

Lesson 2: Dead in Sin

Lesson Introduction

Paul, in the first chapters of Romans, shows that every man is a sinner. After stating that the gospel is “God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes” (Rom 1:16) he goes on to show that all men are condemned as sinners. First he shows that man in general suppresses the evident proof of God as they pursue unrighteousness (Rom 1:18-32). Second he shows that even men that attempt to be moral show themselves to be hypocrites (Rom 2:1-16). Third he shows that even the Jews that seek to please God only outwardly are also shown to be hypocrites (Rom 2:17-3:8). Then he concludes by charging that Jews and Greeks are all under sin (Rom 3:9-20).

That was the bad news and that’s what we are learning in this lesson. This bad news prepares the way for the good news we will study in future lessons: “namely, the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe” (Rom 3:22).

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Topic 1: Second Doctrine of Salvation: The Wages of Sin is Death

In the last topic of Lesson 1 we studied the first doctrine of salvation: all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. In this second doctrine of salvation we will see that the wages of sin is death. The penalty of death involves physical death but it also includes the penalty of the second death, spiritual death, for those who don’t believe the gospel.

Topic 1: Second Doctrine of Salvation: The Wages of Sin is Death

The Wages of Sin

I want to talk about another I think very important aspect of it, and that's that the wages, the resultant penalty of sin, is death and separation from God. The resultant penalty of sin is death and separation from God. And we use Romans 6:23, and by the way you have verses that will cover a lot of these, not all these verses, for the wages of sin is death. And this is what we want everybody to really get a grasp on that. The wages of sin is death. And here's what you've got to get across people expect, you know your first job you got your first check you remember that day. I remember my first check I worked at a Dairy Queen man I tell you that was one great wonderful day. OK the wages now you got to get that, wages. What is the wages of your work? It's pay, money. The wages of sin is death. Now it's either our death now we can never really truly ever pay for sin that's why when a person goes to hell, hell is forever because you can never atone for your sin. then you're in hell forever, or the death of Jesus Christ. Do you see that? The wages of sin, the only one way to get to heaven is death. That's the death of Jesus Christ. It's because he substituted for our sin. Now this is what's so important. This is why when people use an unclear gospel, this is why when people say take Jesus in your heart, it's not explaining sin and wages and the penalty. I want everybody to understand when I'm giving the Gospel for the wages of sin is death. IT's what's so important for everyone to understand sin. Sin is not paid for by good works, penance, church membership, water baptism etc. It just isn't going to be paid for that way. Sin is paid for by that. People need to understand that. Many people would just say well you gotta live a good life you gotta do your best. And they don't understand it. Now we've got to let people understand this, that God does not hate the sinner. But He hates the sin. How do you know that God doesn't hate the sinner. God so loved the world Proof. God loves the sinner but he hates the sin. And he doesn't want us to be separated from him. Oh, the love of God! You know the oceans couldn't contain it, highest mountains couldn't hold Him. Oh the love that he has oh, how wonderful it is! How great it is! for us to be able to see it. You know Isaiah 59:2 says that your iniquities have separated between you and your God. Iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hidden his face from you that he will not hear. Sin separates us from God and it's very, very important .

QUESTION 1

The basic meaning of death is _____.

QUESTION 2

The _____ of our sin is death.

QUESTION 3

An _____ gospel message is one that does not explain sin's wages and its penalty.

QUESTION 4

God feels _____ towards the sinner than he does towards the sin.

