**Practicing Living by God’s life in a Troubled World (Scripture Verses are from the NIV)**

**Section 1 How to become a Christian?**

**No human can live a perfect sinless life like Jesus did. In baseball lingo, only Jesus had a perfect batting average of 1.000. No one can hit like Jesus!**

*Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

**All of us are less than perfect.**

*Romans 3:10… There is no one righteous, not even one...*

*Romans 3:23* …*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**We must be born again from above by the Holy Spirit by receiving Jesus’s free gift.**

*John 3:3* *Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”*

**God’s gift to us of eternal life is a free gift which we cannot earn by human means. We accept the free gift by faith and say thank you to Jesus.**

*Ephesians 2: 8-9 For it is by grace you been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God not by works so that no one can boast.*

*Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,**he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,**whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,**so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

**Jesus became sin for us and died on the cross for the punishment of our sins and rose again so that we may receive His righteousness and eternal life.**

*2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

*John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”*

**Mankind was originally snake bitten by Satan at the fall of man in the garden. Because of Adam’s sin we all die. When we look to Jesus we live.**

*Numbers 21:8-9**The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”**So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.*

**We need to repent (change our mind and direction) for our sins and accept Jesus free gift of forgiveness of our sins by faith**

*Acts 20: 20-21* *how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,****21****testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**If we believe and receive God’s free gift, God views us as having a perfect 1.000 heavenly batting average like Jesus.**

*John 1: 12-13**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—**children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.*

*Hebrews 10:14**For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

**We receive God’s free gift by faith which means taking God at His word. As a result, we have peace with God, our sins are forgiven and we are considered righteous by God.**

*Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Romans4:5-8 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.****6****David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:* ***7****“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.****8*** *Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”*

*Psalm 103:11-12 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  so great is his love for those who fear him;* ***12****as far as the east is from the west,  so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

**As a result of believing and receiving Jesus we become part of God’s family and inherit many blessings. We are on God’s team.**