

SESSION 10: Discovering the “Ah-ha!” of life

Taking the First Step of a Faith Commitment to Follow Jesus

Reference: *Surprised by Faith*, pages 124-130; and 148-156 (fourth edition); pages 112-117; and 132-138 (third edition)

Making the Discovery

1. God _____ the world by his infinite wisdom and power (Intelligent Design). Genesis 1:1.
2. Two thousand years ago God became _____ in the person of Jesus Christ and lived in the world He had created. John 1:14.
3. Jesus Christ was my _____ in His death on the cross as payment for my sin. Romans 5:8.
4. Jesus Christ was my _____ from sin into a forgiven and personal relationship with God. Ephesians 1:7.
5. Jesus Christ broke the power of death by His _____ from the grave. John 5:24.
6. I enter into a personal relationship with God upon _____ with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and _____ in my heart that He was resurrected from the dead. Romans 10:8-9.
7. In taking this step to know God, I confess that Jesus Christ is
 - a. My _____
 - b. My _____
 - c. My Resurrected _____

DISCOVERY #10

“Ah-ha!” I can experience a vital relationship with God and the assurance of life after death by a confession of faith in Jesus Christ through prayer!

Confirming the Discovery from God’s Word

In summary of God’s Word, the consistent testimony of Scripture is that salvation for all people is through Jesus alone (Acts 4:12; compare John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5 and 1 John 5:11-12). As a result of our confession of faith in Jesus, we are redeemed from sin and eternal death, and stand humbly before the throne of God without condemnation (Romans 8:1-2). In Christ we have settled with God “out of court.” We also enjoy an incredible privilege to be spiritually adopted into the family of God because the Holy Spirit conceives new life within us. We are God’s own adopted children and receive from Him our inheritance of eternal life (Galatians 4:6-7). To live our lives victoriously, we are commanded to submit, draw near, and humble ourselves before God. As a result the devil will flee from us, and God will draw near and exalt us (James 4:7-8,10). Finally, Jesus clearly stated that God’s will is for all to have eternal life through faith in His Son, and that He personally guarantees our own resurrection (John 6:40).

Answers to “Fill in the Blanks”: 1. created; 2. incarnate; 3. substitute; 4. redeemer; 5. resurrection; 6. confession, believing; 7. Creator, Redeemer, Lord