Topic 1: Second Doctrine of Salvation: The Wages of Sin is Death

Eternal Death

You know that in 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 taking vengeance on them that know not God. And that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. I tell you, we got to let that sink in sometimes don't we. Boy I tell you when you think about that in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God! Some people think that and they just live like man, there is no such thing as an eternal hell. We know there's an eternal hell. You couldn't possibly have people on this earth as wicked without an eternal hell to punish them. We need to make sure they understand very very clearly that the wages of sin is death. Except for those taken in the rapture, everyone will die physically. I tell you, let that get a hold of you now think that out now, think it out real hard. 50 years from now most of us will be dead. I mean physically. None of us will be dead as far as our soul our soul will either be in heaven or hell. You've trusted Christ, you'll be in heaven. This old body, physical body goes back to dust. Remember the old story, but I still think it's the classic story, about the Sunday school teacher saying we came from dust and when we die we'll go back to dust and when the kid went to say his prayers he looked under the bed and he starts screaming "There's someone under my bed. I don't know whether he's coming or going but he's under my bed! But we were made out of dirt and will return to dirt. You know that's not anything real promising. Is it? But everyone here is going to die or be taken by the rapture. Everyone is born dead spiritually and we know that Ephesians 2:1 The soul is separated from God because we are sinners. We are born dead spiritually and we've got to be born-again. John 3:7 says ye must be born again. Only through the new birth can the spirit have eternal life. If a person dies without having trusted Christ as his Savior his soul will be separated from God and he will ultimately be cast in the lake of fire for ever. Forever. Want you to think on these verses. Revelation 20:14-15 Death and hell were cast in the Lake of fire and this is this is the second death and whosoever was not found written in the book of life is cast into the lake of fire, Revelation 20:14. This is the second death. I tell you that ought to be enough to make us really appreciate being born in Christ. If you're born twice you only die once. OK, if you're born once, you die twice. See, if you're born twice when you leave this body go to be with Christ. If you're only born once you leave this body and you go to a place called Hades torture and then Hades is cast into the lake of fire forever. That's called the second death. Reason it's a second death is see death is always separation. The first death is our separation from this body, the second death of the unsaved is separation from God. We gotta make that just as clear as we can. Now when you present this to most people I think a presentation like, God loves us but he hates our sin. Now some people you have to go through a whole gamut that I just gave you right now. Now some people we don't have to. Some people accept the fact that they are sinners. But some people really don't think they're sinners. Some people really think, I've had people tell me that they've lived a good life and they're not sinners of all. And we had to explain to them that everyone has sinned, said Jesus Christ. And we have explain it. But to most people God loves us but hates our sin. And payment of sin is death and separation from him. Now different cult teachings when you get into different cult teachings, you're not going to be able to present it this easily

QUESTION 5

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 is a good verse to show people who don't believe in a _____ eternal hell.

QUESTION 6

Every one of us will either _____ or be taken in the rapture.

QUESTION 7

Only through the new _____ can the spirit have eternal life.

QUESTION 8

If you are born twice you will only die _____; if you are only born once you will die _____.

QUESTION 9

If you sense no resistance when you tell someone they are a _____ you can go right to the next point.

Topic 2: Third Doctrine of Salvation: No Sin can Enter Heaven

One of the reasons our heavenly destiny is such a comfort to us is that it is free from sin and the consequences that come with it. Our journey on earth, just as a member of the human race, is filled with sorrow. With loved ones sick and dying, and natural disasters happening to people all the time. Besides natural disasters, there are constant dangers from man's inhumanity to man.

This tragic journey is only increased for faithful Christians and martyrs. Christ himself promised that the world would hate us just as it hated him (Jn 17:14).

But when God lives among us, he promises "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev 21:4)

