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New Life in Christ

Introduction

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to give new and abundant life to all people. He said, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). What kind of life was Jesus talking about? How was human life different before Jesus came? How was it different after He came? In this LIFEPAC®, you will learn the answers to these questions. Jesus Christ made it possible for human life to change. He made it possible to live a new life in Him. You will learn about new life in Christ as you study this LIFEPAC.

Indeed, Jesus came to bring new and abundant life to you! He wants you to grow in the new life that He has given you. You will learn more about growth in Christ in this LIFEPAC. Some things attempt to block or hinder our growth in Christ. You will learn about those obstacles. Fortunately, we also know that there are important keys to growing in Christ.

Not only has Jesus come to help us receive new life, but the Holy Spirit has also come to help us. You will learn about some of the ways the Holy Spirit helps Christians become more like Jesus Christ. You will also learn about the importance of God’s grace in the new life that Jesus gives us.

Finally, you will examine some of the ways that we can see evidence of the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives. This is called the “fruit” of the Spirit. You will examine the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the final part of this LIFEPAC.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Describe characteristics of human life before Jesus Christ’s arrival on earth.
2. Explain the ways that Jesus Christ brought new life to the human race.
3. Describe aspects of human life after the first coming of Jesus Christ.
4. Describe the ways that God wants people to grow in Christ.
5. List and describe the three main obstacles to growth in the Christian life.
6. List and describe the four main keys to growth in Christ.
7. Describe some of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us grow in Christ.
8. Explain what is meant by “transformation in Christ.”
9. Define grace and its importance in the Christian life.
10. List and describe the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

1. LIFE BEFORE AND AFTER CHRIST

The purpose of this first section of the LIFE-PAC is to give a broad overview of the nature of human life before and after the ministry of Jesus Christ. In a way, it is intended to give an illustration of what has happened to the human race since God created man and woman in the beginning. When viewed from this **perspective**, we can see how a **momentous** change came into the world when Jesus Christ appeared! The possibilities for human life and the way that it is lived changed drastically after Jesus Christ walked among us.

First, you will examine life before Christ. You will learn about God's initial creation of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Created good and in the image and likeness of God, something

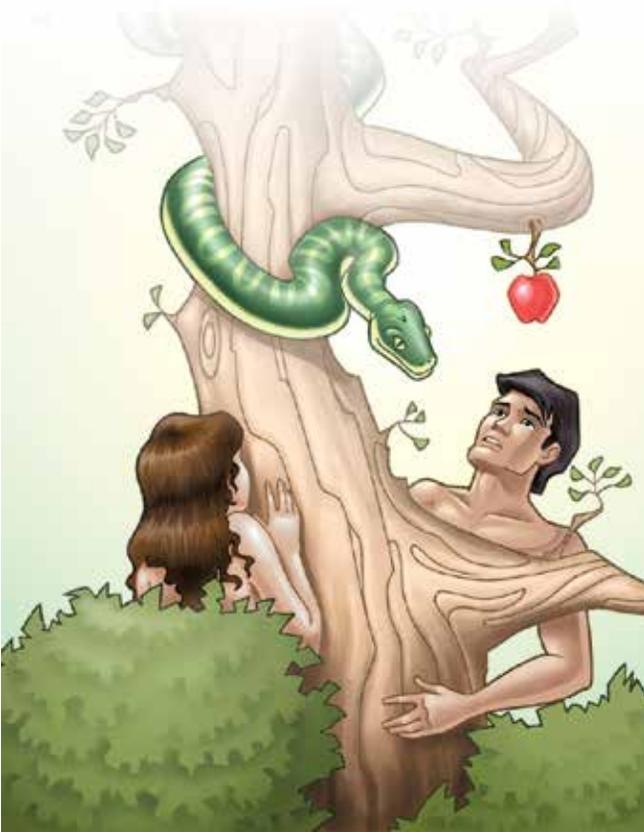


| Jesus came to give us new life.

tragic happened to our first parents after they were tempted by Satan and disobeyed God. You will learn more about the disastrous consequences of their disobedience and how it affected human life ever after.

Fortunately, God did not give up on human beings, but sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins and to bring new life to the human race. You will learn more about the ways Christ brought about this new life. You will learn also how all people have the opportunity for a new life in Christ.

