

# **FIRST STEPS WITH JESUS**

## **Lesson 3: THIS NEW LIFE**

**Purpose:** To know that God has given us a wonderful new life. To begin to understand what this new life is like and how to begin experiencing this new life.

### **I. God has given you a new life through Jesus Christ.**

**A. John 10:10** - 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

1. This new life belongs to every believer. It belongs to you right now.

### **II. God has planned a good life for.**

**A. Jeremiah 29:11** – "11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

1. God Almighty has planned a wonderful life for you.

2. It is a plan for good and not for evil.

3. God has a wonderful future planned for you.

4. God wants to give you hope (a good expectation about the future)

5. God has given us His Word to explain the new life He has given to us and how to walk in this new life.

### **III. Experiencing This New Life Through Fellowship**

**A. 1 John 1:1-4** – "1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life — 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us — 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full."

1. John is telling about his experience with this new life that is in Jesus Christ so that others can have what he has through fellowship with Jesus Christ. Then our joy will be full. The way to experience this new life is by fellowship with Jesus Christ. The Christian life is not about a list of rules that we do and do not do. The Christian life is about a relationship and fellowship with God.

### **IV. Experiencing This New Life Through God's Word**

**A. Matthew 7:24-27** - 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

1. God has given us His Word to cause our lives to be secure and successful.

2. Being a Christian does not mean we will never have any problems. Being a Christian means when the storms of life come we can stand strong and have victory every time through the Word of God.
3. The way we build our lives on this strong foundation is by knowing and doing God's Word.

#### **V. Experiencing This New Life Through Making God First In Your Life**

**A. Matthew 6:33** – “33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” NKJV

1. One way we seek God first is to seek His Word and fellowship every day.
2. As we seek to know and fellowship with God we will learn about His plan for our life and the Word of God will teach us how to walk in His plan. When we do this the Bible says God will add all these things to us. God wants you to have these things. He just wants you to want Him more than material things.
3. The new life and plan God has for you include you fulfilling His purpose for your life on this Earth. God wants to work through you to bless and change the lives of others. God has a call for your life, things He wants you to do for Him. As you seek Him first He will lead you into His call and He will do great things through you that will bless and change the lives of others.

**Conclusion:** God has a good life for you. The new life includes an abundant life, a plan for good and not for evil, a good future, and hope. The way you experience this good life is by faith in His Word and by fellowshiping with God. All you have to do is to decide if you want to experience this new life. If you want to experience this new life then keep coming back and you will learn how to walk in this new life God has planned for you.

PERSONAL READING: “Why Tongues?”

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1. How did you receive this new life God has given to you?

I received this new life when I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

2. Explain what this new life God has given you is like.

The new life is a good plan and future God has planned for me. A life full of hope, expecting good things to happen to me.

3. What happens to us when we fellowship with God and Jesus Christ.

Our joy is full.

4. What kind of life will we have when we know and do God's Word?

A life that has a strong foundation and will not fall. We will stand strong in the storms of life.

5. What will happen to us when we seek God first?

We will find God's purpose for our life and God will add all things to us.

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