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SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith

Our God and the Holy Scriptures

■ 12/7: Psalm 19:7-13; 2 Timothy 3:14 15

The writers in OT and NT declare that the Scriptures are there to teach, guide and correct, and that we do well to use good practice to properly apply the Scriptures to our lives

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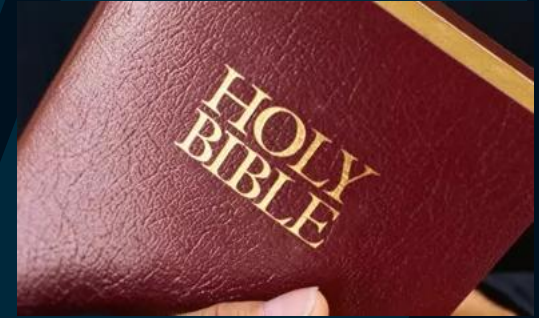
■ 12/14: **Matthew 6:24 – 34**

Jesus tells believers not to worry about their earthly needs, but that does not mean we should not work nor plan. We trust in God for our plans to success, especially when they are in His will

*Anchor Text

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,



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Christ the Savior

Luke 15:3-7;

Romans 5:6-10

Lesson Text

LUKE 15:3 – 4 (NKJV)

³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying:⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"



Lesson Text

LUKE 15:5 – 6 (NKJV)

⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'



Lesson Text

LUKE 15:7 (NKJV)

⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine ^[a]just persons who need no repentance.

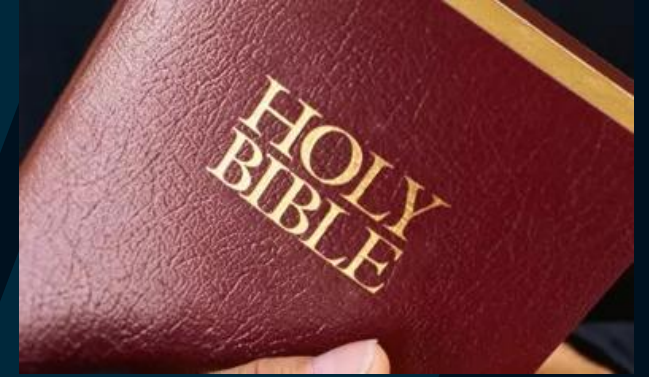


Lesson Text

Christ in Our Place

ROMANS 5:6 – 7 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, [a]in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.



Commentary: Righteous vs Good

- Paul compares 2 types of persons and how we as human beings respond to them:
- A 'righteous' person is one who is observant and does no wrong in the eyes of many – the Pharisees and Sadducees could be viewed as such

Commentary: Righteous vs Good

- But Paul then considers a 'good' man – one who is compassionate and considered; one who values people and relationships. They may not always be 'righteous', but they're loyal and will sacrifice for others... for that person people will sacrifice in turn

Lesson Text

Christ in Our Place

ROMANS 5:8 – 9 (NKJV)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been **justified** by His blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through Him.



Lesson Text

Christ in Our Place

ROMANS 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.



Commentary: Dying for your Enemy?

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." – **John 15:13**

Someone who is willing to sacrifice his own life to save another person is considered a hero. But who would be ready to die for an enemy?

Commentary: Dying for your Enemy?

"For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin."

– **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

Even with our best efforts, we cannot escape our human CONDITION, which keeps us apart from God

Commentary: Dying for your Enemy?

"Because the ^[a]carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be"– **Romans 8:7**

Our sinful nature prevents us from submitting to God and His ways. Salvation cannot come from human effort



Religion

SALVATION



Commentary: Religion vs Salvation

- Religion relies on our own efforts, “climbing” to reach God
- Salvation isn’t about us reaching up, but about God reaching down. We were helpless to save our selves, so Christ came to do what we could not do

Commentary: Religion vs Salvation

- No one can come to God thru his/her own 'righteousness'.
- God comes to us through His mercy (unmerited favor), so that no one can boast (**Ephesians 2:8-10**)
- The question is will we submit to His terms for salvation?

Commentary: **A**cccept

- Accept the fact that one cannot get right with God through their own effort. No matter how righteous they think they are, they must realize they will fail to ease God's wrath because we don't just sin, we are born sinners – **Psalm 51:5**

Commentary: **A**cccept

- This is most difficult for those who are independent and believe they are the ones in control of all aspects of their lives.
- SURRENDER is difficult



Commentary: Believe

- The next step is to believe in your heart that Jesus died as the only perfect and sufficient sacrifice and propitiation for your sins and that salvation is only offered thru Him, and that He rose from the dead to and intercedes on our behalf

Commentary: Believe

- Belief is not just of the mind, but of the heart and this conviction comes by way of the Holy Spirit - John 15:26; 16:8



Commentary: Confess

- The final step is to confess this acceptance of condition and conviction of faith publicly and with your mouth.
- You are setting yourself apart from the crowd and testifying of the work of Christ until He returns

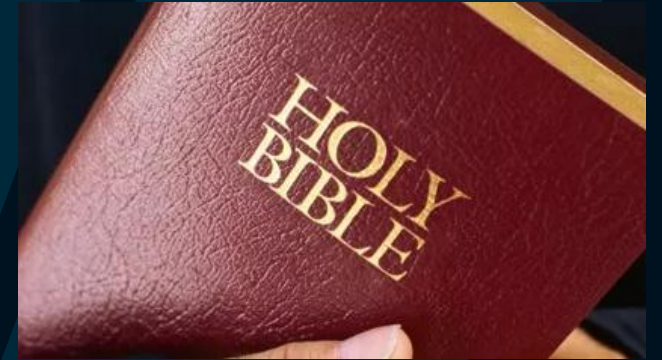
Commentary: Confess

- Conversely, if you deny Christ before men, He will deny before The Father
- Matthew 10:33



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Scripture References



Romans 10:9 - 10

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Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN