

The following testimonies are from steps-to-personal-revival.info:

I was born in an Adventist family but left for 18 years. I worked in Health for 20 years, but then had to give up my position because of depression. Because I wanted to overcome the disease, I decided to return to faith. I joined a new Methodist church nearby, but found help. Then I worshiped at home for two years. One day during my prayer time, I felt God saying to me, "Get dressed and go out to the street." Outside, I asked, "Where should I go?" "To the first woman you meet." I passed many houses. Then I saw a woman coming out of her house and felt the certainty that I should talk to her. We talked for a while, then she invited me into her house. She was an Adventist and told me, that they have just completed a seminar on the Holy Spirit in their church. She showed me the brochure "Steps to Personal Revival" and immediately knew that that was exactly what I needed. Now I was constantly pray for the Holy Spirit to work in my life, and my mental illness has been healed. I thank the Holy Spirit for His guidance, for His love, kindness and goodness.

Another Testimony:

A new student came to our school and within a few days our peaceful oasis was changed into a rough scuffle room. I thought that this 13-year-old boy would need extra special attention. He was aware of his failures, and regretted them, but he didn't have long-lasting success in his own strength. At first, hardly a day would go by when he wasn't in a fight, but gradually it got better. After six months he said he thought it was the prayers of the staff that had brought him closer to God. In the meantime, he had started praying for strength in the morning. His fits of rage and fights became less frequent.

Eleven months had gone by since he came to our school, and we could see even more improvements. But his anger, his swearing outbursts and his fists weren't permanently under control. It was only natural – he tried to win in his own strength and understanding, which worked sometimes and other times not at all. Our prayers had made some achievement, but his mindset still wasn't right, and the renewing power of the Spirit was missing.

Just at the time when I was at my wits' end, I received the booklet Steps to Personal Revival (available for free from steps-to-personal-revival.info). Then I realized what we were missing. It was the power of the Holy Spirit. We hadn't even asked Him to help us! One day I asked the boy if he had ever prayed for the Holy Spirit and soon after that he asked for the booklet.

Since then, a lot has changed. The fist fights and scuffles stopped – I could hardly believe it. The boys that he had beaten up every day became his friends, and they get along just fine. He has completely changed – peacefulness has taken over his aggressive nature. His classmates can confirm that God was at work. You can see the fruits every day.

To God's glory he has decided to get baptized. Someday when this boy is in heaven, I will know that God brought it about. When I was at the end of my wisdom and finally understood that I could not guide him, God started to radically work on him. It encourages me to see that there are no hopeless cases for God.

A Changed Man

Sabbath

Have a look at the picture below, what do you see?



You should see a rabbit.

Now tilt the page to the left so that this arrow points up.

When you
have the
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way what
do you
see?
You should
see a duck.

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Sunday

After watching Stephen's stoning, a young man named Saul was eager to help kill the Christians, so he went to the high priest and got permission to go to Damascus to arrest the Christians there.

He was travelling with his men when suddenly a light from heaven shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

"Who are you?" Saul asked.

And the voice said, "I am Jesus."

When Saul stood up, he found he was blind, so they led him by the hand to Damascus and to the house of a man named Judas. Saul stayed there but he refused to eat or drink.

Three days later God spoke in a vision to a believer named Ananias, telling him to go and see Saul. Ananias was afraid, but the Lord said, "Go, for I have chosen Saul to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel."

So Ananias went and found Saul, he laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Instantly Saul could see again, and he got up and was baptized.

Saul stayed with the Christian believers in Damascus for a few days, and began preaching about Jesus in the churches saying, "Jesus really is the Son of God!"

The people were amazed, they said, "Isn't this the same man who was killing the Christians in Jerusalem?"



But some of the Jews planned to kill him; they watched for him day and night at the city gate. Saul was told about their plot and late one night, the believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall. So Saul returned to Jerusalem, a changed man.

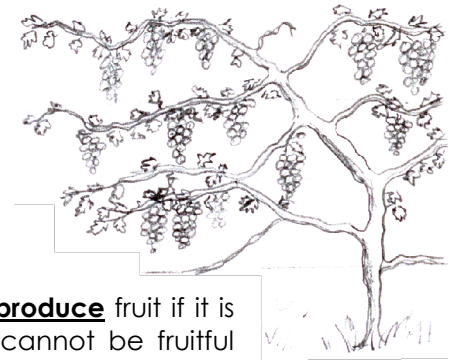


Friday

So you are a new (or old) Christian; as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, you have "become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

But the story does not stop there; our new life requires a constant connection to God.

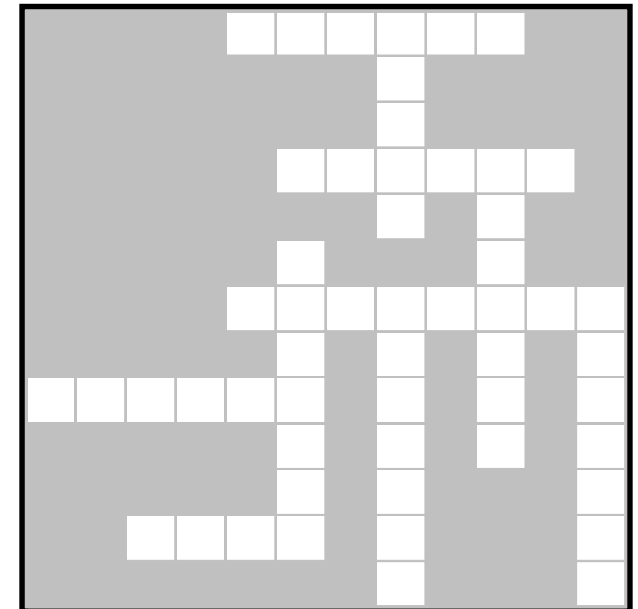
Jesus used the object lesson of branch connected to the vine.