Finally, you will learn how human life has both changed and remained the same after the appearance of Jesus Christ. People can now live a new life because of Christ. When people have new life in Christ, they can live in a way that pleases God and prepares them to be with Him forever in heaven. The final part of this first section of the LIFE-PAC will explain more about the possibilities of this new life in Christ.



| Adam and Eve affected life before Christ.

Section Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Describe characteristics of human life before Jesus Christ's arrival on earth.
2. Explain the ways that Jesus Christ brought new life to the human race.
3. Describe aspects of human life after the first coming of Jesus Christ.

Vocabulary

Study these words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAAC.

concupiscence (kon kyü' pə sən[t]s). The inclination and tendency in human beings toward sin and evil.

consequences (kon' sə kwen' səz). Something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions.

discord (dis' kôrd). Lack of agreement or harmony.

distorted (dis tôrt' əd). Twisted out of the true meaning or proportion.

momentous (mō men' təs). Important or consequential.

mortal (môr' təl). Subject to death.

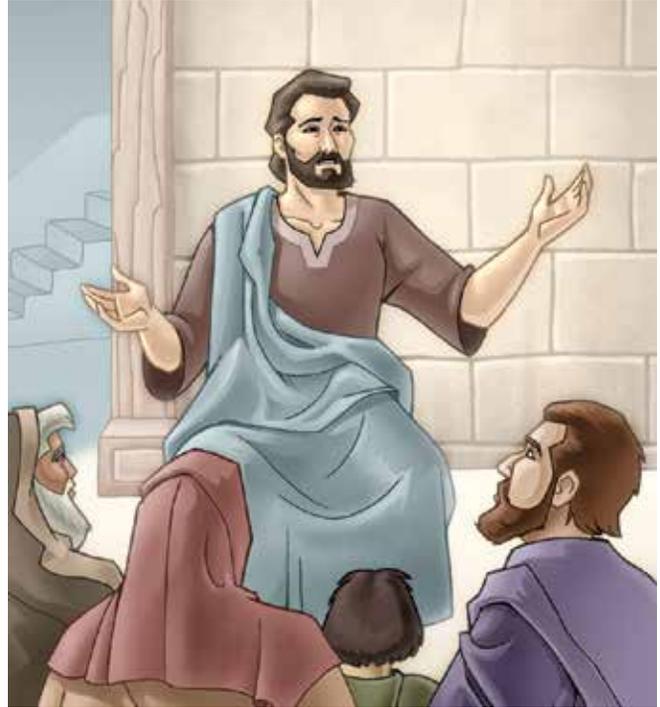
perspective (pər spek' tiv). The capacity to view things in their true relations or relative importance.

proscribed (prō skrībd'). Set forth or written.

redeem (ri dēm'). To free from captivity by payment of ransom.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fā; let, ēqual, tērm; it, ĩce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rŭle; child; long; thin; /ʒh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.



| The apostle Paul taught how people can live a new life because of Christ.

Life Before Christ

The Bible tells us that God created man and woman in the beginning (Genesis 1:26–31). God is the giver and creator of human life. He created man and woman in His own image and likeness. Man was created from the dust of the earth. He is a material being. Man became a living being when God breathed into him the breath of life. Therefore, man is also composed of spirit and soul. Unlike angels, who are spiritual beings, man and woman are both physical and spiritual beings. They have body and soul. You can see the body, but you cannot see the soul. God created man and woman as living beings and gave them life. Human life began with our first parents, Adam and Eve.

Original Paradise. After God created man and woman, He saw that they were very good. God placed them in the Garden of Eden to care for his creation. Their work for God was not a burden. God gave man an intellect with which to think and make decisions. He also gave humanity free will in which man and woman had the freedom to make choices. They could freely choose to obey or disobey God. Their free will also gave man and woman the ability to freely love God and serve Him in truth. They were created to live forever in Paradise.

As they were originally created, man and woman were in harmony with God. They walked in friendship with God. They experienced original holiness and justice; that is, they were in a right relationship with God. They experienced His ongoing presence and friendship, and they were not ashamed.

In the beginning, man and woman were also in harmony with each other. They loved each other perfectly, and there was no **discord** between them. They lived and worked together in peace, and they were in a right relationship with each other.

Genesis 1:26–3:24.



