

Lesson 104: Isaiah 53, Revelation 21:5-7

Read: Revelation 21:5–7; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Some days are filled with sadness and discouragement. It's easy to feel overwhelmed. In those moments, we must hold on to God's truth: "He is making all things new." When we belong to Christ, "the old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

You are no longer defined by your past mistakes or failures—you are a new creation in Christ. Your identity is no longer in what you have done, but in who Jesus is and what He has done for you. Walk in confidence today, knowing that His righteousness covers you and His Spirit is shaping you to become more like Him.

When life feels overwhelming, I should:

- Try harder to fix everything myself
- Remember that God is making all things new

My identity is found in:

- What I've done and who others say I am
- Who I am in Christ and what He has done for me

When I think about my past, I should:

- Think about it and let it define who I am
- Trust that Christ has made me new

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for saving me from my sin and making me new. Forgive me for letting my past or others define who I am. Help me to walk each day in the truth that I am Your new creation. Thank You for Your Spirit that strengthens and guides me. I love You and surrender to Your leading in my life. Amen.

Lesson 104: Isaiah 53, Revelation 21:5-7

Read: Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 3:23; 6:23

Our independent nature often tells us we can handle life on our own—that we can earn our way or make ourselves good enough for God. But Scripture reminds us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and "the wages of sin is death."

No amount of effort can make us right with God. In His great kindness, God did what we could not do. Through Jesus, He paid the price for our sins and made a way for us to be in a right relationship with Him. Salvation is not earned—it's received by faith in what Jesus has already done.

I can earn my way to heaven by being a good person.

- True False

Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

- True False

Jesus took the penalty for my sin so I could have a relationship with God.

- True False

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for loving me enough to make a way for me to know You. Thank You for paying the penalty for my sin through Jesus and offering me forgiveness and new life. Help me to rest in Your grace and trust fully in what You have done for me. Amen.

Lesson 104: Isaiah 53, Revelation 21:5-7

Read: John 3:16; John 14:6

Sometimes the gospel seems too simple. We may feel there must be something more we have to do—some extra step to earn God’s approval or make ourselves worthy. Yet God’s Word tells us that believing Jesus took the penalty for our sins is the only way to Him. Jesus has already paid the price, and there is nothing we can add to what He has finished. Our salvation is a free gift received through faith, not earned by effort.

Why is it easier think if I do good things I will get myself to heaven?

God did all the work for me to have a right relationship with Him. All you must do is believe in Jesus. How does that change your thoughts about God?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for the simplicity of the gospel. Forgive me for trying to earn Your favor through my own efforts. Help me remember that Jesus has already paid the price for my sins. Thank You for Your love and for offering me the free gift of eternal life through Your Son. Amen.

Lesson 104: Isaiah 53, Revelation 21:5-7

Read: Romans 5:8; Titus 3:4-5

Life can get messy. Sometimes we say or do things that make things worse, and we feel stuck in trouble that we’ve made. But God doesn’t wait for us to fix everything or become perfect before He loves us. The Bible says, “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God showed His mercy by sending Jesus to rescue us, not because of anything good we’ve done, but because of His love and kindness.

When does God love us?

- Only when we get everything right
- Even when we’ve made a mess

How are we saved?

- By doing enough good things
- By God’s mercy through Jesus

When life is messy, what is one thing we can remember about God? Take some time to thank God for who He is and His love for you.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for loving me even when I mess up. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive me and make me new. Help me to remember that Your mercy doesn’t depend on what I do but on who You are. Amen.