



God's Answers to Good Questions

Lesson 6 - How Does God Save Sinners?

PREPARE

- Please read the following passages:
 - Matthew 1:21
 - Luke 19:10
 - John 3:5-17
 - John 10:11
 - Romans 3:19-20
 - Romans 5:6
 - Romans 10:8-10
 - Galatians 2:16
 - Ephesians 1:3-6
 - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 1 Timothy 1:15
 - 1 John 3:16
- Watch the video lesson and complete the Study Guide while watching

STUDY GUIDE

I. Does God Save Sinners?

- A. 1 Timothy 1:15 – *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”*
- B. Luke 19:10 – *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*
- C. Matthew 1:21 – *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*
- D. So does God save sinners? Well, _____, He does ... very _____ He does ... in fact, His work of salvation is one of His _____ works

II. How God Does NOT Save Sinners?

- A. 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, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”*

1. _____ rules and commandments becomes the way that many people _____ that they will be saved

2. Obedience can _____ secure salvation for anyone

B. Romans 3:19-20 – *“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”*

1. The Law is not a _____ or a _____ for justification, i.e. to get right with God ...the Law shows us our _____

2. The Law was never designed to be an instrument for our _____

3. FYI: Your _____ and your _____ conduct cannot resolve your guilt over what you've done in the _____

III. How God Planned to Save Sinners

A. Ephesians 1:3-6 – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*

1. God _____ us in Christ, so that we would be holy and blameless before Him ... in love, He _____ us to _____ as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself

2. Salvation doesn't just come out of nowhere ... this was God's _____ from before the foundation of the world where He _____ a particular people in Christ the Redeemer that they might be adopted as _____, that they might be brought into His _____, that they might be saved by His _____

B. John 3:14-17 – *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but*

have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

IV. How Christ Accomplished God's Plan

A. Romans 5:6-10 – *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."*

1. The act of _____ is at the heart of God's plan for salvation
2. Because of the perfect righteousness of Jesus, i.e. through His full complete _____ (both active and passive), His full _____ is credited to our account so that we are now _____ in God's sight as though we had never sinned and as though we had lived _____ lives

B. 1 John 3:16 – *"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."*

C. John 10:11 – *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."*

1. The _____ of God made in eternity past before the foundation of the world which was focused and centered upon _____ is brought into action and is completed by Jesus' life, death and resurrection from the dead
2. The cluster of events around Jesus' arrest and trial, His beating, His crucifixion, His death, His burial, His resurrection ... those are the things that _____ our salvation so that we are now free from _____ and _____ and made _____ in God's sight through Christ the beloved

V. How the Spirit Applies the Work of Christ

A. John 3:5-8 – *“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”*

1. The Spirit comes into a person's life, and He makes that person _____, i.e. He brings them to life _____
2. This is by the _____ and the _____ of the Holy Spirit, who is like the wind, blowing where He _____

B. Ephesians 2:8-9 – *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

1. God graciously by His Spirit comes and gives us _____, and we are saved through that faith ... it is God's _____ to us
2. This comes about as the Spirit is _____ working in us ... somewhat _____, and yet _____ and _____

C. Romans 10:8-10 – *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

1. As the Holy Spirit is at work, He uses the _____ of the gospel, and He opens the _____ of the heart of man, He opens the _____ of man's heart, so that a man _____ this message and _____ it and _____ it and says, “Yes, Jesus is Lord.”
2. It is something the Spirit works in us

- a. As He comes and works in our lives, _____ take place, our lives are transformed, and we are set _____ from sin
- b. We are _____ to sin, we are _____ to God and Christ, and we begin to live the new life, which is really the first fruits of _____ life

VI. Conclusion

- A. If we do not _____ this free gift of salvation from God's plan and Christ's work and the Spirit's application, then we would be _____ consigned to eternal destruction
- B. If God loved us enough to give up His own beloved Son for us, then we should _____ with lives of love, devotion, service, and gratitude ... our hearts should be full of _____