

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION NOTES

Pages 19 and following

Lesson 8

(teacher helps)

Review the sealing of the Holy Spirit by reminding the students about the BRANDING ILLUSTRATION (with cattle) and the ENVELOPE ILLUSTRATION (give them an envelope again and see if they can write the correct things on it--see pages 18-19).

The bottom part of page 19 deals with Romans 8:16. The Holy Spirit's ministry is to convict and convince men. The Holy Spirit wants sinners to know that they are sinners (and that they need a Saviour) and the Holy Spirit wants saved people to know that they are children of God (this is what Romans 8:16 is all about).

How does a person become a child of God (John 1:12)?
We have a wonderful relationship with God as His children.

Mark 14:36 can be used to show the wonderful relationship that Christ had with His heavenly Father. Just as the Lord Jesus said, ABBA FATHER, so the believer can say the same thing--see also Galatians 4:6 (page 20 in the notes). Explain to the students what the word "ABBA" means (see the help given on page 20). It was a term of endearment, perhaps similar to our word "PAPA" or "DADDY"

What is wrong with the picture on the bottom of page 20? (you need to get the right children with the right father!) Have the students fix this by making it right in the houses on the right of the page. Point: You can't call someone ABBA if you are not really part of his family. (One of your Junior students would not go up to someone in church who is not their father and say, "HI DAD!").

The answer to the question on the top of page 21 is:
T H E L A S T N A M E S M I T H. The next paragraph should
be B O R N. The next paragraph: A G A I N and S O N S

On the middle of page 21 the notes are distinguishing between two greek words (both of which are translated "sons" in the KJV):

- 1) Teknon (used in John 1:12)--means child and tells

of having God's life because of our being BORN AGAIN. This Greek word is also found in Romans 8:16-17.

2) The second word is huios and means "son" and tells of having the honor, the HIGH POSITION (as a king's son or daughter) and the character, the SAME KIND of LIFE that belongs to God, God's life. The emphasis is on the privileges and rights of sonship. This word is found in Rom. 8:14 and Gal. 4:6 and Gal. 4:7.

In the diagram on page 21 the words to be supplied are "H E I R" "S O N" and "S E R V A N T".

Go to page 22 and have the students think about the illustration on this page. What is wrong with it? Sally and Jack are calling God their Father but is He really their Father? Do they really have a relationship with Him? Why not? People can say the words "ABBA FATHER" but the words really have no meaning because there is no real relationship.

What is right in this illustration? Can Sue and Jeff call God "ABBA FATHER"? Why can they? Why do they have this right?

To illustrate this, perhaps the teacher can use the illustration of a label on a can. A label announces what the contents are. It says, "I want everyone to know that I am a can of peas! I want everyone to know that peas live inside of me!" A label has a message for people. It may be a true message or it may be a false message.

For illustration, the teacher can have two cans. Both cans could be labeled "PEAS" and have identical labels on them. One of the cans would indeed be peas. The other can could be a can of dog food with its original label removed and a pea label put on it. The Juniors will be in for a surprise when you open that can!

Now, let's think again about Sally and Jack and about Sue and Jeff. What label did these children put on themselves? The label said, "I am a child of God. I am a son of God. I have a relationship with Him and I can call Him my Father!" Just as the pea label on the dog food can was a false and lying label, so also the "ABBA FATHER" label on Sally and Jack was not a true label. It was giving a false message!

Now the students can work through the bottom of page 22:

Abba is used 3 times in NT. (see page 20)

Abba was a F A M I L Y (or F A T H E R) word.

How did you get into God's family? (John 1:12; Acts 16:31)

How did you get God's LIFE (1 John 5:12)?

God's life is (for how long?) E T E R N A L (note: one space is missing here, should be seven spaces). It should be pointed out that eternal life means more than just living forever. Even the unsaved will live forever (in hell). All people will live (exist) forever somewhere! But LIFE involves a real and right RELATIONSHIP (back to the concept of ABBA FATHER) with God through the Lord Jesus Christ--see John 17:3 which shows that eternal life is not just living forever, but it is knowing God in a real and personal way.

Can you call God "MY FATHER"? Why can you do this? or Why can't you do this? (Most people address God in their cursing and swearing, but it is very interesting that in their cursing and swearing they use names of God such as "Oh God" or "Jesus Christ" etc. but they never say, "FATHER". They don't know God as their Father and they will thus not use this term in their cursing!

Review assurance of salvation (bottom of page 22 and top of page 23). You can give them the following test:

(see next page)

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION TEST

Questions and answers found in the Assurance of Salvation Notes.

1. God wants the born again believer to

HOPE
FEEL
KNOW

 their saved.
2. What is the difference between the assurance of salvation and the security of the believer?
3. I can KNOW I am saved right NOW by believing in and resting on God's (what?) P_____
4. What is the difference in believing ABOUT someone and believing IN someone?
5. Why is a believer JUSTIFIED OR DECLARED TO BE RIGHTEOUS before God?
6. A railroad ENGINE, a PASSENGER CAR, and a CABOOSE (on the end of a train) were used to teach you the RIGHT ORDER of the following three words. FAITH, FEELING, FACT. What should their right order be?