

## Section 4: The change that has taken place in a person who has decided to believe and follow Jesus.

**Born Again:** You have been made alive (born) in Christ.

- ✚ John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is **born again**."
  - ✚ 1 Peter 1:23 For you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, ...
- 1) What do you think it means to be born again?

**Forgiven:** You have been completely forgiven of all your sins because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

- ✚ 1 John 2:12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been **forgiven** on account of his name.
  - ✚ Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
  - ✚ 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- 2) What is your understanding of sin?
  - 3) For which of our sins did Jesus die? (For which sins are we forgiven?)
    - a. Those from our past before we put our faith in Christ.
    - b. The sins we committed by accident.
    - c. The sins that are not too serious.
    - d. All sins past, present and future

**Child of God:** Those who believe have become true children of God.

- ✚ John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
  - ✚ 1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
- 4) What is God saying about His relationship with you by calling you His child?

**Eternal Life:** Eternal Life begins when we put our faith in Jesus. Believers will live with God and experience Him for eternity.

- ✚ John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has **eternal life** and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.
- 5) What does it mean to you that you have eternal life?

**New Citizenship:** Our primary and greatest citizenship is in heaven and supersedes all other allegiances.

- ✚ Philippians 3:20 But our **citizenship** is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ
- 6) How does it change your thinking when you know that you are a citizen of heaven?

**Ambassador & Light:** The new believer has become a "light" for the world and an "ambassador" to the world.

- ✚ Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
  - ✚ 2 Corinthians 5: 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
- 7) What are these verses saying about our relationship with other people who do not know Jesus Christ?