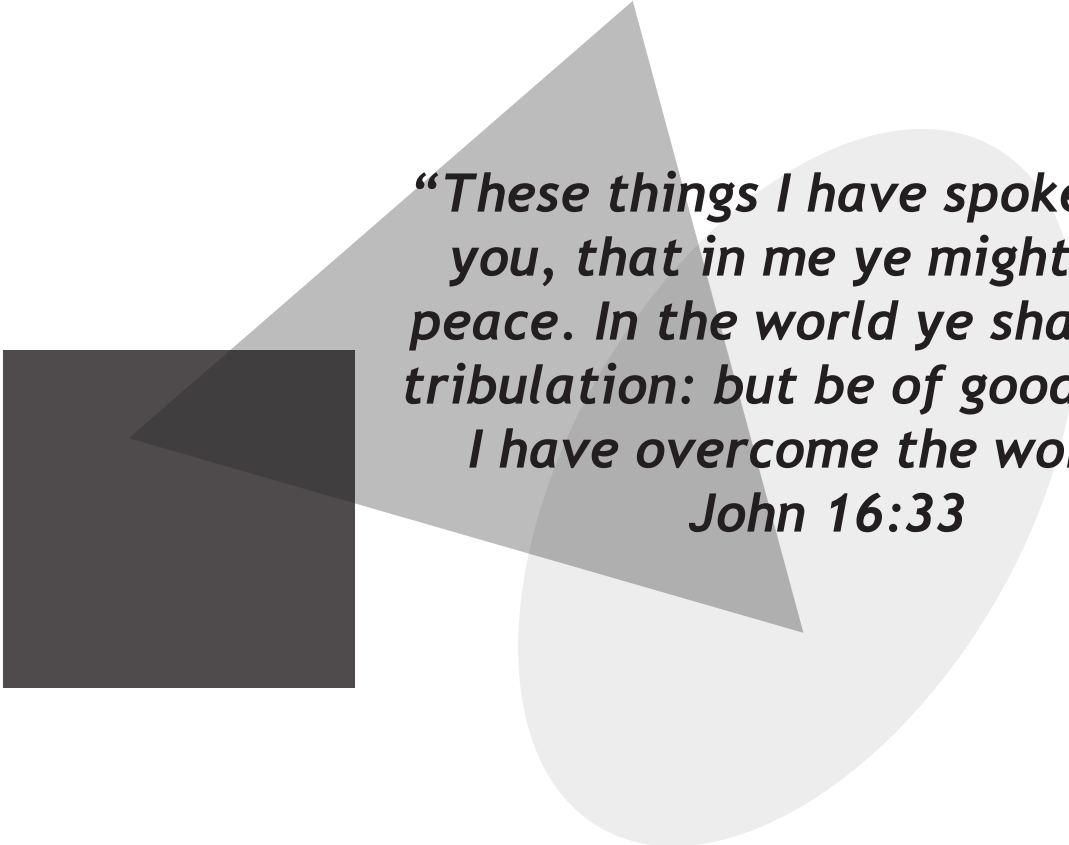


# Accept what Jesus Offers



***"These things I have spoken unto  
you, that in me ye might have  
peace. In the world ye shall have  
tribulation: but be of good cheer;  
I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33***

# Jesus' Early Years

**Read Matthew chapters 1 to 3. Then fill in the blanks below.  
See how many you can complete without looking up the texts again.**

- 1) Matthew 1:16 - Jesus' earthly father was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Matthew 1:17 - There were \_\_\_\_\_ generations from Abraham to David, \_\_\_\_\_ generations from David till the Babylonian captivity, and \_\_\_\_\_ generations from the captivity to Christ.
- 3) Matthew 1:18 - Jesus was conceived of Mary and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Matthew 1:20 - The \_\_\_\_\_ told Joseph to go ahead and take Mary as his wife.
- 5) Matthew 2:1 - Jesus was born in the town of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) Matthew 2:9-10 - Wise men from the east followed a \_\_\_\_\_ to where Jesus was born and they were full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Matthew 2:13 - \_\_\_\_\_ tried to kill Jesus by slaying all the children in the area who were under two years old.
- 8) Matthew 2:23 - Jesus was raised in a town called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) Matthew 3:1-4 - The person who preached about the coming of Jesus and wore camel's hair, was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Matthew 3:16 - When Jesus was baptized, He heard God's voice from heaven and the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a \_\_\_\_\_.

