

Bible Study Aids

Begin with prayer.

Acknowledge your need of the Holy Spirit's illumination. 1 John 2:27
Make sure that all your known sins are confessed to God. 1 John 1:9

Take brief notes.

Use a notebook.
Write in your Bible's margins.

Read it carefully.

Beware of the battle for your mind.
2 Corinthians 10:3-6
Resist spiritual laziness. James 4:7

Interpret it normally, historically, grammatically, and contextually.

The result = Dispensations
They are "Rules for Living"
They're not ways of salvation.

Ask questions.

What is the main subject?
Who is speaking?
What is the key verse?
What does this teach me?
Any commands, promises, or instructions to follow?

Memorize. Psalm 119:11

Individual verses.
Whole passages.

Meditate on it. 1 Timothy 4:15

Throughout the day. Psalm 1:2
Before you go to sleep. Ps. 119:148

Obeys it. John 15:10

It's profitable. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17
It's necessary. James 1:22; 4:17

How To Pray

Worship. Knowing who God is, give back to Him His full worth. Adore Him. John 4:24; Revelation 4:9-11

Praise. Appreciating some aspect of God's character which was responsible for the benefits you received. Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 150:6

Thanksgiving. Expressing your gratitude to God for past, present, and future benefits. Ephesians 5:20

Supplication. Making a request when the need or object is unknown. A cry for help. Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6, 7

Intercession. Pleading for or against known persons or needs. 1 Timothy 2:1; Romans 11:2

Asking in Jesus' name. Asking for a known object as if Christ were asking for you. John 14:13; 16:23, 24

Confession. Acknowledging your personal sins by naming them to God. 1 John 1:9; See James 5:16

Vow. Promising to accomplish a specific thing which the Holy Spirit has moved the heart to do. James 5:15

How To Memorize Scripture

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Please feel free to make copies of this and then share them with those who are *teachable and willing to change*.
2 Timothy 2:2, 15; 3:16, 17

How To Witness

Let the love of Christ compel you. 2 Corinthians 5:14; 2 Timothy 2:10

Be led by God the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18

Tell others what God has done for you. Acts 1:8; 22:1-21; 26:1-23

Share the Gospel with lost people. It's that "Christ died for our sins... and rose again *bodily* on the third day."
1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Luke 24:36-51

Urge them to "Believe on the Lord Christ *alone* to be saved." Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5

Assurance Of Salvation

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have [eternal] life." John 3:16

"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
"My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand."
John 10:28, 29

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..."
Romans 8:16

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life..." 1 John 5:13

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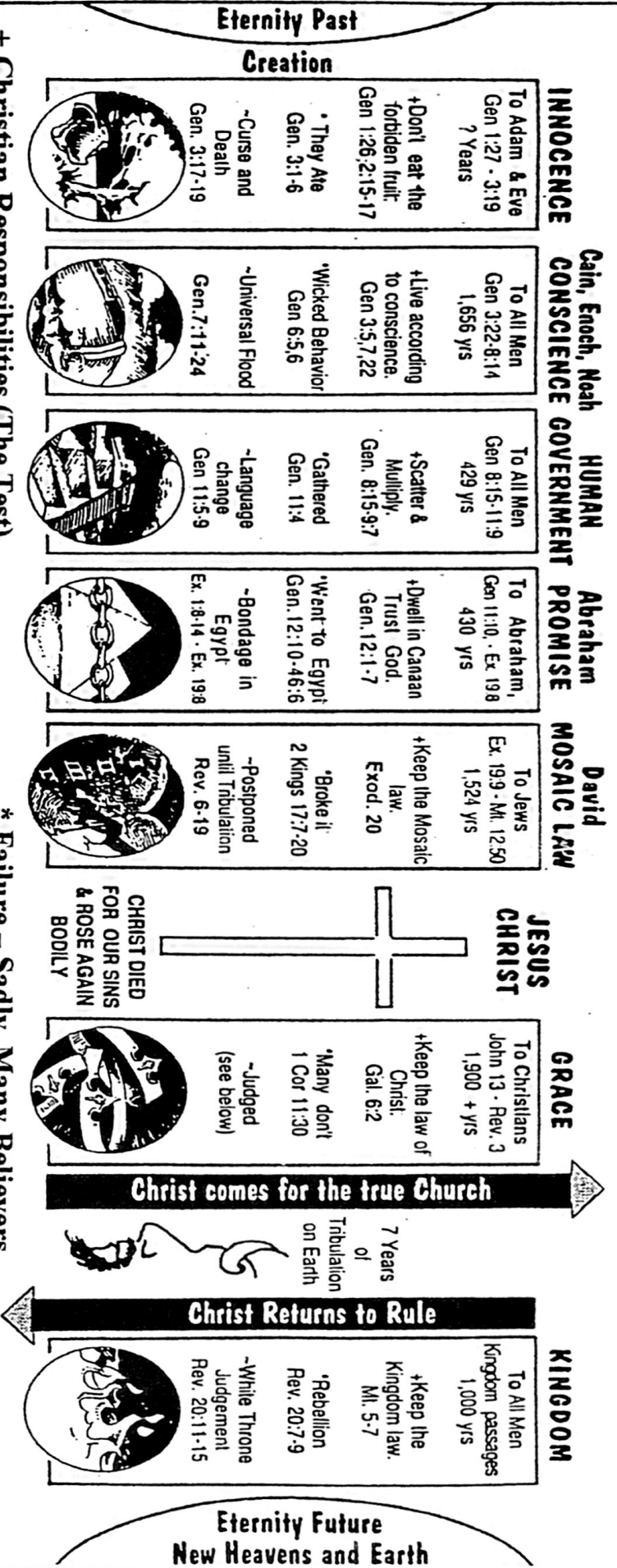
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"The Bad News & The Good News"