Finally, man and woman were in harmony with the animals and plants that God placed in their care. They were free to eat from any of the plants of the garden. The exception was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from which they were forbidden to eat.

The Fall. Unfortunately, something happened to change the nature of the life God gave to man and woman in the beginning. Tempted by the devil, a fallen angel who is the father of lies (John 8:44), man and woman disobeyed God and sinned. Sin is the deliberate turning away from the love of God and choosing to disobey Him. It is an offense against God and His commandments. God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; yet, they did so. They disobeyed God. When they did this, their eyes were opened to their sin and they were ashamed. They hid from God when He approached. Their relationship with God changed for the worse, and they were no longer in a right relationship with him.

The disobedience and sin of Adam and Eve is called “the Fall.” Because of their sin, Adam and Eve “fell” from the position of original holiness and justice that they had enjoyed with God. Their life was forever changed after the Fall. You will examine some of the consequences of the Fall in the next part of this LIFE PAC.



| Man became a living soul.



| Original Paradise



Complete the following questions.

1.1 How are human beings different from angels? _____

1.2 What is meant by the original justice and holiness of Adam and Eve? _____

1.3 What is "the Fall"? _____

1.4 What is "sin"? _____

**Complete the following activity.**

- 1.5** Describe some of the characteristics of man and woman as they were originally created by God in Paradise. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- 1.6** Using a separate sheet of paper, write a one-page story about human life as it might have been lived by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Be sure to describe their relationships with God, one another, and animals and plants. Use the Scriptures in Genesis 1–2, the information you learned so far in this LIFEPAK, and your imagination.

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Consequences of the Fall. Human life was drastically changed by the sin of Adam and Eve. God made several changes to the nature of man and Creation (Genesis 3:14–24). Among these changes, man and woman would now die. Death entered the world. Man’s body became mortal and would return to the dust from which it was made. The woman would bear children in pain, and the relationship between husband and wife would be more difficult. The ground was cursed because of Adam’s sin, and man would now labor and work with difficulty for the things that God once gave to them freely. In addition, Adam and Eve were banished from Paradise and the Garden of Eden. No longer would they enjoy the original holiness and justice that they experienced in Paradise.

Ultimately, God’s judgment on Adam and Eve because of the Fall meant that man’s

relationships were changed. First, the relationship between man and God was changed. Man no longer walked in fellowship and friendship with God as He had in Paradise. Humans became afraid of God, and their image of Him became **distorted**. Man was now separated from this close fellowship with God.

Second, human relationships were changed. From then on, hostility, domination, and oppression would be part of human relationships. Finally, the relationships between man and the environment around him changed. The ground was now cursed, and it would yield thorns and thistles. Difficulty would exist in the relationships between man and animals, and there would no longer be the harmony which was enjoyed in Paradise.

Because our first parents, Adam and Eve, represented the whole human race to follow, God



| Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

made these changes hold true for all humans thereafter. In other words, the sin of Adam and Eve would affect all human beings after them. All human beings would now have lives characterized by sin. All human life from that time forward would be trapped in the condition of sin. The apostle Paul wrote, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Paul also wrote in (Romans 3:9–12).

What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

The sin of Adam and Eve affected all human life to follow, and it affected human nature. Human nature was now corrupted from its original holiness and justice. Human life was under the power of sin. Suffering and evil were now part of human life. Man was now inclined to sin and evil. His tendency was to sin and turn away from God. This inclination and tendency in all men to sin is called **concupiscence**. Every human being after Adam and Eve would be affected by the tendency to sin.

This power of sin over the human race had even worse consequences. Very quickly after man's fall, human history records occurrences of murder and war. For example, Cain murdered his brother, Abel (Genesis 4:8). The whole world was corrupted through sin, and Satan was given power to rule over this corrupted world and over mankind (1 John 5:19).

The Hope of a Savior. Fortunately, God did not abandon man after the Fall. In fact, right at the beginning of His judgment of Adam and Eve, God made a promise that offered hope for the future. God told the serpent (Satan) that the offspring (seed) of the woman would bruise his head and that he (Satan) would bruise her seed's heel (Genesis 3:15). This meant that one of Eve's male descendants would eventually appear in human history, defeat Satan, and give hope to the human race. This man would redeem men from bondage to sin and restore a right relationship of man to God. This man would be the Savior. God's promise of a future Savior, given at the beginning, right at the Fall, would ultimately be fulfilled in God's own Son, Jesus Christ.