We want to look at doctrine number three. Eternal heaven will be a perfect place. No sin can enter this heaven. Man must be perfectly righteous to go to heaven. Nevertheless we according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, 2 Peter 3:13. Boy, new Heavens and a new earth. Do we look according the promise of the new heavens and the new earth? I tell you, I do. And there in no wise shall enter in anything that defiles. neither work abomination or make a lie but they that are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27. I think this is very very important. In Psalm 5:4 it says, Thou art not a God who hath pleasure in wickedness. neither shall evil dwell with thee. It is God's heaven. He created it. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He created it. He lives in it. The Lord is in his holy temple, Psalm 11:4 says, the Lords throne is in heaven, his eyes behold his eyelids try the children of men. It's his perfect heaven. Psalm 115:3 but our God is in the heavens. He has done whatsoever He has pleased. I want to read that one again. God is in the heavens and he has done whatsoever He has pleased. Amen! That's our God. So many people think that even God don't have the right to do what he wants anymore. We live in a society that is so rebellious, everything you say, someone's got to question. Everything you do, someone's got a question. Its incredible. We're living in a society of questions. He says there will be no tears, or sorrow or pain or death in heaven. Revelation 21:4 It says God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away. Ar Aren't you glad there isn't going to be any more death in Heaven? If there was death in Heaven, I'd have to start over again. You know God has the right to say who will go there if any one would be allowed to go to heaven

death would be there, because we have seen the wages of sin is death. See, Heaven is a perfect place. You know God has the right to say who'll go there. If any sin be allowed to go to heaven death would be there because we have seen the wages of sin is death. Heaven is a perfect place., not only are we sinners and need our sins paid for before we can enter heaven but also this body that we now have can never live forever anyway. Aren't you glad this body couldn't live forever? Man several of you tell me how you ache and got pains. We all know how all of us ache and got pains. And I'm glad that this body kinda got a planned depreciation aren't you? It's kind of depreciating on a planned scale. I'm so glad that that this body isn't made to live forever. I don't care who you are. I don't care how much now listen I think you should all exercise I think I should exercise more than I do. And I think that's very important but is still going to depreciate it still going to get older. I don't care who you are, Phil. 3:21 who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body according to the working whereby he is alive even to subdue all things unto himself. Man, he shall change our vile body, and its vile, isn't it? I tell you, problems troubles 1 John 3:2 Beloved now are we the sons of God and does not yet appear what we shall be but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as the he is. Your car your washing machine your lawn mower needs repairs. It finally just won't work. Listen, I don't care how hard how much you take care of your car I don't care how much you protect it. It's going to finally not work. It's just not gonna work. He not only offers a payment so your soul can go to heaven but he will also give you a new glorified body that will live forever. Entirely free. Free of sin sickness and death it will be like the glorified body of our Lord Jesus. Now presentation how do you present that to somebody when your witnessing? When a person sees that he is a sinner and that with his sin he cannot enter into heaven he will be ready for the next point. Usually a statement like heaven is a perfect place and no sin can enter heaven because sin would bring death" will be sufficient. Not always sometimes you got to go into it in a more detailed way.

Assignment

- Please memorize Revelation 21:27.

QUESTION 11

Eternal heaven will be a _____ place.

QUESTION 12

God has a sovereign _____ to do whatever he wants.

QUESTION 13

God not only offers a payment for sin so your soul can go to heaven, but he will also give you a new _____ body that will live forever.

QUESTION 14

When a person sees that he is a _____, and that with his sin, he cannot enter into heaven, he is ready for the next step.

Topic 3: Fourth Doctrine of Salvation: Nothing Man can do can Help Him Obtain the Perfection God Requires

Paul probably had the best spiritual qualifications of anyone God ever saved. Yet he knew those qualifications contributed nothing towards his salvation. He lists those qualifications to false teachers who were putting their confidence in human credentials:

“If someone thinks he has good reasons to put confidence in human credentials, I have more:

1. I was circumcised on the eighth day, from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews.
2. I lived according to the law as a Pharisee.
3. In my zeal for God I persecuted the church.
4. According to the righteousness stipulated in the law I was blameless.

But these assets I have come to regard as liabilities because of Christ. More than that, I now regard all things as liabilities compared to the far greater value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things – indeed, I regard them as dung!”

Why? “That I may gain Christ” (see Phil 3:4-8).

