answering the questions, re-read the material. If questions contain a Scripture reference, you may use your Bible to help you answer them. If your instructor has provided a single page Answer Sheet, record your answer on that sheet. This exam contains the following types of questions:

MULTIPLE CHOICE

You will be asked to write in the letter of the correct answer at the space on the right. Here is an example:

The color of grass is

- A. blue C. yellow
B. green D. orange

 B

TRUE / FALSE

For these questions, circle the correct answer.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Questions headed this way are designed to help you express your ideas and feelings. They will help you to apply the principles and concepts in this course. You may freely state your own opinions in answer to such questions.

RETURNING THE EXAM

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CHAPTER 1 EXAM**BECOMING A CHRISTIAN**

EXAM GRADE

Before starting this exam, write your name and address on the front of this Exam Booklet.

Directions: Read each question carefully and write the letter of the correct answer in the blank space on the right. Use the separate answer sheet if provided.

1. How did the writer of Psalm 116 view God in saving him?
 - A. kind
 - B. good
 - C. merciful
 - D. all of the above_____

2. The word *eternal* means
 - A. spiritual
 - B. forever
 - C. heavenly
 - D. a thousand years_____

3. Romans 3:23 teaches us that
 - A. all people are basically good
 - B. there is no such thing as “sin”
 - C. every person has sinned and fallen short of God’s perfect standard
 - D. some people are sinful, others are not_____

4. According to Romans 4:25, Jesus died and rose again from the dead so that
 - A. he could take revenge on his enemies
 - B. we could be made right with God
 - C. we will only have to spend part of eternity paying for our sins ourselves
 - D. the angels in heaven could be happy_____

5. According to John 3:36,
- A. we are all under God's wrath until we obey the Son
 - B. when we believe in the Son of God we will experience eternal life
 - C. God will forgive everyone in the end because he loves everybody
 - D. both A and B above
- _____

For the following statements, circle "T" if True or "F" if False.

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| 6. After a person who has believed in Jesus dies, he or she will enjoy eternity in heaven. | T | F |
| 7. Unbelievers will be annihilated when they die; they will just cease to exist. | T | F |
| 8. Jesus is the Son of God, who died to take the punishment for our sins. | T | F |
| 9. To become a Christian, each of us must make a personal, deliberate decision to believe in Jesus Christ. | T | F |
| 10. A true Christian wants to get to know his Savior and love and follow him. | T | F |

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What have you learned in this first lesson about eternal life that you did not know before?
