

Lesson 10

Grace and Salvation

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Outline

Introductory Story – “How Are You Looking At It?”

Main Lesson

Jump-Start Questions

1. **God’s Grace Does Not Give What We Deserve: Eternal Punishment**
2. **God’s Grace Gives What We Don’t Deserve: Salvation**
(Titus 2:11; Romans 6:23)
3. **God’s Grace Gives What We Don’t Deserve: Position**
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. **God’s Grace is the Lifeline to Eternal Life**

Object Lesson: “Saved!”

Crossing the Finish Line

Lesson Theme

Because Jesus Christ took the punishment for all sin, God gives His undeserved favor to all who believe what Jesus Christ did for them.

Visual Aids

Song 10
Story 10
Visual 10A and 10B

Supplies

Standard supplies
Take Home Sheet 10
Paycheck and gift
Plastic snake or bugs

Review Last Week’s Lesson

Last time we discussed how sin is not just doing wrong, but rather missing God’s standard of being pure. We are condemned because of sin, but we don’t have to stay that way! Let’s discover together more about God’s grace and provision for us.

Story: How Are You Looking At It?

“About time!” exclaimed David as Jimmy slid down the banister into the hallway. “Better not do that when old Mr. Henderson is around though.”

“Oops, you’re right. Hey, have you got any more clues?” asked Jimmy.

“Actually I do,” sighed David as he pulled the note from his pocket. “But I haven’t figured it out yet! I’ve been trying for days!”

“Lemme see.” suggested David. “Let’s see, it says, ‘Dear David, Are you looking at it from the right angle? God’s gift of salvation looked differently at different times. Today we are saved by grace, through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ. When we receive this gift, it changes our lives and (blank) the way we live for Him. How are you looking at God’s gift? Are you looking at it from the right angle? Go to the place where technology is taught. Look where messages are sent around the world. How are you looking at it? Are you looking at it from the right angle? Love, Grandpa’. That’s it?”

“That’s the problem,” replied David. “I don’t know what the blank is, or where to find the next piece.”

“I don’t see anything on the back. What’s it mean ‘looking at it from the right angle?’” asked Jimmy.

“I dunno. It’s got to mean something, but what?” answered David.

Jimmy held the note up to look at it better. “Maybe it means we aren’t looking at the note the right way.”

“A hidden message?” asked David as Jimmy handed him the note. “Wait!” exclaimed David, tipping the note and watching the sunlight hit it. “It looks like something was written then erased. See the dents?”

“You’re right! Quick, we need a pencil,” yelled Jimmy. David pulled a pencil out of his backpack and holding it flat, he rubbed it across the back of the note.

“We’ve got it!” cheered David as the clue began to appear. “It says ‘GUIDES.’”

“How does that fit? Now the note says that God’s gift of salvation ‘changes our lives and guides the way we live for Him?’” asked Jimmy.

“Well, when we receive His gift of salvation it changes us, but we also live differently because we love Him and want to please Him,” replied David.

“OK,” said Jimmy. “Now we need to find the clue. It says it’s where technology is taught. That sounds like the computer lab,” suggested Jimmy.

“Why didn’t I think of that?” laughed David. “Let’s go!” David and Jimmy went into the computer lab. “The note says to look ‘where messages are sent around the world’. That would be a computer.”

“OK, let’s look at computers,” suggested Jimmy. “We send them from the keyboard and the computer.”

“We were right!” exclaimed David. “It’s taped on the back of this keyboard. The piece says ‘GUIDES,’ just like the note said, and the clue says ‘simple but unsearchable.’”

“I wonder how all the clues fit,” said Jimmy.

“I’ve got an idea, but we’ll need a few more clues before I’m sure,” grinned David. “But I do know one thing, I’m sure glad I’ve received God’s gift of salvation.”

“Me, too,” said Jimmy.

Solving the Clue



2) God's Grace Gives What We Don't Deserve: Salvation

God's grace provides salvation or deliverance from iniquity or sin.



Titus 2:11,14 —“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity.... ”

God's grace will provide forgiveness of all sin instead of His displeasure and anger. In the Dispensation of the Grace of God, when a person accepts Christ's payment for his/her sin, all sin is forgiven: past, present, and future (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14, 2:13). In salvation, because of this forgiveness, one does not have to fear the punishment of God. Forgiveness in Christ makes us fully accepted by God the Father (Ephesians 1:6).

God's grace will also provide the free gift of eternal life with Him in Heaven. This means there will be no more death, no more sin, no torment, and no sorrow. Eternal life is one of joy, peace, love, and hope.