**After Jesus' Baptism, He began His ministry on earth.**

# What Does Jesus Offer Me?

Read the text and then unscramble the letters.

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|------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1) Acts 4:10-12  | V A T S A N O I L       | _____ |
| 2) Matthew 8:7   | G H A L I N E           | _____ |
| 3) Luke 5:24     | G R E S S F I V E N O   | _____ |
| 4) Matthew 9:22  | C R O T M O F           | _____ |
| 5) Titus 2:13-14 | I N O F R I U A C T P I | _____ |
| 6) Jeremiah 23:5 | C U T J I S E           | _____ |
| 7) John 14:27    | A C E E P               | _____ |
| 8) John 6:54     | F L E E N R E L T A I   | _____ |
| 9) Jude 1:24     | E E I C T N O P R F     | _____ |
| 10) John 15:15   | D R E P H I S F N I     | _____ |

**Jesus makes it possible to complete your "Journey of Faith."  
When you sin, He offers forgiveness. When you continue your journey,  
He offers to change your heart so you don't want to sin anymore.**

# Jesus' Answer to Temptation

## 1. What things tempt me the most?

Write down some temptations that are very difficult for you to resist.

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## 2. Which way seems the easiest method to overcome those temptations?

Lock myself in a closet for 48 hours.

☐

Tie my hands behind my back.

☐

Move to Siberia.

☐

Undergo hypnosis.

☐

Get a lobotomy.

☐

Allow Jesus to change my desires.

☐

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐

## 3. How does Jesus change my desires?

A) Read Jeremiah 31:32-34

E H L I W L T E R I W S H I  
 A W L N O U O Y R T E A H R

God made a covenant with the Israelites, which they promised to keep and then broke. Now, He makes a new covenant with us, which is better than the old one because He makes the promise instead of us (see Heb. 8:6, 2 Cor. 3:3). He promises to change our desires, making the law easier to keep. Overcoming temptations becomes possible, because they aren't as tempting anymore!

B) Read 2 Cor. 9:8

E H S V I G E U O Y C A G E R

The Greek word translated to "Grace" means the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life. God liberally gives of His grace, which means He purifies your motives and makes you able to live right.

## 4. What did Jesus say when He was tempted?

A) Read Matthew 4:1-11

T I S I T E T R N I W

When temptation comes your way, it is critical to have a knowledge of the Bible in order to respond appropriately. If you trust in God's word, you can quickly and resolutely have an answer for those who would try to mislead you.

# What's All the Fuss About My Heart?

Read the text and then fill in the blanks.

## 1. *What is my heart?*

Proverbs 23:7 - "For as he \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart, so is he..."

The Greek word most often translated to heart is "kardia," which means the thoughts or feelings, or the mind.

## 2. *Why is what's in my heart important?*

Romans 10:9 - "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,

and shalt \_\_\_\_\_ in thine \_\_\_\_\_

that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_ .

Eternal life and salvation hinge upon the condition of your heart. Jesus wants your heart, which means he wants you to truly believe in Him and truly want to do the right thing.

A) Read Matthew 18:35 - "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye

\_\_\_\_\_

forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

Receiving forgiveness from God is contingent upon you forgiving others with sincere thoughts.

## 3. *What types of problems can my heart have?*

A) Ephes. 4:18 - "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God

through the ignorance that is in them, because of the

\_\_\_\_\_ [callousness] of their heart."

B) Romans 2:5 - "But after thy \_\_\_\_\_ [stubbornness] and

\_\_\_\_\_ [unrepentant] heart treasurest up

unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"

## 4. *What characteristics should my heart have?*

A) Ephes. 6:5 - "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with

fear and trembling, in \_\_\_\_\_

[sincerity, without self-seeking, generosity] of your heart, as unto Christ;"

B) Acts 11:23 - "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with \_\_\_\_\_ [proposal, exposed, shew] of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

C) Luke 8:15 - "But that on the good ground are they, which in an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

### 5. *What helps my heart improve?*

A) Hebrews 4:12 - "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

B) Hebrews 13:9 - "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.  
For it is a good thing that the heart be established with \_\_\_\_\_ ;"

C) Read Psalm 51:10  
\_\_\_\_\_ in me a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me."

