

July 3
Lesson 5

Needing More than Law

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-23
Background Scripture: Romans 2

KEY VERSE

Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. —Romans 2:13

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. With Privilege Comes Responsibility
- B. Lesson Background

I. High Calling (ROMANS 2:17-20)

- A. Boastful Knowledge (vv. 17, 18)
- B. Self-Assured Ability (vv. 19, 20)

II. Betrayed Calling (ROMANS 2:21-23)

- A. Preaching but Not Practicing (vv. 21, 22)
- B. Boasting but Not Honoring (v. 23)

III. Sad Results (ROMANS 2:24, 25)

- A. Blasphemy (v. 24)
Corrupting the Calling

- B. Uncircumcision (v. 25)

IV. True Sign (ROMANS 2:26-29)

- A. Not Lineage but Obedience (vv. 26, 27)
- B. Not Outward but Inward (vv. 28, 29)

What's on the Inside?

July 10
Lesson 6

Struggling Under Sin's Power

Devotional Reading: 1 John 1:5-10
Background Scripture: Romans 3:1-20

ROMANS 3:9-20

KEY VERSE

By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. —Romans 3:20

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. An Honest Look at Ourselves
- B. Lesson Background

I. Humanity's Problem (ROMANS 3:9)

II. Scripture's Declarations (ROMANS 3:10-18)

- A. Lostness (vv. 10-12)
- B. Death (vv. 13, 14)
- C. Violence (vv. 15-17)

Our Violent Century

- D. Godlessness (v. 18)

III. Law's Result (ROMANS 3:19, 20)

- A. Blameworthy Before God (v. 19)

Our Guilt

- B. Awareness of Sin (v. 20)

July 17
Lesson 7

God Set Things Right

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 2:1-7

Background Scripture: Romans 3

ROMANS 3:21-31

KEY VERSES

There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. —Romans 3:22-24

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. The Mystery Revealed
- B. Lesson Background

I. Righteousness Through Faith (ROMANS 3:21, 22)

- A. Role of the Law (v. 21)
- B. Role of the Christ (v. 22)

II. Justified by Grace (ROMANS 3:23, 24)

- A. Short of the Glory (v. 23)

Self-Esteem Run Amok

- B. Redemption in Christ (v. 24)

III. Planned by God (ROMANS 3:25, 26)

- A. Patient Judge (v. 25)
- B. Just Justifier (v. 26)

IV. Result of Faith (ROMANS 3:27-31)

- A. Boasting Excluded (vv. 27, 28)
- B. Gentiles Included (vv. 29, 30)

Healing Divisions

- C. Law Upheld (v. 31)

July 24
Lesson 8

Unwavering Hope

Devotional Reading: Psalm 42
Background Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

ROMANS 5:1-11

KEY VERSE

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

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. Stuck in the Snow
- B. Lesson Background

I. Unashamed Hope (ROMANS 5:1-5)

- A. Result: Peace with God (vv. 1, 2)
Access, Granted and Denied
- B. Result: Gift of the Spirit (vv. 3-5)

II. Unearned Salvation (ROMANS 5:6-11)

- A. Basis: Christ's Death (vv. 6, 7)
- B. Basis: God's Love (vv. 8, 9)
- C. Basis: Christ's Resurrection (vv. 10, 11)
Reconciled, Saved

July 31
Lesson 9

From Death to Life

Devotional Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Background Scripture: Romans 6

ROMANS 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

KEY VERSE

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. —Romans 6:4

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. “Gotta Serve Somebody”
- B. Lesson Background

I. Death and Life (ROMANS 6:1-4, 12-14)

- A. Faulty Logic (vv. 1, 2)
- B. Correct Thinking (v. 3)
- C. New Life (v. 4)
- D. Godly Imperatives (vv. 12, 13)
- E. Saving Grace (v. 14)

II. Sin and Righteousness (ROMANS 6:17-23)

- A. Different Masters (vv. 17-20)
Servant to ... What?
- B. Different Results (vv. 21-23)
The Good Purpose