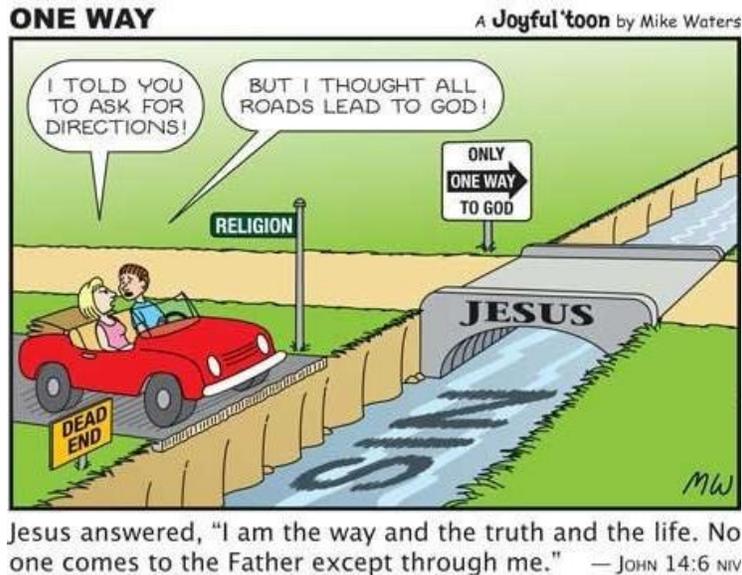


SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: TOWARD A NEW CREATION
UNIT TWO – A WORLD GONE WRONG

“UNCOVERING GOD’S ONE WAY PLAN FOR SALVATION”



Sunday School Lesson No. VII – July 17, 2016
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Lesson Text: Romans 3:21-31 (NLT)

Required Reading: Romans 3:1-31 (NLT)

Motto Text: Romans 3:22-24 (NLT), *"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins."*

Reliable Resources: All the Books and Chapters of the Bible (H. Lockyer); Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible (Dr. David Jeremiah); Expository Notes and Outlines on the Book of Romans (E. C. Gillentine); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; MacArthur Study Bible; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); George Brooks Preaching Commentary; Analytical Bible Expositor; Wiersbe Expository Outlines

INTRODUCTION

According to Precepts for Living's lesson in Our Society: "Many believe that all roads lead to God, and that the different religions are just different in the details, and one day we will all be surprised to worship the same God. In this lesson, we see that the Christian faith is different from all others in that it requires faith in the sacrifice of Jesus. Through Him, we can see how we all are under the judgment of the same God and how we all can be right with Him through Jesus Christ." Or, in other words, all roads do not lead to God! Jesus said, *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."* John 14:6

Paul takes us to God's courtroom, where all, Jew or Gentile, are guilty and worthy of death. But all who have received by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, have been declared righteous by the Judge, who is Jehovah! "Why?" you ask. Kristin Reeg states in Union Gospel Press Bible Expositor and Illuminator, "It does not matter whether the person actually committed the crime. What matters is how the judge rules. The ruling justifies the person; the person does not always justify the ruling. Through the atoning blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are justified, forgiven, and set free in the courts of heaven."

Now let us examine “Uncovering God’s One Way Plan for Salvation.”

Anticipated Power Points...His plan is executed by:

- **The Law’s Purpose. Romans 3:19-20**
- **The Lord’s Plan. Romans 3:21-22**
- **The Lord’s Propitiation. Romans 3:23-26**
- **The Life of Christ Makes Perfect. Romans 3:27-31**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. The Law’s Purpose. Romans 3:19-20 (NLT)

These verses become a bridge from the earlier verses studied last week. Verses 19-20 exposes man’s hopeless condition before God...Guilty! Butler declares: “Paul repeatedly declares the relationship of the law to the Gospel.

- To declare guilt. v. 19 (NLT), *‘Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.’*
- To define guile. v. 20 (NLT), *‘For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.’*”

II. The Lord’s Plan. Romans 3:21-22 (NLT) Read the verses.

Paul wants every person to know that faith in Jesus Christ was always God’s plan. Ephesians 1:3-4 (NLT), *“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.”* But how can we be delivered? God had to provide everything! According to Butler’s Commentary:

- “The Standard of Purity. ‘The Righteousness of God.’ Rom.3:21...Righteousness without (apart from) the Law. Divine righteousness does not come via the Mosaic law. It is without law.”
- “The Source of Purity is God’s righteousness. Rom. 3:22”.
- “The Securing of Purity. Rom. 3:22. It does not matter if the person is Jew or Gentile...”

III. The Lord’s Propitiation. Romans 3:23-26

Jesus Christ became God’s propitiation for mankind’s great sin problem! This simply means Jesus Christ appeases or fully satisfies God’s demands for the penalty of sin. Being fully God and fully man He alone is able to save to the uttermost. Hebrews 2:9-10, *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”* The sinner, Jew or Gentile, is after Christ’s death and resurrection, fully justified and reconciled back to God!

IV. The Life of Christ Makes Perfect. Romans 3:27-31

According to E. C. Gillentine:

- “Boasting is excluded, verses 27, 28. God’s plan of justification by faith in Christ excludes all boasting. A man cannot boast of that which he graciously receives. Therefore, says Paul, *‘We conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.’* vs. 28
- Both Jews and Gentiles are saved alike, verses 29-31. God is God of both the Jews and the Gentiles, therefore He justifies both of them exactly alike, by faith in Christ. The Law shows our sins in the same manner as a mirror shows the dirt on our faces. The mirror cannot cleanse our face, neither can the law cleanse our sins.”

No wonder John Newton wrote, *“Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.”*

CLOSING

Thank God for **Uncovering His One Way Plan for Salvation**. Acts 4:12, *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* My brothers and sisters, what’s that name?

JESUS!!!

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Romans 5:1-11

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