

The Christian Adventure series

LESSON 7 **RECAP**

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John 3:1–20

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

⁴ “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

¹¹ I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

John 5:9–15;

⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

¹⁰ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Romans 6:14–23

¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ Slaves to Righteousness

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The following questions will help you review this Step. If necessary, reread the appropriate lesson(s).

1. Assurance of salvation (from lesson 1 – The Christian’s Certainty)

Suppose you have just made the great discovery of knowing Jesus Christ personally. In your enthusiasm, you tell someone close to you that you have become a Christian and have eternal life. He replies, “That’s mere presumption on your part. No one can be sure that he has eternal life.”

How would you answer him?

What verse(s) would you use as your authority?

2. Name some of the qualities of a Christ-controlled life (from lesson 2 – The Christ-controlled life).

How are they evident in your life?

3. List the five principles of growth (from lesson 3 – Five principles of growth).

Summarize briefly how each of these principles is helping you grow spiritually. How do they interact in your life?

4. What are the three major steps in methodical Bible study? (from lesson 4 – The Christian's authority)

How have these helped you in your study?

List at least three ways Scripture can be applied to your life.

5. Describe the role that the Bible has played in your life in the past week (from lesson 5 – Learning to pray).

How can you rely more fully on its power next week?

How has using the steps to an effective prayer life changed the way you pray?

How has having a daily prayer time helped your attitudes and actions?

6. Name some characteristics of a New Testament church (from lesson 6 – The importance of the Church).

How does your church compare?

7. What are the two ordinances of the local church?

8. Whom does God give to the church to strengthen its members?

Which of these roles would you like to fill?

How are you preparing yourself for ministry?

APPLICATIONS

1. In what specific ways is your life different now than when you began this study about the Christian adventure?
2. In what areas do you need to obey the Scripture more?
3. Explain to several Christian friends the excitement you feel about Jesus and how your Christian life is an adventure. Use examples of how God has worked in your life and how He has answered your prayers.