We've all sinned (acted lawlessly). We all deserve to be separated forever from God in hell. But Christ, the God-man, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again *bodily* on the third day. If you've never placed your faith and thrust in Him alone, do it now and be saved eternally!

(Romans 3:10-23; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8, 9)

Seven Sets Of "House Rules" (Dispensations) To Test Mankind



Eternity Past

Creation

+ Christian Responsibilities (The Test)

1. Grow spiritually in the sphere of grace and knowledge. 2 Peter 3:18
2. Walk by faith in God's promises to Christians. Hebrews 4:2; 11:6; Romans 1:17
3. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Be Christ-like. Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22, 23
4. Maintain Christian unity. Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:3; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 20
5. Use your spiritual gift with love. 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:13
6. Love other believers as Christ loves us. John 13:34, 35; 1 John 3:16, 17
7. Witness to and evangelize the lost. Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19, 20
8. Do everything for God's glory. 1 Corinthians 10:31

~ Judgment - 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10

* Failure - Sadly, Many Believers

1. Fail to grow up spiritually. They grieve God. Hebrews 5:12-14; Ephesians 4:30
2. Ignore or disbelieve God's promises to Christians. Hebrews 4:1-12
3. Are dominated by their sin nature or Satan. Romans 7:20; Matthew 16:23
4. Cause unscriptural divisions. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:1-9; Romans 16:17
5. Don't use their gift or abuse it. 1 Corinthians 12-14
6. Fight, quarrel, and love the world and its things. James 4:1; 1 John 2:9, 15
7. Are timid, confused and ignorant. 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4
8. Serve and exalt themselves. Romans 1:25; 2 Timothy 3:2-5

God has blessed every Christian with all spiritual blessings, and accepts them in the Beloved just as Jesus is accepted (Ephesians 1:3-6). He graciously teaches (1 John 2:20, 27), disciplines (Hebrews 12:5, 6), empowers (Philippians 4:13), rewards (1 Corinthians 3:11-15), guides (John 16:13) and enables them to grow spiritually (2 Peter 1:2-4). In spite of this, many (perhaps most) Christians refuse to depend on God the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16) and carry out the responsibilities that He has placed on them.

At the time of the "rapture" Jesus will raise all New Testament Christians who have died and transform living Christians (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). They will have their works judged to determine what is rewardable and what isn't (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10). At that time He will make the true Church His Bride (Ephesians 5:22) and take her to His home in heaven (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:9-27).

Doesn't such marvelous grace deserve a response of love and obedience from His own (John 14:15; 15:10)? Living each day with Christ's imminent return in mind will encourage us to be **pure** (1 John 3:3), bring us **true happiness** (Titus 2:13), and **comfort** us in sorrow (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Ask yourself, "Am I pleasing God?" (2 Corinthians 5:9)

Eternity Future
New Heavens and Earth