John 15:4-6^{NLT} - "A branch cannot **produce** fruit if it is **severed** from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me. Yes, I am the **vine**; you are the **branches**. Those who **remain** in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For **apart** from Me you can do **nothing**. Anyone who does not remain in Me is **thrown** away like a useless branch and **withers**. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be **burned**."

You need to regularly connect with God, or like a broken branch, you will lose your new spiritual life. We connect to God in prayer, Bible reading, singing, Church and Sabbath School, spending time in nature, thinking about God, serving other people and many other ways. Do you have Bible study time and prayer every day? If not – find a good time and start a new habit.

Fit the underlined words in the grid.



Thursday

In persecuting the Christians, Saul thought he was working for God, instead, he was hurting God. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40^{NIV} that when He comes again, the King will say...

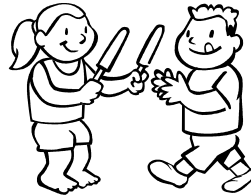
'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Jesus was saying to Saul – you are persecuting my people, so you are persecuting me.

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Find the underlined words.

Jesus said that whatever you do to someone, you are doing to Him. If you are mean to someone you are being mean to Jesus. When you are kind and helpful, you are being kind and helpful to Jesus.



With God nothing is impossible; He can change the angriest person into a happy person. Draw arrows to show how God can help the following types of people to change.

Sad
Angry
Bored
Stressed out
Grumpy
Selfish
Mean
Bully
Lazy
Disobedient
Rude



Happy
Interested
Obedient
Cheerful
Friendly
Thoughtful
Patient
Polite
Relaxed
Helpful
Kind

Monday

In just three days, Saul, the killer of Christians was changed into Paul, the mighty Apostle for Christ! How did this happen?



1. God spoke to him and showed him his error.
2. Saul, who was after this, called Paul, spent three days, alone in the darkness caused by his blindness; he could think of nothing else except what had happened; he wouldn't even eat or drink.
3. Paul now knew that Jesus really was God and knew that he had been working against God, not for God. He was deeply sorry for his sins.
4. God forgave Paul and called him to do a special work.
5. Paul was baptised and immediately began working for God.

What made all of this possible? How can God change people so much? (Look up and fill in the missing words below)

Firstly, without Jesus' death, none of this would be possible. Then:

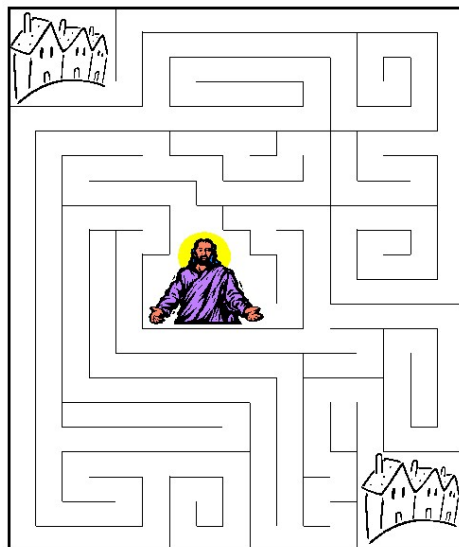
1. The Holy Spirit / God, shows us our sins, otherwise we would be unaware of our sinful state. John 16:8^{NLT} "And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning ___ ___ ___ and righteousness and ___ ___ ___ ___ ___."
2. We come to realise that we are sinners in need of saving.
3. We are sorry for our sins and ask God for forgiveness.
4. God forgives us and calls us to work for Him. 1 John 1:9^{NLT} "If we confess our ___ ___ ___ to Him, He is faithful and just to ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."
5. We can immediately begin working for God - baptism is a way to show everyone what we have chosen.

Matthew 28:19-20^{NLT} says "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to ___ ___ ___ ___ all the commands I have given you..."

Tuesday

Who spoke to Saul on his way from Jerusalem to Damascus?

What did He say to Saul?
Acts 9:3_{NLT}



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Wednesday

- ❖ Without the Holy Spirit we would not know our sinful state. John 16:8_{NLT} says, "He will convict the world concerning __ __ __ 1a and __ __ __ __ __ 6a and __ __ __ __ __ 4a.
- ❖ We need to realise that we are sinners in need of saving. Romans 3:23 says "For everyone has __ __ __ __ __ 10a; we all fall __ __ __ __ __ 8a of God's glorious standard."
- ❖ 1 John 1:9_{NLT} "If we __ __ __ __ __ 2a our __ __ __ __ __ 1d to Him, He is __ __ __ __ __ 3d and just to __ __ __ __ __ 7d US our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."
- ❖ Matthew 28:19-20_{NLT} says "Therefore, go and make __ __ __ __ __ 5d of all the nations, __ __ __ __ __ 9a them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to __ __ __ __ __ 11a all the commands I have given you..."

