

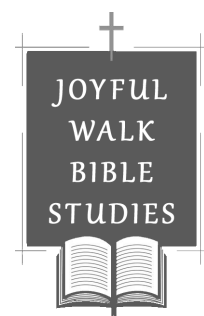
PATHWAYS TO A JOYFUL WALK STUDY GUIDE



A Study of Romans 5 and 6

4 paths that bring joy to your faith walk

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What Is a Joyful Faith Walk? (Lesson 1)

1. Look up the following verses to see how the word “walk” is used in the Bible. What is revealed about the people referenced?
 - Genesis 5:22—
 - Genesis 6:9—
 - Genesis 17:1—
 - Genesis 24:40—
 - Romans 4:12—

2. When you hear the word “joy,” what comes to mind?

3. Joy is a character quality of God. Read the following verses to learn about God’s joy.
 - Read Zephaniah 3:17. For God’s people who are trusting in Him, what is revealed about God’s joy?

 - Read Nehemiah 8:10. What does God’s joy do for you?

 - Read John 15:11. What does Jesus want for those who trust in Him?

 - Read 1 Peter 1:8. How does Peter describe the joy God gives to you?

 - Read Galatians 5:22. Who gives God’s joy to you?

Read the blog “Pathways to a Joyful Walk” at melanienewton.com/blogs after doing this lesson for additional insight that will reinforce what you have just learned.

Pathway #1: Know Jesus Christ (Lesson 2)

1. Read John 5:16-47. What does Jesus claim about Himself in each of the following verses?
 - Vv. 16-18—

 - Vv. 19-23—

 - Vv. 24-27—

 - Vv. 36-40—

 - Vv. 45-46—

2. Read John 14:6-10. What does Jesus say about our being able to know God through Him?

3. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What invitation does Jesus give to anyone who is interested?

4. Read John 1:16-17. What do Jesus' followers receive?

5. Read John 10:10. What promise does Jesus give to His followers?

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Pathway #2: Know Who You Are (Lesson 3)

1. Think of some ways you try (or have tried in the past) to establish your identity apart from Christ. What happens when you try to determine who you are by these things?

2. From God's point of view, there are two kinds of people in the world: (1) those who are **in Adam**, and (2) those who are **in Christ**.
 - Read Romans 5:12-19. What are the results associated with being "in Adam?"

 - Read Romans 5:15-21. What are the results of being "in Christ?"

3. Read Romans 6:1-5. List all the ways we are identified (united) with Christ in this passage. [Note: Since there's no mention of water in this passage, the baptism mentioned is Spirit baptism.]

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is true of you now that you are in Christ?

5. One of the fundamental questions of the human race is that of identity, "Who am I?" You are in Christ, a child of God, one of God's saints, loved and accepted by God—an identity no circumstance can change! How would knowing your identity in Christ lead to having a joyful walk?

6. Read through the list of characteristics on the next page belonging to your identity in Christ. Cut out the ID card. Choose 7 of the benefits that are the most meaningful to you and write them on your card. Keep that card somewhere you will see it often to remind you of your identity in Christ.

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Do each lesson then listen to the podcast or read the blog associated with it.



The Believer's Identity in Christ

These descriptions are true for every believer from the moment each person trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation. You are...

