

# The Redemption Series





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Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations and references are from the *New King James Version* of the Holy Bible.

Abbreviations will be used to identify other translations cited:

ESV = The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, ©2001

NASB = *New American Standard Version* of the Holy Bible

NIV = New International Version

## A Word from the Author

The labor to produce a *pure and simple* series of Bible studies for international use was a delight to my soul. I thank God through Jesus Christ. It has been a great joy to write about the gospel of our Lord! “With God, all things are possible.” (Mathew 19:26).

This series is dedicated to my children: Gabriel (2010), Evangeline (2012), and Penelope (2013). I am so excited to share the story of Jesus with you. From the children’s Bibles we have read at night, to the Word of God in its unabridged form, the gospel is the highlight of our home. I look forward to the time that we can read through this series together!

I would like to thank my wife Marissa for listening patiently as I worked out the “big picture” of *Pure and Simple Bible* for the better part of a year. She also proofread and field tested *The Redemption Series* in private studies. She became a self-taught expert at Adobe InDesign in order to help me take the illustrations to a professional level. Her help was invaluable.

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Finally, I would like to thank my parents, Doug and Debbie Edwards. It was from them that I learned who God is and what He has done.

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# Pre-lesson Information

## *Christian Basics*

Within many lessons in *The Redemption Series* are references to suggested supplemental studies. Because of the limited space in the series lessons, there are often lingering questions to be answered or additional explanation needed. These studies will be located with a footnote on the appropriately connected study page, and again on the last page of each study under the "preparation" section. These additional studies are located in a book from Pure & Simple Bible called *Christian Basics*. Please refer to the website for a PDF download of *Christian Basics* or contact the author at: pureandsimplebible@gmail.com



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      1.4 Free-Will: God's Gift of Choice

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      7.3 The Significance in a Name

Lesson 8    8.1 All About Communion

Lesson 9    9.1 The Thief on the Cross

      9.2 Sacrifice: Who did Jesus Die For?

Lesson 10    10.1 Miraculous Gifts in the Christian Age

      10.2 Salvation: How To Become a Christian

      10.3 Salvation: All About Baptism

Lesson 11    11.1 What Do We Do After We Are Saved?

      11.2 Deception

      11.3 Six Common Misconceptions About Christianity

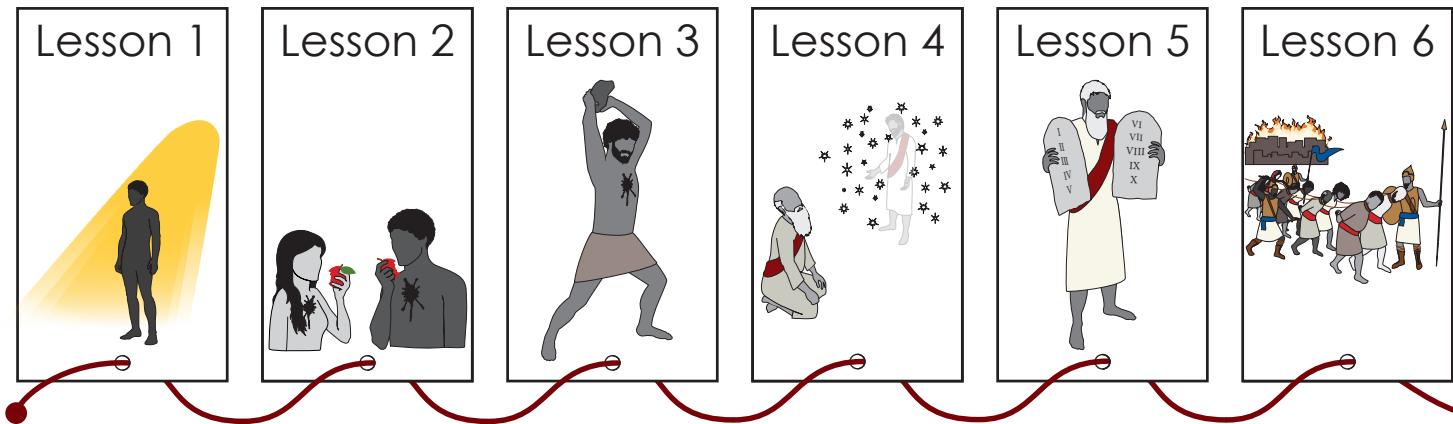
Lesson 12    12.1 Judgment: How Will We Be Judged?

