

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Generally speaking, why does man not recognize the need for salvation?
2. What must man do to be saved?
3. How can we persuade men and women of their need of salvation?

### SUMMARY:

It is essential that everyone understands what the Bible teaches about the state of man. All men by position are sinners and all without exception are eternally lost without fulfilling God's plan of salvation. *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."* (1 Corinthians 15:22) No man needs to be concerned that he might become lost, because all are lost. We need only to ask: "What must I do to be saved?"

God sent his Son to pay the price of death for us, but who having victory over death arose again. For everyone who realizes his lost condition and believes that God will save him, and will obey all of God's commandments, God promises the gift of eternal life. The Bible makes it plain that unless we repent, we cannot be saved. [\[SoF:7\]](#) God's part in the salvation of man is to provide the Way, while man's part is to follow that Way.

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

July 27, 2014

Third Quarter

### SALVATION - MAN'S NEED [\[SoF:7\]](#)

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Romans 3:7-26*

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

**TIME:** The first century.

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- I. THE SINNER'S CONDITION.** Romans 3:7-12
  - A. Without Understanding (vs.11) Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 16:3; Ephesians 4:18
  - B. Unbelief. John 3:18; Romans 11:32; Hebrews 3:12
  - C. Unrighteous (vs. 10) Deuteronomy 25:16; Psalm 53:3; Isaiah 64:6
  - D. Eternally Lost (vs. 23) Ezekiel 18:20; Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8
- II. THE SINNER'S CHARACTER.** Romans 3:13-20
  - A. Deceitful (vs. 13) Jeremiah 17:9; Micah 6:12; Ephesians 4:22
  - B. Without Peace (vs. 17) Isaiah 48:22; 59:8; Ezekiel 7:25
  - C. No Fear of God (vs. 18) Psalm 36:1
- III. THE SINNER'S CURE.** Romans 3:21-26
  - A. God's Grace. Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 4:16
  - B. Propitiation (vs. 25) John 10:11; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10
  - C. Remission of sins (vs. 25) Isaiah 55:7; Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9
  - D. Man's Responsibility:
    - 1. Repentance. Psalm 34:18; 51:1-3, 17; Luke 13:3
    - 2. Faith (vs. 28) Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16; Hebrews 11:6

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.*  
Romans 3:23

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Romans 5:1-21

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 53:1-12; John 3:1-18;  
Ephesians 2:1-10

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Bible and The Christian Life

**TOPIC:** SALVATION - GOD'S PROVISION

**INTRODUCTION:**

God is holy and therefore cannot tolerate sin. He had created Adam and Eve and placed them in a lovely garden, so that He could commune with them and have fellowship with them. This was a perfect situation until they sinned, separating them from God, which resulted in their death.

The awful curse which befell the earth and mankind was appalling, but it could not be otherwise, because of the holiness of God's character. He could not have part of sin. But his mercy and love demanded a provision to be made in which man could be saved – if he so desires. God wants all to be saved, but He gave man a free will to make the choice. This provision was the shedding of Christ's blood.

God made the sacrifice of giving His only Son to be offered upon the cross to pay the penalty that sin called for. Only a pure, holy sacrifice would suffice. Only in Christ can the separation from God be ended and mankind be saved. Christ took upon Himself all sin and made the supreme sacrifice upon the cross.

So great was man's need for salvation that God gave His best—His only Son.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** All men everywhere are lost and need the Savior.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS. CHRIST DIED FOR US.*  
Romans 5:8

Although man had sinned by choice, yet God—in His great and unsearchable love for us—felt that an opportunity for repentance unto salvation must be provided. Being a just God and holy, mankind was forever separated from Him by the original sin and the individual sins of each of us. Only a sinless man could be a fit sacrifice to pay for the sins of man. Since the advent of sin the world could never bring forth such a person. But the Son of God was willing to become that sacrifice, to die so that forgiven sinners might live.

God is truly commending His love toward us, in providing this plan of salvation, so wonderful and yet so simple. *“Therefore as by the offense 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.”* (Romans 5:18)

Man needs the salvation which God provides.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 28 – Aug. 3**

M. Jesus, the Friend of Sinners. Matthew 9:9-13

T. The Lost Coin Found. Luke 15:8-10

W. The Lost Son Restored. Luke 15:11-24

T. A Publican Saved. Luke 19:1-10

F. Jesus, the Great Sacrifice. John 19:16-30

S. \*Salvation - God's Provision. Romans 5:1-17

S. Salvation for All. Ephesians 2:1-10