

Religion

Interdenominational Sunday School lesson

The Means: God's Son
Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11;
Colossians 1:13-14

"For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Our studies are now centered in the theme "God Redeems His People." Today's lesson is the third in the series. The first lesson dealt with the reason God would need to redeem His people — their problem was sin.

The second lesson dealt with why God would want to redeem His people — His people — the means: His Son, Jesus. So we see in these three lessons the problem, the motive and the means involved in God's redemptive plan.

The Scripture given for today's lesson is taken from the pen of the Apostle, Paul, his letters to the Romans and to the Colossians. We

now come to consider the means of our salvation. It is brought about through God's Son.

Verse eight of chapter five describes it, "But God commanded His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Christ paid the debt for mankind's sins.

Let's back up for a moment to the children of Israel and the Old Testament. To the Israelites God gave His law to tell them how to do right, but they did wrong. The law did not make them righteous; it merely showed them how unrighteous they were.

They could have been righteous by obeying God's laws and commands but they did not. So how can sinners become righteous?

Righteousness
Romans 3:21-26

The righteousness of God is what we need. The laws provided a way, but people would not live by them. So God provided a way in which all people could escape the penalty of their sin through His Son, Jesus.

Chapter three, verses 22 and 23 say it plainly: "Even the Righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God."

Jesus' death on the cross justifies our righteous relationship with God. That is how we sinners become righteous.

Salvation
Romans 5:6-11

As Christians we are justified, made righteous. That is what the Apostle Paul tells us in the first part of today's text. In the last part of that text Paul tells us that we cannot boast about our righteousness, for it is not due to any goodness, or power of our own.

It is a gift from God. We do not deserve it, but God graciously gives it to us because we believe in His Son. We have peace with God and rejoice in the hope of sharing His Glory in Heaven.

A word from Mt. Sinai

Who's in charge around here? I've often entered a group and had to ask such a question.

Maybe we should look at our lives like that. If you had a replay of your life, would it look orderly and with direction? Or a confused mess? No wonder terms like stress, depression, burn-out are on everyone's lips. All the wrong people are in charge. Man cannot run something he knows nothing about. God created man. Who would know better than Him how life should be run?

You can get out of the "rat-race" if you will call upon Jesus Christ. He can pick up the pieces and organize your life according to his plan for your life. You will have to answer to him sooner or later, why not now?

"And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matt. 28:18)

Answer last week Esther. Who is the king that built Bethlehem?

You are welcome to worship with us any Wednesday night 7:30, Sunday 10:11:00. Our young people meet 8:00 Tuesday night. If you need a ride let us know.

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church

But, let's look at the word "saved" for a moment. Saved from what, to what? Does this mean that we will not sin anymore? Read verses 9-11 again. Through the shedding of Jesus' blood we are justified to have our sins forgiven — and shall be saved from the wrath, or the penalty, for those sins.

We are reconciled to God (redeemed) and saved to a heavenly

life in eternity. Our sins made us enemies of God. The death of Christ atoned for those sins. By God's Grace and our faith, our sins were forgiven and taken away. Our slate has been wiped clean, our joy is in God.

Translation
Colossians 1:13-14

These two verses of our text summarize what Paul has been saying in this lesson. The Scripture used the word "translated," the

modern word would be "transferred."

God has rescued us from the power of darkness, that is, the domain of Satan and sin, and transferred us to a different realm, the realm and rule of His Son, Jesus.

Our life is changed and we should live the life of a transformed person. Our way of living should now be suited to being a citizen in the Kingdom of God.

Jehovah's Witnesses plan assembly

The Hertford congregation Jehovah's Witnesses has made plans to attend a circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses that will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, at the Martin County Auditorium in Williamston.

More than 1,000 Witnesses and interested persons from nine other congregations are expected to attend.

The theme of this assembly, according to local minister, Kelly Bond is "Recommending Ourselves As God's Ministers."

"This circuit assembly program will help us appreciate and fulfill our responsibilities as God's Ministers," he said.

Principal speaker for this event will be Louis R. Beda, district representative for more than 25,000 of Jehovah's Witnesses in North Carolina and Virginia.

Sunday at 2 p.m., Mr. Beda will speak on "What Future Is There For You?" Commenting about this address Bond said: "Jehovah, the God

of Purpose controls the future. None can compare with him in accurately foretelling the future. Nothing can change his purpose."

"God, is now emphasizing a purposeful future for obedient mankind and such a future can be ours," he said.

Church news

Great Hope and Center Hill Baptist Churches would like to announce Fall Evening Worship services. Great Hope will host services on the first and third Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

The community is invited to share in programs, films and sermons that continue to lead us to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Center Hill will be host church on the second and fourth Sundays.

The Elizabeth City Chapter of Women's Aglow meets Saturday, October 15, at 9 a.m. at Tucks. Come bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship continental breakfast for \$1.50.

Regular morning services at Saunders Grove Baptist Church begin at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Jerald

Perry Sr. of Community Temple in Windsor, N.C.

First Baptist Church school begins at 9:45 a.m. with Supt. Sis. R. B. Gibbs. Morning worship begins at 11:00 a.m. with the pastor, Rev. J. H. London, preaching on the subject "Harvest Time." The Senior Choir will sing under the direction of Sis. Barbara J. Shannon.

The Perquimans County Fellowship Union will convene Sunday at 7 p.m. at the New Haven Baptist Church. Rev. Joseph Leroy Wills, pastor of Pools Grove Baptist Church will preach. Saunders Grove Baptist Church will be in charge of worship.

Rev. J. H. Lodnon is asking that a special offering be given on behalf of the union to Mrs. C. A. Proctor.

Choir dedication set

Choir Dedication Sunday will be celebrated at Hertford United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Miss Caroline Wright, organist-choir director, will be presenting each of the choirs. The schedule of practice is as follows:

Youth — Monday at 4:00; Primary

— Tuesday at 4:00; Adults — Wednesday at 7:15; Juniors — Thursday at 4:00.

Plans for the Thanks and Praise Musical to be presented on Sunday, November 18 at 7:30 are already underway. All interested persons are invited to be a part of this music ministry.

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