



# What Happened When You Became a Believer

## Rescued

### Leader's Notes

#### I. Who had you in captivity?

- The enemy is sly and sneaky.
- Satan is a created being, but he hates his Creator.
- Satan's plan is to take over God's creation as a different kind of god.
- Isaiah 14:13-14, *"For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High'"* (NKJV).
- Adam was given the authority over the earth.
- Genesis 1:28, *"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'"* (NKJV).
- Satan convinced Adam and Eve to disobey God.
- When Adam sinned, he removed himself and all that he had authority over from God's loving hand to Satan's slavery.

#### II. God's Rescue Plan.

- God sent another man, Jesus, who was miraculously born of a woman.
- Jesus was not dominated by the curse of Adam, nor the power of the devil—He was born of God.
- Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified and buried to pay the price for man's sin.
- Now that Jesus defeated the devil, all man's sins are forgiven.





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- That's the plan—Jesus took your place.
- As you accept God's forgiveness and new life, you become a joint heir with Jesus, a child of God.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21, *"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" (NLT).*
- Anyone can accept God's offer of rescue.
- Colossians 1:12-15, *"Always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins" (NLT).*

## III. The benefits of being rescued.

- You are right before God.
- You are born again into the family of God, and Jesus is your brother.
- You can live victoriously with all the rights and privileges of a family member empowered by God's Spirit.
- 2 Peter 1:3-4, *"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires" (NLT).*
- Depending on these promises causes you to escape the trouble and problems in the world.
- Your choice: live by faith and defeat the enemies in your life and the lives of others; or stay in fear and unbelief and suffer the attacks of the enemy.



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## Prayer of Confession...

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your plan to redeem me from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Your dear Son. I receive the work of Jesus as my sacrifice and the power of the Holy Spirit on my behalf to lead me into the wonderful life You have prepared.*

*I choose to live free from the curse; I choose to escape the corruption that is in the world, and I will operate in faith at the level of revelation I receive from the Holy Spirit.*

*In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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## Application...

Study the Word of God to find out what God is offering you in this life. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you revelation knowledge about living this victorious life with Christ. Be aware of opportunities to use the power of God to witness to others the love of God that He desires to pour out on everyone.

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