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## A relationship with Creator-God

### Steps to entering

Testimony of a Husband and Wife:

H: I was looking for my identity and meaning to life. I joined a group where everyone studied the Bible. Many were like me. They had never opened a Bible before. The studies began with 'Creator-God' who is a spirit, the highest Spirit. He created people with a spirit, like Him. In this way Creator-God and the people He made could be in fellowship. This knowledge touched my heart. I received answers to questions I had for many years. I also learned that the barrier to having a relationship with this God was my wrong doings. I wanted this fellowship, but the barrier of my sin kept me from having it. I had to do something about it. I confessed my sin to God. Peace came into my heart. I had never experienced that before. I knew I had entered into fellowship with my Creator.

W: It was Valentine's Day. Someone was talking about Jesus' death on the cross. The words shook me. God wanted the people He had made to know Him and His love. But He is holy and people have sin. These cannot meet. The speaker said we as people could do nothing, no merit, to help get rid of our sin. Only Jesus, the one without sin, could die for me, so that my wrong doing could be forgiven. I was overwhelmed with this sacrifice of love and prayed to believe in Jesus that day.

### What Can We Learn From These Testimonies?

What was he seeking? Identity and meaning to life.

What are you looking for? Is it as important as purpose or meaning to life?

What did he do? Studied the Bible.

What did he find? Answers, peace and fellowship with his Creator-God.

What did she learn? That the Creator-God wants the people He made, to know Him and His love.

Why can God and man, not meet? God is holy, man is not.

Would good works or merit get rid of her sin? No.

What could she do? Admit her wrong, believe that Jesus died on the cross for her sins, and ask Jesus to come in to her life.

Do you have a personal relationship with the Creator-God and His Son Jesus? You can too.

### A Contextualized Bible Study\*

**Lesson #11:** "Steps to enter the Father-child relationship with the Creator-God"

**Aim:** To explain how men and women can enter the Father-child relationship with Creator-God

**Background:** God created man in His image. He wants to have a personal relationship with man. Man chose to sin and separate himself from God. God made a way for man to again have a personal relationship with Him.

## 1. Introduction

We have learned that according to the Scriptures trust in the promises of the Creator-God will cause us to find Him. They will also lead us to receive and believe in Christ, remove the guilt and punishment for our immoral/sinful acts and give power to do moral acts. This is because we have become newborn children of the Creator-God and received His Spirit to give us a new quality of life. When human beings follow these steps they become the kind of people described in the following verses. Read: Mark 1:15; I Jn 1:9; Rom 5:1; Jn 3:16, 10:10, 14:27; 2 Cor 5:17; Rev 3:20

## 2. Observations

- a. In Mark 1:15 what did Jesus say that a human being must do? (repent and believe the message of Creator-God)
- b. When a human being repents of immoral/sinful acts and confesses them to the Creator-God, what does 1 John 1:9 say that the Creator-God will surely do? (forgive them and cleanse them completely.)
- c. When the Creator-God forgives a human being and makes him/her as if he/she had never done immoral/sinful acts what does Rom 5:1 say that that human being has achieved? (He has peace with Creator-God.)
- d. What kind of peace does Jesus promise to give a human being in John 14:27? (His peace, peace that is not like the peace the world gives )
- e. What kind of life does 2 Cor 5:17 say that a human being who is “in Christ” has? (a new life, the old is past away.)
- f. In John 10:10 what kind of life did Jesus say He had come to give to human beings? (abundant, full, complete.)
- g. What kind of life does John 3:16 say human beings have who believe in the Son of God? (Eternal life)
- h. In Rev 3:20 whose hearts does Jesus promise to come into? (the heart who hears Jesus’ voice & invites Him in)

## 3. Understanding

- a. What does a human being do when he/she repents? (See Luke 19:1-10 for an example of a human being repenting.) (Admits wrong doing and turns from them to obedience to God.)
- b. What does a human being believe when he/she believes in the “Good News”? (See John 1:10-12) they believe Jesus has taken the punishment for their sinful acts and they are forgiven and received by Creator-God as His children and have new life because they’ve trusted in Jesus.
- c. How does a human being confess his/her immoral/sinful acts to the creator-God? (See Luke 18:13) (he speaks out loud or in his heart/mind telling God all the wrong things he has done and that he is sorry for disobeying God’s moral law and asks Him to forgive.
- d. What does Rom 5:1 tell us concerning who has peace with the Creator-God? (anyone who has believed in / received Christ and through Christ has been made as if they had never done immoral/sinful acts)
- e. According to John 14:27 from whom can human beings receive the peace of God? (Jesus)
- f. What do you understand 2 Cor 5:17 to mean when it says that people in Christ have a new kind of life? (the old sinful way of living is ended and the new way of living has begun).
- g. Of what do you think the abundant life Jesus gives consists? (satisfaction in the new way of living , freedom from guilt and punishment for sin, freedom from loneliness and insecurity and adoption into Christ’s family.)
- h. What should a human being do when they are impressed in their minds that what they have learned about Jesus is true and right? (invite Him in)

## 4. Application

- a. How can you receive forgiveness and peace with the Creator-God? (Admit and repent of sinful/selfish acts and believe in Jesus suffering and death on the cross for me).
- b. Which do you prefer to have in your life, the temporary satisfactions of this world or the continuous peace and life of the Creator-God?
- c. What are some of the qualities of the life the Creator-God gives? (new life, abundant life, eternal life)
- d. What should you do if you feel moved by the Creator-God concerning believing in Jesus? (Invite Him to come in)
- e. Will you do that now?

## Meditate on Revelation 3:20

“Look! I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and we will have fellowship together.”

\*(Bible study lessons taken from the book *Self-understanding of Thai: Targeting a Message so it Hits the Mark*, by Marden St. John (Eng.), available from CLC bookstore, Thailand. Same material also available in Thai /Eng. (student/ teacher manual), *Mind Purification* by Marden St. John)

## Prayer Starters

- For many Thai to enter a Father-child relationship through God’s revelation and illumination, resulting in conviction and repentance of sin and believing in Jesus Christ.
- For Christians to experience the abundant life that Jesus promises.
- For pastors to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit so that they can be examples of abundant, joyful lives.
- For those who heard the Gospel during the Easter season to believe and grow in their faith.