

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. To whose salvation is Paul referring as “*his heart’s desire and prayer to God*” in verse one?
2. Who is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth?
3. What are the steps to salvation?
4. Does God make any distinction between Jews and Gentiles?

SUMMARY:

In this lesson Paul is calling every nation to be saved. He pleads with the Jews, though he admits that for a time they will refuse to submit “*themselves unto the righteousness of God*” (Romans 10:3). He points out that God is not willing that anyone—Jew or Gentile—should perish but that He wants all to call upon His name and be saved. [SoF:6,7] He points out, too, the need for missionaries to go forth to preach the Word unto those who have not heard it. [SoF:15]

NOTES:

[SoF:6] We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [SoF:7] We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. [SoF:15] We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout “all the world to every creature”.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

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Third Quarter

STEPS TO SALVATION

LESSON TEXT: *Romans 10:1-21*

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

TIME: The first century

I. THE PERSON. Romans 10:1-8

- A. Solitude (of God’s servant) Jeremiah 13:17; Acts 20:31; Philippians 3:18
- B. Self-righteousness (of sinner) Proverbs 12:15; 30:12; Jeremiah 2:35; 2 Corinthians 10:12
- C. Justification (Of born-again believer) Genesis 15:6; Romans 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11

II. THE PATTERN. [SoF:7] Romans 10:9-13

- A. Confess Christ. Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 2:23; 4:15
- B. Faith. Matthew 21:22; Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:5-6

III. THE PROCLAMATION. [SoF:15] Romans 10:14-21

- A. Go Preach. Matthew 10:27; Luke 9:60; Acts 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2
- B. Missions. Psalm 2:8; 22:27; Isaiah 2:2; Matthew 24:14; 28:19; Mark 16:15; Revelation 14:6
- C. Good Tidings. Isaiah 52:7; 61:1; Luke 8:1

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Romans 6:1-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Matthew 26:17-30; Acts 16:25-39

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: UNION AND COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION:

In Jesus' intercessory prayer, He prayed to the Father "*that they* (believers) *all may be one; as thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us . . .*" (John 17:21a)

We believe that Christ and God are one, and even as they are one, we as Christians become one with them. In being one with God we must so live that this union with Him can always be present. We feel His presence always with us, it is as much a part of our spirit as breathing is a part of our body. A little child is keenly aware of its mother's presence, and as long as he is near her he is satisfied.

At times our union becomes such that all earthly thoughts are put completely aside, and in prayer we have perfect communion with Him. His presence is so apparent and our fellowship is so overwhelming that words fail us and we can only kneel in humility, love and praise, letting his love thrill and pulsate our innermost being.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God has made the steps to salvation very simple and plain so all may be saved.

GOLDEN TEXT: *RECKON YE ALSO YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED UNTO SIN, BUT ALIVE UNTO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.*
Romans 6:11

The writer to the Romans was inspired in the lesson text, and also in the Golden Text, to explain the symbolic meaning of baptism. In the Gospel of John, Jesus told His disciples that only His death, resurrection and return to the Father could make possible a real union between man and God, by the Son and through the Holy Spirit.

But His disciples could not understand. Thomas said to Him, "*Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*" Philip said to Him, "*Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*" (John 14:5, 8)

But after the Comforter had come, all was clear to them. By the Spirit, the Apostle could write to the Romans and to us all, that Jesus' death gives power to die to former sin, that His resurrection gives power to rise to a new life, and that His return to the throne of God makes possible our union and communion with God, the Father, through Jesus our Lord.

Not only Christ's life, but also His death and resurrection are examples for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 9 – 15

M. Union with Christ. John 15:1-10
T. *Union and Communion. Romans 6:1-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
W. One Body in Christ. Romans 12:1-8
T. Christian Consideration. Romans 12:9-21
F. A Holy Temple in Christ. Ephesians 2:12-22
S. One Spirit in Christ. Ephesians 4:1-7
S. One Mind with Christ. Philippians 2:1-11

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