      12.2 The Story of the Bible

# Pre-lesson Information

## *Series Planning*

The visual below lays out the twelve studies in *The Redemption Series*. Each lesson will build upon the previous ones to lead the Bible student to learn and appreciate the overall theme of Redemption.



### *Individual Study Planning*

Each lesson can be read in about 15-20 minutes. This does not include reviewing questions, meditation about lesson content, or time spent checking the Scriptures cited in the study.

From personal experience, the author suggests reserving at least 30 minutes of study time. This will create an excellent opportunity for learning and retention rather than simply skimming a lesson.



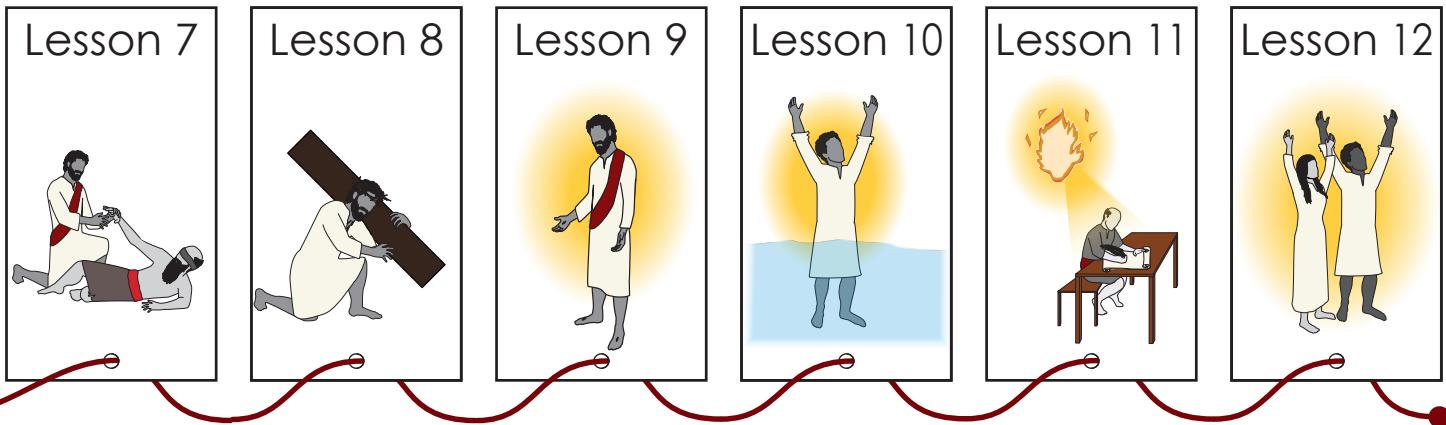
### *Group Study Planning*

Like individual studies, small groups can read through a lesson in about 20-30 minutes. Please plan additional time for discussions about lesson content, questions about the study, checking Scriptures cited, or time spent together in friendship and prayer.

From personal experience, the author suggests reserving at least one hour of time. This will create ample opportunity for healthy discussion and questions.



Consider the following example: if the person(s) interested in studying commits to one lesson per week, it will take approximately three months to complete the series. Please choose the frequency of studies that best suits the needs of the student(s).



...whatever a man **sows**,  
that he will also **reap**...