Complete these statements.

- 1.7** As a result of the Fall, man's _____ were changed.
- 1.8** The _____ of Adam and Eve affected all human beings after them.
- 1.9** The apostle Paul wrote a. _____ men, both Jews and Gentiles, are under the b. _____ of sin.
- 1.10** The _____ of all people to sin is called concupiscence.
- 1.11** In Genesis 3:15, God made a promise that a descendant of Eve would _____ all men from bondage to sin and restore the right relationship of man to God.



Complete the following activities.

1.12 Describe the three areas of man’s relationships that changed after the Fall.

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

1.13 Beyond changes in the relationships described above, explain what other characteristics of man changed after the Fall. _____

1.14 Explain how God gave Adam and Eve hope in the midst of the Fall. _____

Genesis 6:5–8 and 11:1–9.



Life After the Fall. Sin increased with the spread of the human race after the Fall. In fact, the problem of wickedness and evil became so bad among humans that God decided to flood the earth and make a new start with the human race through Noah. All human life was destroyed through the Flood except for Noah and his small family.

After the Flood, God made a covenant with Noah that never again He would destroy the

earth through a flood. However, sin and evil continued because the inclination to sin still existed among men. They could not save themselves. In their pride, men began to build a tower to the heavens at Babel. God saw the evil that would result from this effort, and He confused their language. Men abandoned the building of the Tower of Babel and were scattered over the whole earth. God limited the evil that men would do at that time. Now, God was about to begin something new with the human race that would eventually bring the Savior to earth many generations later.

SELF TEST 1

Match the following items (each answer, 2 points).

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|-------|-------|-------------------|----|--|
| 1.01 | _____ | Jesus | a. | kept hope alive for a future Savior |
| 1.02 | _____ | Satan | b. | explained Christ's forgiveness of sins |
| 1.03 | _____ | Adam and Eve | c. | an apostle who taught how Christ changed his life |
| 1.04 | _____ | Jews and Gentiles | d. | conquered the Promised land |
| 1.05 | _____ | Abraham | e. | was promised that his descendant would reign forever |
| 1.06 | _____ | Moses | f. | responsible for the Fall |
| 1.07 | _____ | Jeremiah | g. | came to bring life abundantly |
| 1.08 | _____ | Paul | h. | under the power of sin |
| 1.09 | _____ | David | i. | the father of lies |
| 1.010 | _____ | prophets | j. | all peoples blessed through him |
| | | | k. | received promise of a new covenant |
| | | | l. | said a prophet like him was to come |

Answer true or false (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011 _____ God created man from the dust of the earth and water from the oceans.
- 1.012 _____ In the beginning, work was not a burden to man.
- 1.013 _____ There was no discord between Adam and Eve after the Fall.
- 1.014 _____ The relationship between man and the environment changed after the Fall.
- 1.015 _____ Men began to build the Tower of Babel in honor of God.
- 1.016 _____ God chose Abram of Ur to initiate His plan of salvation.
- 1.017 _____ No stain of sin was found in Jesus Christ.
- 1.018 _____ Jesus was offered as a sacrifice for sin for all time.
- 1.019 _____ Once a person becomes a Christian, he cannot sin anymore.
- 1.020 _____ Even after Christ redeemed us, some people remained under the power of sin.

Complete these statements (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.021** God created man and woman in His own a. _____
and _____ .
- 1.022** In the beginning before the Fall, man and woman experienced original
a. _____ and b. _____ .
- 1.023** The ground was _____ because of Adam's sin.
- 1.024** Sin _____ with the spread of the human race after the Fall.
- 1.025** Jesus was both fully a. _____ and fully b. _____ .
- 1.026** When Jesus died on the cross, he brought God's great mercy and
_____ of sins for all time.
- 1.027** Jesus completed the work of bringing new life when He sent
the _____ .

Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank (each answer, 4 points).

