

**Lesson 1: LIES we believe vs the TRUTH that sets us free.**

In previous lessons we have looked at our sin and its consequences and at the character and grace of God.

- Our Problem: We have seen how our sinfulness is viewed by a holy and compassionate God.
- We have established that salvation is only possible through the gift of God's grace.

The beauty and wonder of God's plan unfolds in this lesson as He sends His only Son to pay for our sins so that we may have eternal life.

**The Lord Jesus Christ is the K\_\_\_\_\_ foundational block upon which man's salvation is built.**

**Ephesians 2: 19-22**

*19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*

- Jesus is the chief c\_\_\_\_\_.
- God's word and the testimony of his prophets and apostles are part of the foundation.

**Isaiah 28: 16**

*16 So this is what the Sovereign LORD says:*

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation;  
the one who trusts will never be dismayed.*

- He who trusts in Him will never be pushed away.
- As believers, we should never lose courage in the face of trouble.

**If Jesus is not the f\_\_\_\_\_ of our lives, we have nothing to build on!**

**Matthew 7: 24-27**

*"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fail because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it fell with a great crash."*

## Lies vs Truth about JESUS

### I. Many say He was a prophet or that He was a great teacher but I \_\_\_\_\_ than God.

Note: All major religions (Islam, Buddhism, etc.) acknowledge Jesus as either a prophet or teacher)

#### **Matthew 16: 13-16**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “**But what about you?**” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**”

- Many people give credit to Jesus as a miracle worker, a powerful teacher and for starting a “new religion.” BUT.....

**TRUTH: Jesus is the Son of God and the M\_\_\_\_\_.**

### II. Many say He is just a benevolent Savior who offers “fire insurance” from hell.

- This lie leads to half-truths and an incomplete understanding about who Jesus is.

#### **Romans 10:9**

*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.*

#### **Acts 2:36**

*Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, BOTH LORD and CHRIST.*

**TRUTH: JESUS is B\_\_\_\_\_ Savior and LORD.**

- You cannot have conversion without commitment.
- You cannot have salvation without sanctification. (Transformation and a changed life).

#### **Matthew 16:15**

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