*Study leaders will get the desired results from the effort they put into the study. How can we reap blessings from group studies?*

**R**ead and understand each lesson ahead of time. You have to know before you show.

**E**ncourage group discussion instead of a lecture. Participation adds authentic consideration to a study.

**A**llow enough time for the students consider and respond to questions or discussion.

**P**ersevere! Life happens. Whenever studies are canceled or students are distracted, do not give up!

# Pre-lesson Information

## References

The lessons in this series attempt to consistently use the Word of God as the source of information. Bible verses quoted or referenced will be cited with a footnote. If you are unfamiliar with footnotes, notice the following example:

God is love.<sup>1</sup>

*The example to the left is a sentence with a superscript number at the end. At the bottom of the page is a corresponding number. This is the footnote that will contain the Bible verse reference or other information if needed.*

*Footnote*

<sup>1</sup>

1 John 4:8

# Pre-lesson Information

## Discussion Questions

Also at the bottom are possible discussion questions. These are suggestions, please use as needed. You can ask your own questions too! Questions aid healthy discussion during a study. Study leaders should also consider the questions they are asking. Some questions are "open-ended" and others are "closed-ended." Both types of questions can be helpful, and each serves a different purpose.

### *Close-ended Questions:*

A question that can be answered with a "yes", "no", or a simple one-word answer.

*Example:*

- *According to the Bible, who created the world?*
- *What Bible book is the creation found in?*

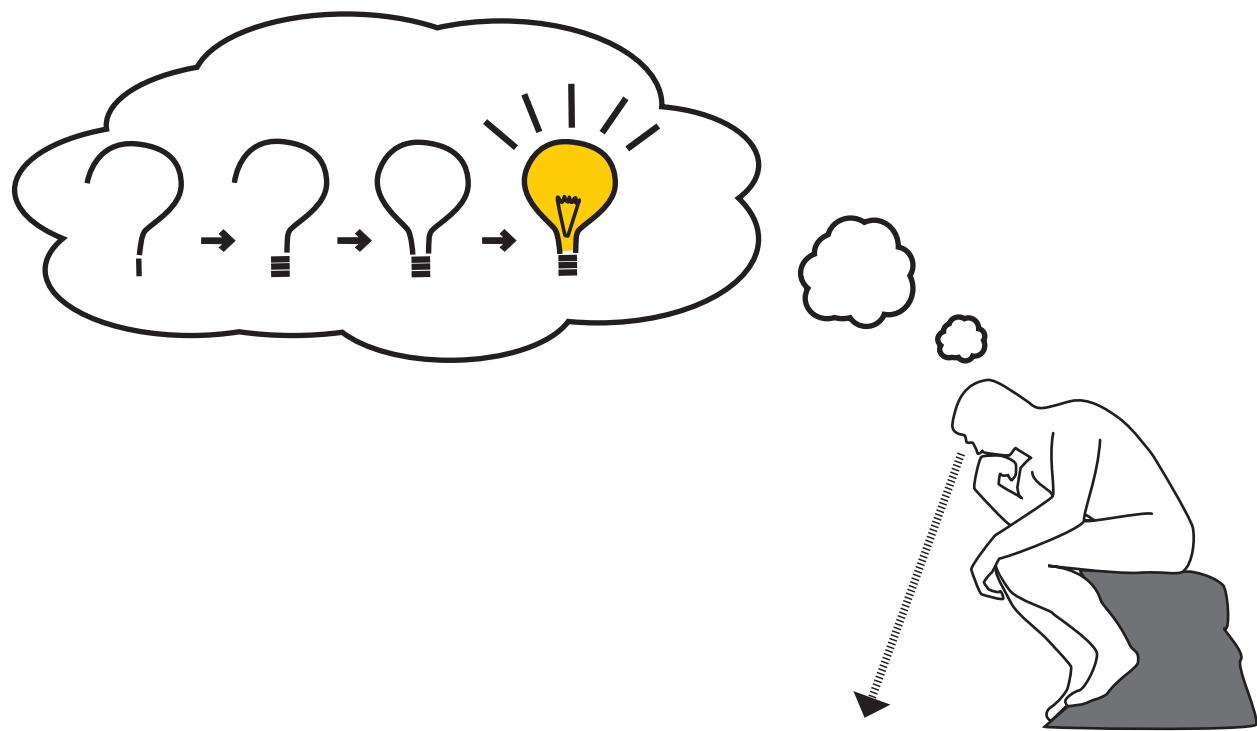


### *Open-ended Questions:*

A question that requires more thought and more than a simple one-word answer.