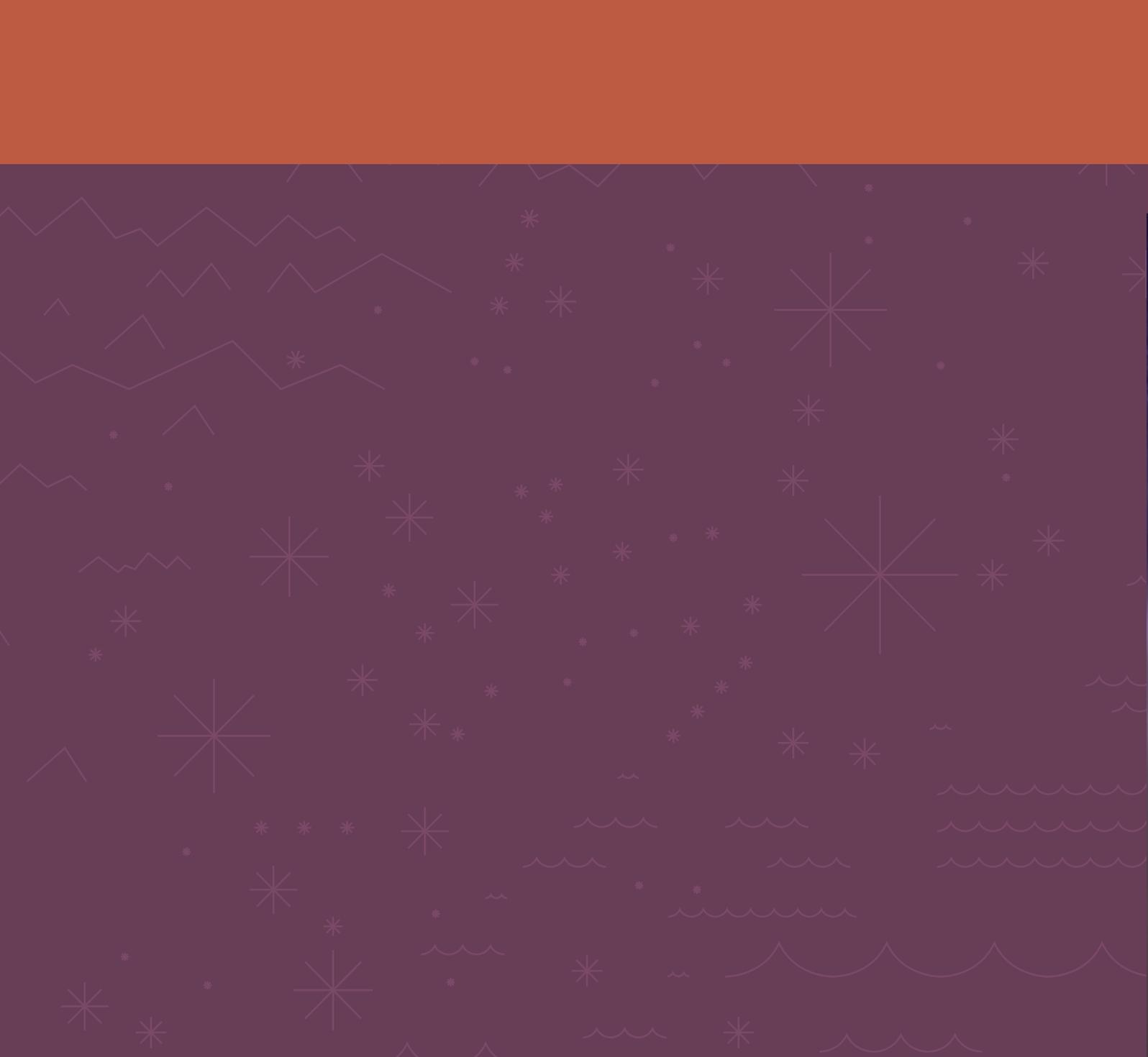
- 1.028** Jesus opened the way for new life to _____.
a. the Jews only b. all people c. his disciples only
- 1.029** People who do not know Christ or accept Him _____.
a. are saved through good works c. will still lead a good life
b. remain under the power of sin
- 1.030** The tendency or inclination to sin is called _____.
a. justification b. bad habits c. concupiscence
- 1.031** When God saw the evil that would result from the Tower of Babel, He confused men's
_____.
a. minds b. sense of direction c. language
- 1.032** In John 11:25, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the _____."
a. life b. Son of God c. Savior

Answer the following questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.033 What is sin? _____

1.034 In what ways did Jesus bring new life to the human race? _____

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