God can cleanse (purify) your heart through His creative powers.

### 6. *What is a good heart capable of?*

A) Mark 12:30 - "And thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God with \_\_\_\_\_  
thy \_\_\_\_\_ , and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

B) Mark 11:23 - "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain,  
Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall  
\_\_\_\_\_ that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall  
\_\_\_\_\_ he saith."

# Doing Right vs. Thinking Right

**Isn't it good enough to just do right, no matter the reason for doing it?  
Doesn't Jesus appreciate my good act even though my heart might not be in it?**

- A) Acts 8:21 - "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy \_\_\_\_\_ is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the \_\_\_\_\_ of thine heart may be \_\_\_\_\_ thee."

The Bible teaches that the thoughts we think, as well as the things we do, may need to be forgiven.

- B) Romans 6:17 - "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have \_\_\_\_\_ the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

Doing the things God asks you to do should arise out of the heart (mind).

- C) James 1:26 - "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_, this man's \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_."

Do not trick yourself into thinking that actions or appearances make up for insincerity. Your religious beliefs do not make up for a heart that isn't right.

- D) I Tim. 1:5 - "Now the end [point aimed at, conclusion or purpose] of the \_\_\_\_\_ is charity [love] out of a \_\_\_\_\_, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned [sincere, without hypocrisy]:"

The purpose of God's commands and doing something right is to show love. True love cannot exist without the heart being involved.

- E) Luke 6:45 - "A good man out of the good \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Without a good heart, you may do some right things, however, sooner or later your actions will match what is truly in your heart. In the meantime, you may be fooling others and tragically even deceiving yourself or allowing yourself to be willingly ignorant, but you will never fool God.

- F) Matthew 15:8 - "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_."

**Jesus wants both our actions and our thoughts!  
One is not more important than the other.**

# Activity: Names of Jesus Word Search

Find the hidden words in the puzzle below. The words may go across, down, up, backwards or diagonal.

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Christ  
The Way  
Lamb of God  
Vine  
Judge  
Messiah  
Lily of the Valley

Counsellor  
Shepherd  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
High Priest  
Immanuel  
Michael

Prince of Peace  
Saviour  
Jesus  
Lord  
The Word  
Advocate  
Wonderful



# Answers to Worksheets

## Lesson 5 - Accept What Jesus Offers

### Does My Heart Need Writing On It?

- 3-A. He will write his law on your heart
- 3-B. He gives you grace

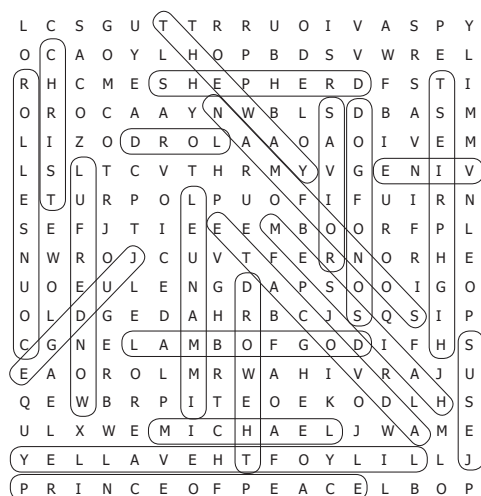
### What Does Jesus Offer Me?

- 1. Salvation, 2. Healing, 3. Forgiveness, 4. Comfort, 5. Purification,
- 6. Justice, 7. Peace, 8. Eternal Life, 9. Perfection, 10. Friendship

### Preparing Jesus For His Ministry

- 1. Joseph
- 2. 14, 14, 14,
- 3. Holy Ghost
- 4. Angel
- 5. Bethlehem
- 6. Star, Joy
- 7. Herod
- 8. Nazareth
- 9. John
- 10. Dove

### "Names of Jesus" Word Search



# Notes