*Example:*

- *Why do you think God created man in His image?*
- *How do you feel about an all powerful God who loves you?*



### *Discussion Questions:*

- *How do you feel about a God who loves you?*

# Pre-lesson Information

## *Finding a Specific Bible Verse*

It is beneficial to know how to find the Bible verse that is mentioned in a Bible study or sermon. Often, preachers or teachers will ask everyone to turn in their Bible and follow along. Some people may be confused about where to go or are embarrassed because others can find the verse quickly and they cannot.

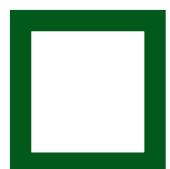
If the preacher calls for everyone to turn to John Three Sixteen, what does that mean? John Three Sixteen refers to three different items: (1) the Bible book, (2) the chapter of the book, and (3) the verse within the chapter. (See the illustration and identifying shapes for Book-Chapter-Verses on the opposite page.)



The first thing mentioned is the book. In the example of John 3:16, the person trying to find the verse would begin by finding the book of John. The top corner of each page will have a header with the book's name. If a person does not know a book's location, they can search the Table of Contents at the beginning of the Bible.

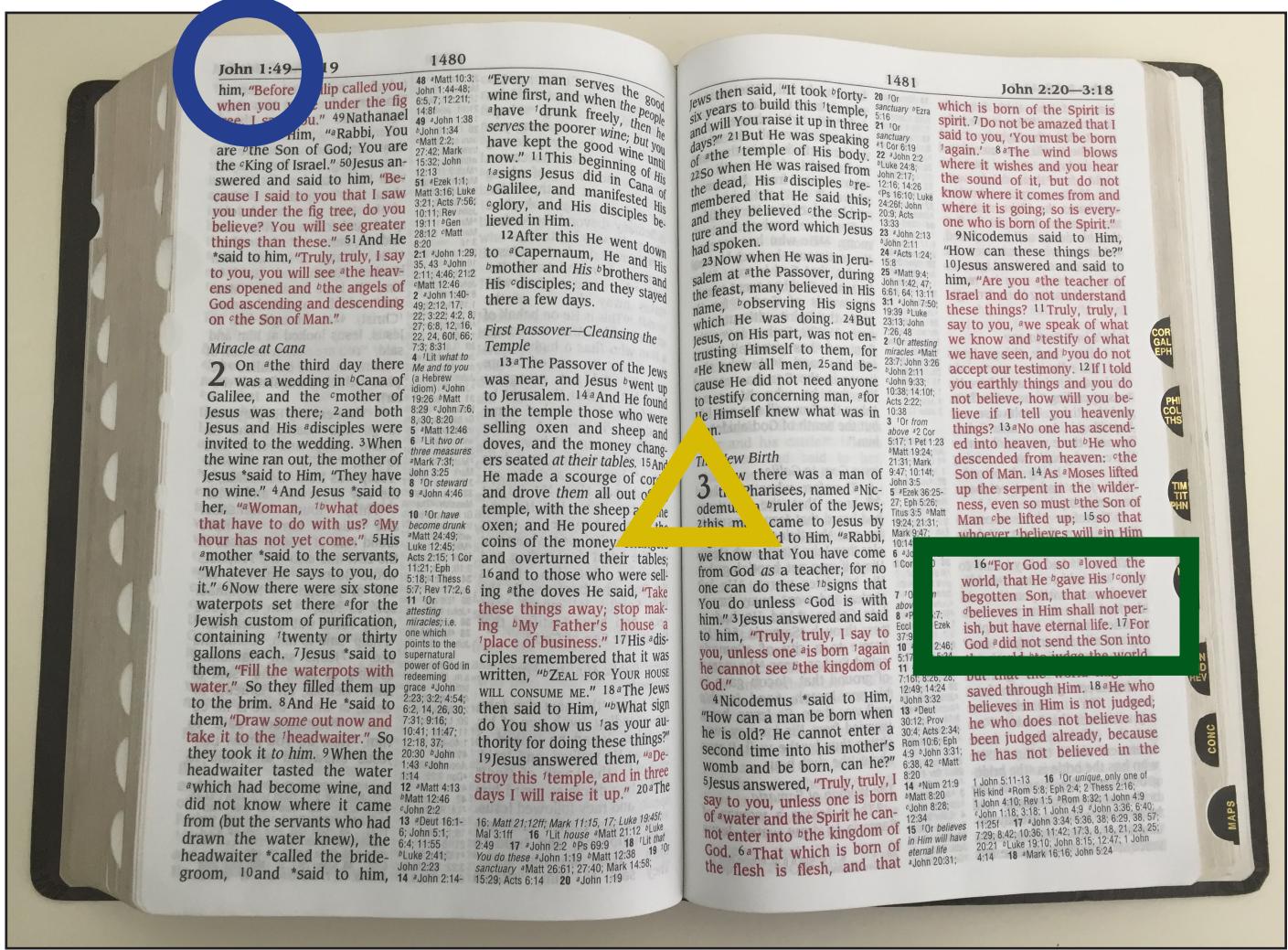


Once the Book of John is located, we find the chapter. The chapter typically begins with a large printed number to identify it.



The chapter always begins with “verse one” and will continue in numerical order until the end of the chapter. Typically, a verse is a sentence or an idea. Calling out the book, chapter, and verse is the traditional way that people locate Scriptures. Sometimes the preacher can call out the page number the Bible verse is on. (This will work only if both the preacher and the persons present are using the exact same edition of the Bible.)

When an infant is learning to walk, no one expects complete success the first time. The same holds true when learning to ride a bicycle. Likewise, learning how to find Bible verses as others call them out is not a skill mastered without practice. With patience and repetition, anyone can learn how to locate Scriptures!



## Pre-lesson Challenge:

Please find the following passages in your Bible. If unfamiliar, please begin by locating them in your Table of Contents. Afterward, please complete the chart below.