Man’s Efforts

Now, the next doctrine and we present in witnessing is doctrine number four and doctrine number four is this. Nothing man could can help him obtain an absolute perfection God requires for eternal life. And then it quotes Ephesians 2:8,9 for by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God not of works lest any man should boast, then Romans 4:5 but to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justified the unrighteous his faith is accounted for righteousness. Verses like the Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Jesus Christ we might be justified by the faith and not by the works of the law for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. You know we have one of our young men a good young man and he went away and he started getting mixed up people started telling him, you know you've got to have works to go to heaven you got to have works you got to do certain things in Chapel I read every one of those verses that I you have right now. Is kind of amazing because at the bottom of it at the end of chapel he wrote this is all I need this a good enough for me. He saw it. He came here to be straightened out he came here to find out is by works or is it by grace? He said, Could a saved person ever get confused and believe later it's all about works? Yes but anyway but we need to really be able to make it clear. Those verses are incredible. If you really want to be a soul winner you know, if you let someone that's looking go through every one of those verses, keep that sheet. And if they're searching, go on with that sheet I tell you it's the most profound thing you'll ever see showing people that they're saved by grace. Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness we have done but according to his mercy he saved us. If your still a little confused, you say but how do you get saved I don't know if any of you are that confused. I don't know. I hope not. Read those verses. Not my works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy he saved us Titus 3:5. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law, Romans 3:28. If anything is clear in scripture, say that again if anything is clear in scripture, now we know everything is really clear scripture. It is a man is saved by his faith in Christ's payment for our sins on the cross plus nothing. Man's effort to matter how good or well intended but for after salvation have nothing to do with it. Boy I want emphasize that. That is the Gospel. Salvation is the finished work of Christ and nothing can be added to it.

Assignment

- Please memorize Ephesians 2:8-9.
- Please memorize Romans 4:5.

QUESTION 15

Nothing man could can help him obtain an absolute _____ God requires for eternal life.

QUESTION 16

A saved person can get _____ and believe later it is all by works.

QUESTION 17

If anything is clear from scripture it is that man is saved by his _____ in Christ's _____ for all sin on the cross.

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By Religion

Religions are man-made, two Latin words make up our English word religion. Re and ligio. Re means to go back and ligio all means to buy. Religion then means to be buying back. Buying back. Religions are man's effort to buying himself back to God. They are Satan inspired. Satan delights to blind men into thinking you could do something to earn his eternal life for his good works. Are you telling me that some of the churches that preach about Jesus and they tell you you gotta make a commitment are not preaching the Gospel? Yes I am. I wish I wasn't, But I'm telling if you add anything, no I'm not going to treat them like slop. No, I'm going to pray for them, no, I'm going to be nice to them, I'm going to love them, no, I'm going to try to help them. But many people are sitting in churches today that are confused. Shouldn't it why should it surprise us. and no marvel. For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, therefore it is no great thing that his ministers are also be transformed as ministers of righteousness. The devil fools us. You know its like a person lives on the farm can't wait to live in the city and the people in the city, can't wait to get to the farm. We're fooled. We don't see things clearly. Someone on the farm says man if I could go to that We're fooled. See the devil knows how to fool us, doesn't he. He will love to blind people to salvation. when you witness always point out that the Gospel is not a religion we are not discussing man's philosophy but God's word. The devil loves to blind people. It is often very valuable to point out that you do believe in religious freedom. Listen, this is important for you Say listen, I believe in religious freedom I believe in your right to believe in anything you want. If you're a Buddhist or Confucius or Muhammad or Mary Baker or whatever you believe in, I'll fight for your right to do that. Listen, I do believe that. I do believe in America a person should have the religious freedom to believe whatever they want to believe.

Assignment

- Please memorize Romans 6:23.

QUESTION 18

From the Latin the basic meaning of the word _____ is “buy back to God”.

QUESTION 19

Satan delights to blind man into thinking man can do something to _____ his eternal life through good works.

