



MODULE 1 - Teacher's Guide

WHO IS GOD? WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR ME?

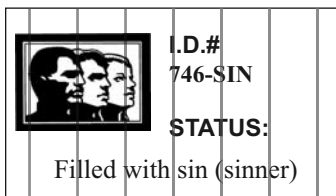
Lesson 1

Who is Jesus? What has He done for me that no one else could do?

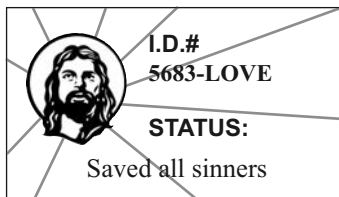
Preview

These are the main points that this lesson will cover:

1. All humans are sinful.
2. Jesus, God's son, is not sinful. He lived a perfect life.
3. God lets Jesus take the punishment for our sins so that we can receive God's full forgiveness and live with Him in heaven. Jesus loved us so much that He died to save us.

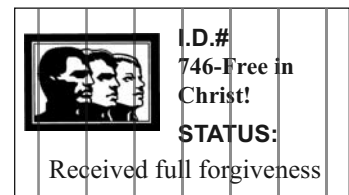


In prison you often have an I.D. tag that says who you are. This tag connects you to your record and symbolizes why you are in prison. Imagine for a moment that you and I were tagged as inmates in God's prison. The I.D. tag on each of us would connect us to our sinful record against God. That record would show all of our lies, rebellion, greediness, stealing, hurtful comments about someone, lust, anger, taking God's name in vain—our record would be pretty long. This I.D. tag also symbolizes the fact that God would have every right to execute us and send us to hell.

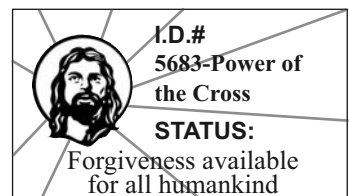


One day Jesus walks into the prison, not as an inmate, but to visit. He is given an I.D. tag with the title "Guest." This tag identifies Him as one who is free from any punishment and one who is in good standing with God, the Father. His record is completely free from any crime or sin at all. It contains nothing but pure holiness. It is spotless. With His I.D. tag He has total freedom and is under no penalty of the law. It identifies Him as a citizen of heaven.

Now, imagine that God the Father brings you and Jesus together into a room in the prison. He then removes each of your I.D. tags and sets them on the table. He now pins your I.D. tag on Jesus and explains that Jesus is taking your place. All of your record of crime, all of your sins, all of the punishment you deserve, will now be put on Jesus as if He had done them. Jesus will now stay in prison to be your substitute.



God the Father then takes Jesus' I.D. tag and pins it on you. He explains to you that you are now free. Jesus' perfect, spotless record is now credited to you, as if you had lived it. There is no more penalty of the law hanging over your head. The penalty of the law is now hanging over Jesus' head instead. You are free to go. With this new I.D. tag, which belonged to Jesus, you are now considered a citizen of heaven. You have no record of guilt, no reason for being punished by God.



This illustration teaches us what Jesus has done for you and me. Because of our many sins, God could easily have condemned us to be punished to hell. In His love, however, He chose to take all of our sin and guilt and place it upon Jesus, His only Son. That is why Jesus had to go to the cross to suffer and die in our place. God then takes Jesus' holy, perfect life record and gives you and me credit for it. The Bible describes this as "righteousness"; in other words, because of what Jesus has done for us we are now perfectly "right" with God. Those who believe this wonderful news, who hold on to Jesus by faith, have the sure promise of going to heaven.

Review

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Suggested answers to the student lesson.

1. Anger, lust, lies, rebellion, etc.
2. Everyone has sinned.
3. No one does anything good. We are all worthless.
4. The gift of eternal life.
5. Anyone who believes in Christ.
6. We are a new creation.
7. By Jesus dying for our sins on the cross.
8. Through believing in Jesus as our Savior, we will enjoy paradise/heaven with Jesus.