Scripture	Book	Chapter	Verse	Written Form
Example: Galatians Four Four	Galatians	Four	Four	Galatians 4:4
Genesis One One				
John Three Sixteen				

# Pre-lesson Information

## *Series Memory Verse*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

— John 3:16

In this series of studies, the memory verse will be John 3:16. While this popular verse is known by many, a more meaningful appreciation is there to be studied. With each lesson, John 3:16 will be a part of the final thought. This is meant to tie all studies to the common theme of redemption. The author of this series issues a personal challenge to each reader to not only memorize the words of the memory verse but to internalize the deeper message found within.

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# Series Introduction

God, the Creator and Giver of life, has given us the Bible. In this book, God explains the greatest problem of mankind: *sin and spiritual death*. The Bible also reveals the solution: the redemption from sin and spiritual death through Jesus Christ.

Some of these words like “redemption,” “sin,” “the Bible,” and even “God” may not be personally meaningful to you. Perhaps this is the first time you are hearing about the God of the Bible. Maybe you are hearing about Him again. It is obvious that you are very religious or spiritually-minded. This is evident from your desire to learn about God and the Bible. This series of lessons is designed to build your faith around the good news of Jesus and what He has accomplished for all mankind.

An overview of this series is as follows: In the beginning, God created everything. Mankind was made in His image with an immortal soul. When given the gift of choice, man chose to deny God and obey self. This unleashed sin which corrupted the world with pain, suffering, and death. Man struggled against sin and could not find a way alone to save himself from spiritual death.

But God had a plan. At just the right time, He sent Jesus to the earth. Jesus showed the way, lived a sinless life, and was killed on the cross. His death and glorious resurrection would offer man the chance to be saved from spiritual death if man chose to have faith and obey God. Through obeying the gospel, we can all be saved from sin and spiritual death and live forever in Heaven with God!

May God bless you as you begin a journey to understand His will for you and your life!