Romans 6:23 — “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Again, in the illustration, if the son accepted the father's offer to take his punishment, he then would be free to live out the rest of his life with all of the joys it had to offer. When we accept Christ's payment on our behalf, we too are free to take advantage of all of the spiritual blessings God has provided for us to enjoy in this life and in eternity.

3) God's Grace Gives What We Don't Deserve: Position

God's grace gives us the righteousness of Christ. When God looks upon the forgiven saint, He no longer sees their sinfulness; He sees only Christ's righteousness.



2 Corinthians 5:21—“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

In this Dispensation of Grace, the forgiven saint is automatically made a member of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). We actually become part of Christ's Body. A person cannot become more accepted than that!

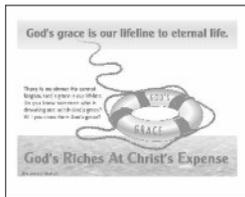
Have you ever felt unaccepted by a person or a group of people? It can be a very discouraging thing to be rejected by someone. Always remember that no matter what your circumstance, you are accepted by God Himself and are part of a very special group of people. Take advantage of fellowship with other believers, their encouragement, and their friendship.

God's grace also gives us the special position of a full-grown son. Right now, you are a child. As a child, you are treated as one who is not yet mature or not able to do the things that a grown person would do, such as driving a car, having a checking account with the right to spend money as you please, and the right to make all of your own decisions. You live in your parents' house, obey their rules, and go to school to learn information needed to help you become more mature or complete.

One day you will become a full-grown adult. With that position comes special privileges. Your parents and society will treat you differently because you are now able to handle responsibility. Likewise, as a child of God, you become a full-grown son with all of the privileges and responsibilities (Galatians 4:7). As His son, you become an heir of God through Christ (Romans 8:17).

When your parents die, they will probably leave all that was theirs to you, their child. It may be a home, a car, money in the bank, and all of their personal belongings. As God's child, you have so much to look forward to in eternity. You will inherit God's vast riches in Heaven. In fact, you will become an example

of the riches of His grace because of the kindness that He has shown to you (Ephesians 2:7).



4) God's Grace Is the Lifeline to Eternal Life

God's grace is super abundant, or overflowing (1 Timothy 1:14).

There is no sinner that He cannot save and no sin that He cannot forgive. Grace is often explained by using each letter of this phrase: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense." Christ Jesus gave His very life in a painful death so that every person would be able to inherit God's great riches.

A father took his young son and another boy fishing one afternoon. They were quite a distance from shore when a storm arose, tossing the boat wildly on the water. Both of the boys were tossed from the boat into the huge waves, placing their lives in severe danger. The father had only one lifeline to save the boys, and neither could swim very well. Both boys were crying for help, and the father had to make the choice of which one to save, for he had very little time to react. As he looked at his precious son struggling in the deep waves, he quickly threw the lifeline to the other boy, and cried to his son, "I'm sorry son, I love you!" He pulled the other boy to safety, while his young son disappeared underneath the water, never to be seen again. Many years later, the other boy now a grown man, asked the father why he had saved him instead of his son. He said, "My son had trusted Christ as his Savior, and God had given him eternal life. You had not yet understood what Christ had done for you, and I just couldn't let you drown and go to an eternity in Hell."

Crossing the Finish Line

Summary

This is a mere glimpse of what God the Father has done for you. With a father's supreme love, He sent His only beloved Son to die, giving you the lifeline to eternal life. The boy had to take the lifeline by faith, trusting that it

would indeed save him from death. You must take God's lifeline by faith, trusting that Christ died in your place as the complete payment for your sin, to save you from eternal punishment and spiritual death.

Don't let Christ's death be in vain by refusing the precious gift of salvation. Only in Christ will you find love, acceptance, security, joy, riches, eternal life, and peace.



Ephesians 2:8 —“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”

Application and Gospel Presentation

We may feel that life is unfair. Sometimes we get treated badly or unkindly by other people. Others may misunderstand us, tell lies about us, or talk about us behind our backs. Even when we try hard, we may fail. We often do things we wish we had not done. The Lord Jesus Christ knows how badly it feels to be treated unfairly because He went through the most unfair treatment of all. He took the punishment for all our sins and died for us. We can be saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ's death in our place. What love and grace He offers to us!

Encouragement

As we better understand God's love for us, we better understand His grace. It may not seem right that God would forgive our sins rather than punish us; but because the Lord Jesus Christ died in our place, we can be saved by His grace. We can be forever grateful for salvation which none of us deserved. After we are saved, we can be sure that His grace guides us each day even when life seems unfair. The God of all grace is aware of our every failure and sorrow. He leads and encourages us in loving even those who are unkind to us. He knows our thoughts and our heart's desires; He knows when we do good or when we try, but fail. When we get to Heaven, God will reward us by His grace with so much more than we deserve.

