

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the meaning of “being justified by faith?”
2. How do we acquire faith? (Romans 10:17)
3. How do you know you have peace with God?

SUMMARY:

“*Being justified by faith*” we are made acceptable to God, and as a result, become the recipients of countless divine favors. We have peace with God, access BY FAITH into this grace wherein we stand, and a changeless hope for eternity. Anyone, rich or poor, educated or not, many experience the joy of justification and atonement through our Lord Jesus Christ and abound in the riches of grace. As this scripture so beautifully promises, God provided the remedy for sin when He gave Jesus Christ to die and shed His blood for our sins.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

August 5, 2007

Third Quarter

SALVATION - GOD'S PROVISION

LESSON TEXT: *Romans 5:1-21*

LESSON SETTING: Letter to the Romans written by Paul from Corinth.

TIME: The first century.

I. REDEEMED. Romans 5:1-8

- A. Faith (vs. 1) Genesis 15:6; Galatians 3:24; Philippians 3:9
- B. Peace (vs. 1) Isaiah 53:5; Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 1:20
- C. Access (vs. 2) Psalm 24:3-4; Isaiah 26:2; John 10:9; Ephesians 2:18; 3:12
- D. Spiritual Hope (vs. 2-4) John 3:16; Romans 15:4; 1 John 3:3

II. RECONCILED. Romans 5:9-16

- A. Salvation (vs. 9) John 10:9; Acts 4:12; 15:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:9
- B. Spiritual Joy (vs. 11) Isaiah 61:10; Jeremiah 15:16; 1 Peter 1:8

III. REIGNING. Romans 5:17-21

- A. Spiritual Abundance (vs. 17) John 10:10; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:19
- B. Eternal Life (vs. 21) Matthew 25:46; John 6:27; 10:28; Romans 6:22; Titus 1:2
- C. Christ, the Life (vs. 21) John 10:10; 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 5:12

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.*
Romans 5:8

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Romans 10:1-21

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Joshua 24:1-28; Psalm 51:1-17;
Nehemiah 9:1-38

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: STEPS TO SALVATION

INTRODUCTION:

God has done all that is needed for man to receive salvation. Christ shed His blood, died, was buried and rose again so that we may be saved. In faith we must believe that we die to sin in His death and are buried with Him and then arise to a new life. (Romans 6)

Christ has done all that is necessary for us to be saved. We can do nothing but accept this wonderful gift of salvation, which we do in faith, believing that He gives us this gift. No work of ours can gain this precious gift.

Only our faith in the cross must take possession of our hearts as we become burdened with the knowledge that we have rejected Him and are dead in sin. This results in real repentance, recognizing that in ourselves we are nothing and are absolutely dependent upon Him for salvation. We are lost and cry out to him for help to save us from the condemnation which is justly ours. We are truly broken as we kneel in agony at the foot of the cross pleading for forgiveness.

Then what blessed joy and peace floods the soul when we hear our Savior say these precious words, "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest.*" (Matthew 11:28)

CENTRAL TRUTH: So great was man's need for salvation that God gave His best—His only Son!

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, AND SHALT BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, THOU SHALT BE SAVED.*
Romans 10:9

Thanks be to God for the simplicity of the steps to salvation. It is a humble way and only the meek and lowly are able to find it.

While God has made salvation a free gift of grace, yet it requires our whole being to embrace it. Both the physical and spiritual man must enter the New Covenant of Grace for salvation. "*Confess with THY mouth*" is an outward acknowledgment of the Lord Jesus. "*Believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead*" brings about a deep inner faith that God will also raise us to a new life here and a place in His eternal kingdom.

Modern Christianity often is based on a mere expression of this one verse. To believe that God raised Jesus from the dead also includes a belief in the reason for His death. This in turn leads to a belief in His ministry and His teaching. Romans 10:10 says: "*with the heart man believeth unto righteousness*" and verse 13 says: "*Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" How do we call? In repentance like the repentant publican who came into the temple and standing far off cried, "*God be merciful to me a sinner.*" (Luke 18:10-14) Jesus taught man to repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)

How different from the Old Law is the New Law "which is written in the heart." (Hebrews 8:10) "*For by so much was Jesus made surety of a better testament.*" (Hebrews 7:22) God provided the Way, but we must take the steps.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 6 - 12

- M. A Prayer for Forgiveness. Psalm 25:1-22
- T. A Man Forgiven. Mark 2:1-12
- W. A Woman Forgiven. Luke 7:36-48
- T. A Ground for Forgiveness. Luke 18:9-14
- F. Confession and Forgiveness. Acts 26:25-34
- S. *Steps to Salvation. Romans 10:1-21
- S. Conditions of Forgiveness. 1 John 1:1-10