Basic Christian Doctrines Bible Study

"Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."
Hebrews 6:1-2 NIV

Lesson Two – Repentance

1. Who is a sinner?

   "As it is written: 'There is no one righteous, not even one;' " Romans 3:10 NIV

   "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:22-24 NIV

2. What are sins?

   Exodus 20:1-17 lists 10 commandments.

   Colossians 3:5 – 10 lists sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed, anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language and lying.

3. How can I repent from my sins and receive forgiveness?

   "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIV

   "That 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**. For it is with your heart that you believe and are **justified**, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10 NIV

   Note: The word **justified** is a forensic term meaning "acquit", "declare righteous", the opposite of "condemn". (New Bible Dictionary pg. 636)

   "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." 2 Co 6:2b NIV

4. A prayer of repentance and salvation:

   Dear Heavenly Father, I believe Jesus is the Son of God. I believe He died on the cross for my sins. I ask You to forgive me all my sins and wash me clean. I ask you Jesus to come into my heart and set me free. I commit my life to You, to knowing You, to loving You and to serving You. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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