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What Is Not and What Is

The church is something has to be done voluntarily. You have to accept Christ voluntarily. But the Lord Jesus is alive and not dead it would behoove those who want to come back from the dead to listen to the man who did. Mohammed didn't come back Buddha didn't come back. A person cannot save himself by his works or help Christ to save him by his works or help keep himself saved By his works will be one of the most difficult things for a person to believe. It is also one of the most important thing for a person to believe, because if a person does not believe this he is not saved. God said you're not saved by your works but by grace through faith. And Romans 11:6, and if by grace it is no more works otherwise grace is no more grace. But it would be of works then there's no more of grace otherwise work is no more work. Now what is it saying? You can't have ice and steam. That's why Romans 11:6 is so important. If by grace it is no more works, otherwise grace is no more grace but if it works it is no more grace, otherwise work is no more work. You can't mix the two. It's either all by grace or it's all by works. Wouldn't it be something if Eph. 2:8,9 says for by works you are saved. Through your own determination and that it is of yourself. And it is not a gift. And it is a work, so all of us could boast. Doesn't say that, does it? Listen sometimes when you let people see the word of God remember the word God is where the power is. Good works for salvation is Satan's counterfeit of God's grace for salvation. This is always the issue. What is it again? Grace versus works, always the issue. Will almost always be the main thing you will need to deal with.

Assignment:

Memorize Romans 11:6

QUESTION 20

Churches that preach you must make a _____ are not preaching the Gospel.

QUESTION 21

A person cannot save himself by his _____ or help Christ to save him by his works or help _____ himself saved.

QUESTION 22

It would seem wise for those who want to come back from the dead to _____ to someone who has.

QUESTION 23

According to Romans 11:6, salvation cannot be by _____ grace and works.

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Your Thoughts

How to overcome satanic barriers will be discussed throughout the book, but it will always be grace versus works. Satan does not want the lost to see it. He wants them to be fine, well-liked, well-educated, moral, religious people. It is a better advertisement for him. He offers them a heavenly way to go to hell. He wants people to have a heavenly way to go to hell. It's the greatest advertisement. Satan loves to have an unsaved person religious. And doing all the things and yet lost. Yet, in the end days when that final time comes, God says in Matthew 7:21, not everyone that says to me Lord, Lord shall into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name. And in thy name done many wonderful works. They were working their way to heaven. Now verse 23, and then will I profess unto them, I never knew you depart from me, ye that work iniquity. I tell you, many people working their way to heaven are going to go straight to hell. Satan loves that. Wonderful works. I never knew you. It doesn't say knew you and forgot you. It says I never knew you. What to you work? Iniquity. That's why the Bible says our righteousness is nothing but what? Filthy rags. In Isaiah 64:6 it says that we're all as unclean thing and all our righteousness is like filthy rags. And we all do fade as a leaf in our iniquities like the wind have taken us away. All our righteousness are as filthy rags. See any time a preacher says you've got to commit yourself to Jesus, Listen, that's not the Gospel. No, don't hate the preacher. Pray for him, love him. But it's not the Gospel. The Gospel is Jesus Christ dying on the cross. These people try to work their way to heaven God called it sin. When a person realizes that even the best he can possibly do is filthy rags, in God's sight he should see the utter folly of believing in good works. Presentation the way to overcome this false teaching is the needs to do good work for salvation is presented a person with a clear statement and the word of God on salvation by faith alone, without works. Sometimes you will need to use only a few verses. Great but often because people have been so misled and actually blinded by It Christian do good religion you will have to go over and over salvation by faith. Listen I've been teaching the Bible and I've been going over hand gesture for years and you know by me going over this course is a refresher course I really need. We all get to habits we shouldn't get into and we don't make it as clear as we possibly could make it and this is a good way to do it. Good way to do it.

QUESTION 24

In witnessing the battle will always be _____ vs. works.

QUESTION 25

When a person realizes that even the _____ he can possibly do is filthy rags, in God's sight he should see the utter _____ of believing in good works.