1	JUSTIFIED, DECLARED RIGHTEOUS <i>(Rom. 3:23-24)</i>	18	MADE HOLY AND BLAMELESS <i>(Col. 1:22)</i>
2	MADE AT PEACE WITH GOD <i>(Rom. 5:1)</i>	19	SEALED IN CHRIST <i>(Eph. 1:13-14)</i>
3	SAFE FROM THE WRATH OF GOD <i>(Rom. 5:9)</i>	20	CLOTHED WITH CHRIST <i>(Gal. 3:27)</i>
4	RECONCILED TO GOD <i>(Rom. 5:10)</i>	21	GIVEN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS <i>(2 Cor. 5:21)</i>
5	REDEEMED <i>(Eph. 1:7)</i>	22	MADE INTO A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT <i>(1 Cor. 6:19)</i>
6	FREED FROM CONDEMNATION (JUDGMENT) <i>(Rom. 8:1; John 3:18)</i>	23	MADE PERFECT FOREVER <i>(Hebrews 10:14)</i>
7	INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT <i>(Rom. 8:9)</i>	24	TRANSLATED OUT OF DEATH INTO LIFE <i>(John 5:24; Eph. 2:1,4-5)</i>
8	ADOPTED AS SONS <i>(Rom. 8:14-15)</i>	25	BORN AGAIN <i>(1 Peter 1:3)</i>
9	ACCEPTED BY GOD <i>(Rom. 15:7)</i>	26	SANCTIFIED (MADE HOLY) <i>(Hebrews 10:10; 1 Cor. 6:11)</i>
10	BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S BODY (THE CHURCH) <i>(1 Cor. 12:13)</i>	27	MADE A NEW CREATION <i>(2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10)</i>
11	CHOSEN BY GOD <i>(Eph. 1:4)</i>	28	MADE CHILDREN OF GOD <i>(John 1:12)</i>
12	SAVED BY GRACE <i>(Eph. 2:8-9)</i>	29	MADE COMPLETE <i>(Col. 2:9-10)</i>
13	FREED FROM GOD'S ANGER <i>(1 John 2:2)</i>	30	MADE HEIRS OF GOD <i>(Rom. 8:17; Gal. 4:7)</i>
14	FREED FROM THE LAW <i>(Rom. 7:4)</i>	31	MADE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN <i>(Philippians 3:20-21)</i>
15	TRANSLATED OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT <i>(Eph. 5:8)</i>	32	MADE INTO A HOLY AND ROYAL PRIESTHOOD <i>(Revelation 1:5b-6; 1 Pet. 2:5,9)</i>
16	FORGIVEN <i>(Col. 2:13-14)</i>	33	GIVEN CONFIDENT ACCESS TO GOD <i>(Eph. 3:12; Hebrews 10:19-23)</i>
17	WASHED CLEAN <i>(1 Cor. 6:11)</i>	34	WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN EVERYTHING <i>(Eph 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3)</i>
<p><i>Cut out the ID card below. Add your name, date/decade when you trusted in Christ if you know it, and 7 identity traits that are special to you.</i></p>		35	SECURE IN GOD'S LOVE <i>(Rom. 8:38-39)</i>

MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST
_____, *Child of God, Saint*

When I trusted in Christ: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Pathway #3: Know Whom You Are Serving (Lesson 4)

1. Read Romans 6:6-14.
 - What was your condition before Christ according to v. 6?

 - According to v. 7, what is your relationship to sin now that you are in Christ?

 - What choices are identified for you in vv. 11-14?

2. In Romans 6, Paul personifies sin as a power that enslaves us. Read Romans 6:15-23.
 - Based on vv. 15-18, what choices do you have and the results of each choice?

 - Based on vv. 19-23, what are the consequences of being slaves to sin?

 - Based on vv. 19-23, what benefits do you reap from being slaves of God?

3. How would knowing whom you are serving contribute to having a joyful walk?

4. As a Christian, you are set free from sin's power in your life because a greater power has moved in—Jesus' transforming power. Is there some area of your life right now where you are listening to the wrong master? How will you apply the truth of Romans 6 to that area?

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Pathway #4: Know Where You Are Going (Lesson 5)

1. Read Romans 5:1-5.
 - What good things about being in Christ are mentioned in vv. 1-2?

 - According to Romans 5:3, what can suffering or troubles produce in you?

 - Define perseverance using a dictionary.

 - According to the rest of Romans 5:3-4, what are the results of perseverance in your life?

 - What truth is declared to you in v. 5? How does that make you feel?

2. Read James 1:2-4. What else do you learn about going through troubles?

3. How would having perseverance contribute to having a joyful walk?

4. The Bible says that troubles are an expected and normal human experience. What in our culture or in your daily life gets in the way of perseverance during any kind of trouble?

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