Verse Review Game

Paycheck and the Present

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Bring to class an example of a paycheck and a gift. Explain these concepts of a paycheck being what you earn and a gift being something freely given. Repeat the verse while holding up the objects at the appropriate time. Pass the examples around, giving each student an opportunity to say the verse while holding the paycheck and the gift.

Object Lesson

Saved!

Gather the plastic snake and/or fake bugs, being sure to hide them. Drop them all at once while the students are watching. Tell the following story: A little boy was once playing in the yard, when his dad told him to slowly come to him. The son obeyed immediately and without question. The dad pointed to the tree, where a snake was ready to attack! Obedience is certainly important to carry out immediately, without question, and with a good attitude. However, the main idea to gain from this story is that, as the little boy was saved from a snake, we have an even better salvation—we won't have to face a threat ever again!

Review Question Game

Letter Clues

Write the words “free gift” with one letter on each piece of paper (example: piece one “F”, piece two “R”, etc.) and mix them up. After each correct answer, give the student one of the letters. At the end, have them try to unscramble all the letters to spell the answer.

*Review questions are also on the take home sheet.

- 1. According to the Bible, what are the consequences of sin?** (Death and punishment; one will be eternally separated from God.)
- 2. For whom was the place of eternal separation from God (Hell) prepared?** (The Devil and his angels All who reject Christ as their Savior will be sent there after the final judgment.)
- 3. Who will be the judge in the courtroom of God when a person dies?** (Jesus Christ.)
- 4. God's grace, a free gift to all who receive it, provides what three things?** **A. Salvation-deliverance from sin; B. A way to earn salvation; C. Forgiveness of all sin; D. A free gift of eternal life in heavenly places; E. A chance to buy your way to Heaven.** (A, C, D)
- 5. If a person accepts Christ's payment for his/her sin, what does God see when He looks at the forgiven person?** (God would see only Christ's righteousness - no sin.)
- 6. How does a person become a member of the Body of Christ?** (God automatically places a person into Christ's Body the moment he/she accepts Jesus Christ's payment for his/her sins.)
- 7. True or False: As a child of God, one inherits the position of a full-grown son, receiving all of God's riches in Heaven.** (True)
- 8. There is only one way for any person to find love, acceptance, security, joy, peace, and eternal life. What is it?** (One must accept God's lifeline by trusting that Christ died in their place as a complete payment for their sin.)

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What Does It Look Like?

We learned that it is called “grace” when we get what we don’t deserve. Instead of the punishment we do deserve, God offers us something we do not deserve; He calls us His children. We can remember what grace is by looking at the letters G.R.A.C.E. or God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. Have you received this gift?

Was it Grace or Debt?

Directions: Write a D for debt (if you earned what you received) or a G for grace (if you didn’t deserve what you received) beside each example.

1. I stole my friend’s favorite toy. When he found out, he gave me all his toys and forgave me.



2. I worked ten hours and got paid for ten hours’ work.



3. I did my sister’s chores for a week so she would let me have her game.



4. I sinned against God; but still, He sent His Son to die for my sins and gave me eternal life and all spiritual blessings.



Hiding God’s Word in Your Heart

To help you learn the verse, make four pairs with eight 3x5 cards. On the first pair, put a dollar sign in the middle, “4” at the top, and a heart with the word “sin” at the bottom on one card, and a grave marker with the word “Death” on the other card. On the next pair, draw a gift in the middle, the word “but” at the top, and the word “God” on the bottom. Write “eternal life” on the other card. For the third pair, draw a bridge with the word “through” and a cross; then, write “Jesus Christ our Lord” on the other card. For the last pair, write “Romans” on one card, and “6:23” on the other. Mix the cards, place them upside down on a table, then turn up the cards one at a time to find pairs. When you get a matching pair, say the verse. Continue until you know the verse well.

Dear Parent,

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child! Please take the time to review this Take Home Sheet with your child. The lessons inside are for eternity.

Super Rescue Heroes

Directions: Draw a line from each object to the situation where it would be used to save someone or something.

1 *Welcome to the grocery store!*



4 *The flames are getting out of control!*

2 *Help! I can't swim, and I'm drowning!*



5 *Help! I'm a sinner deserving death!*

3 *He broke his leg, and he can't move!*



6 *Can you get my kitten, Fluffy, out of that tree? She's scared!*

Do You Remember?

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Do You Remember Answers:
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 7. True
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Puzzle Answer:
 1 Coupons
 2 Life saver
 3 Doctor
 4 Firefighter
 5 Cross of Christ
 6 Ladder