

LESSON 1: Salvation Is Needed To Obey God

1. Is it possible to obey God if you are not a Christian? Read the two passages below and fill out the chart for how those who “live by the Spirit” and “live by their sinful nature” act.

Galatians 5:16-17 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Romans 8:5-7 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

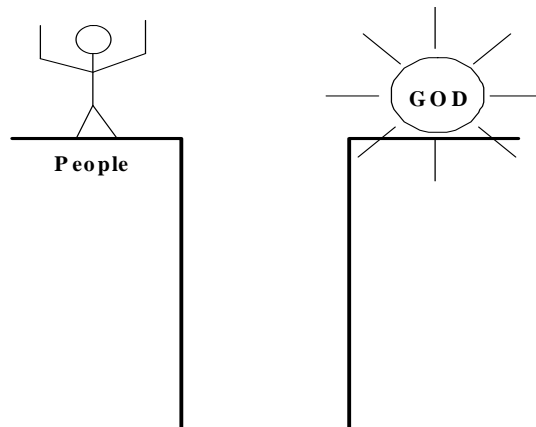
Fill out the chart below using the verses above.

	Living by the Spirit	Living by your sinful nature
How do you view God?		
Can you submit to God?		
Will you submit to God?		
What is the focus of your mind?		
What results from living this way?		

2. What are the results of sin?

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

According to the passage what separate man from God?



3. According to the passage below, how many people are separated from God by sin?

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

4. According to the passage below, what gift has God provided for the world?

John 3:16 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.

5. According to the passage below, what do you have to do to receive God's gift? What does God provide?

Eph 2:8 – 9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

6. According to the passage below, how can you know that you have accepted Jesus death on the cross as the payment for your sins?

Romans 10:9-11 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. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

7. According to the passage below, what is one of the purposes for God saving people?

Ephes. 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

8. Have you confessed with your heart and do you believe in your heart that Jesus in your Lord and Savior?