

Lesson 6 Questions

How Can I Know God?

Review/ What did the last lesson teach about what Jesus did for us and the relationship we must have with him in order to benefit from what he did?

1. **John 1:12** What must be do to become children of God?
2. **14:6** What did Jesus say about other ways to God?
3. **Romans 3:20-24** What does the Bible have to say about our own efforts to get right with God?
4. **John 3:16** What is the result of believing in Jesus Christ?
5. **13:13** What can we expect Jesus to do when he comes into our lives?
6. **Romans 10:9-10** What must we do to be saved from sin and reconciled to God?
7. **10:11-13** What will a person do who acknowledges his sinfulness and believes that only Jesus can save him?

Lesson 6 Summary

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True life is knowing God (John 17:3), and we can have that life through faith in Jesus Christ. *“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”* (John 3:16). In order to have life, we must have Jesus, who is life (John 14.6). *“There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved”* (Acts 4.12).

“To all who received him (Jesus Christ), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12). The only way to have a relationship with God is to have the righteousness of God. This righteousness cannot be achieved by our own efforts to be good (Romans 10.1-3); it must be accepted as a gift from God (Ephesians 2.8-9). To all who put their faith in his Son, God gives the righteousness of his Son. *“No one will be declared righteous in his (God’s) sight by observing the law; rather through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, ... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe”* (Romans 3.20-22).

Before Jesus was born, God sent word by an angel that he was to be named Jesus, *“...because he will save his people from their sins”* (Matthew 1:21). Romans 10.9-10 explains how to experience this salvation. *“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Jesus was *“...declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead”* (Romans 1:4). The resurrection provides the evidence we need to believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that his death was accepted by his Father as punishment for the sins of man. But believing in the resurrection means admitting your own sin and depending on Jesus’ death in your place for God’s forgiveness (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Confessing Jesus as Lord means not only that you believe he is *the* Lord (God) but also that you want him to be *your* Lord and will turn control of your life over to him. Jesus comes into our lives as *“Teacher and Lord”* (John 13:13). As our Teacher, he increases our knowledge of the truth about God, ourselves and the world. As Lord, he directs us into his will for our lives.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and that God raised him from the dead? Do you recognize your inability to be good enough for a relationship with God? Do you want his will for your life? Have you called on him to be your Savior and Lord? If not, you can do so by praying something like this: *Lord Jesus, I admit that I’m a sinner. I have disobeyed your law and left you out of my life. I understand now that I can become a child of God only by receiving your forgiveness and your righteousness. Thank you for dying for my sins. I believe that you are the Son of God and that you rose from the dead. Come into my life as Savior and Lord. Help me obey you and serve you with all my heart.*

You can rejoice in your new life and your eternal relationship with God, since *“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”* (Romans 10:13).