

BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE TEXT : Romans 5:1-21; 6:1-23.

LESSON 384 Junior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Romans 5:1-21

¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

¹² Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

¹⁵ But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

BIBLE REFERENCES:

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God's Treasury

Boys and girls of the Junior Department, did you read the text of the lesson? Did the message of Paul the Apostle to the Romans mean something to you? or did these chapters seem difficult? Let us try to learn what Jesus says to us through His Word.

We read in the second verse of the fifth chapter, "We have access by faith into this grace." Let us try to imagine drawing back a curtain and walking into a treasure house, where on every side lies un-coined gold and masses of treasures. We may have just as much as we choose. Did you bring a tiny basket, or did you bring a great many vessels to be filled? Let us remember, "We have access," or the right to enter God's treasure house and receive good things from Him.

Some people, when they go to the altar of prayer, do not expect to receive anything from God; and, of course, they receive very little or nothing.

His Great Love

God's grace is His great love and favour toward man. Man did nothing to deserve being loved by God; but through Christ, He showed His great love. If every person could fully realise how great that love is, he would surely try in some way to return some of that love. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." It does not say "commended," but "commendeth" — God is still showing His great love. Christ died once, more than 2,000 years ago, and arose from the grave. But even today, through that death and resurrection, any and all people may be saved from their sin. Even little children, who are old enough to know right from wrong and realise that they are sinners, may come to Jesus and be saved from their sins.

Overcoming Sin

When a person has had his sins forgiven he must "watch and pray" so that he will not let the love of Jesus leak out of his heart, which is called "backsliding." For that reason we must go often — at least once every day — into God's "treasury" and receive grace to be able to overcome sin and Satan. How do we do this? By earnest prayer and reading God's Word. We ask Him to give us power to say "no" to sin and to fill our "vessel" with love. Let us dig deep and hard; not kneel in prayer only a minute or two, but pray until we feel that Jesus' Blood flows over our soul.

A Golden Chain

The one who is saved has peace with God; he has joy, hope, love, long-suffering, gentleness, patience, meekness, kindness, goodness, faith and grace. Let us think of each one of these as a link in a golden chain, one end of which is wrapped around our heart and the other end fastened to the Throne of God. We must not break one of the links, but keep the chain strong if we are to be carried on to the end. If faith is lost, the chain is broken; if we drop the link of love, the chain is not complete. It takes each golden link to make perfect contact with God.

Keep your chain strong, for it must carry a great deal of

¹⁶ And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:1-23

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

⁹ Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

¹³ Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:

weight. Many hard things may come against your soul to try to break that chain. It is the work of Satan to get you to neglect prayer, and then your chain is weakened.

Why do we think of this chain as being made of gold? Because gold endures well. Someone has said, "Pure gold does not dread the furnace." God may permit every link of your chain to be tested to see whether or not it is pure gold! Job said, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Why did the three Hebrew children come out of the fiery furnace without even the smell of smoke? Because "the fire had no power" upon them (**Daniel 3:27** ²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.). Their bodies were not made of gold, but surely their hearts were as pure as gold and God did not let the fire hurt them.

Free from Sin

Christians do not commit sin. Paul tells us that when we are saved we are "dead to sin." Our sins were nailed to the cross when Jesus was crucified. When we pray and seek God for sanctification, and consecrate our life to God, once more the Blood of Jesus touches the heart and the old root of sin is destroyed. Just as Jesus died and was laid in the grave, so the old sinful nature dies and is destroyed at sanctification. The sanctified person is "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." The sanctified life is a life free from sin and condemnation -- free from inward and outward sin - - for Christ is the Master.

"One 'Little' Sin"

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Today, sin and temptation are on the increase. Very many millions "comic" books are sold each month, and most of them to children and young people. Some of these pollute the minds with acts of crime, lust, and murder.

"One 'little' sin brings many more." Long time ago, a college president said that in his twenty-five years as a college leader (at that time) he had never known a habitual cigarette fiend who could be trusted to tell the truth. A minister who interviewed boys in the death row in a state penitentiary said that all these boys were cigarette smokers, and they all drank liquor. Perhaps, their first sin was disobedience, then a lie, then, a puff on a cigarette when no one was watching. Who ever thought that such seemingly "harmless" sins would lead, in the end, to the electric chair?

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said: "We cannot stop crime by punishing the criminal. We must go back to early childhood before early associations are formed." At the present time the largest number of criminals are in their teens.

Value of Sunday School

Although cigarettes, comic books and bad associates lead in the wrong direction, the Sunday School leads exactly in the opposite direction. Millions of children in our country receive little or no religious instruction. If you are a boy or girl who is attending Sunday School, you should thank God for the opportunity, and you should appreciate your teacher who is trying to help you to escape "the wages of sin." We should try to bring other boys and girls to Sunday School. Let us not fail to win the reward of the Christian, the gift of God, "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

QUESTIONS

but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

¹⁷ But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

²⁰ For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

²¹ What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. What does it mean to be "justified"?
2. What is the meaning of the word "grace"?
3. What did God do for us to show His great love?
4. Name one way in which we may repay Him in a very small way.
5. Which verse in the 6th chapter teaches us that a Christian does not commit sin?
6. The sinner is a servant of whom?
7. Who is master over the Christian?
8. Compare the difference in the reward of the sinner and that of the Christian.
9. Do you think it pays to serve the Lord? Why?
10. Which verse in the 6th chapter teaches us about sanctification?