

01/22/2023 Lesson

SALVATION: JESUS IS THE ANSWER

Topics

Salvation, Baptism, Faith, Grace, Believing, Heaven, Sin

Memory Verse

Romans 5:8 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners
Christ died for us

Romans 5:8 MSG

But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death
while we were of no use whatever to him.

Scripture Focus

John 3:1-21 – Jesus and Nicodemus

Video

<https://youtu.be/Xbs75plEOM4>

Discussion Questions

1. Nicodemus called Jesus a teacher from God. Who is He really according to these scriptures?
2. What does it mean to be born again?
3. What is being born of the water and of the Spirit? How are they different?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says, "The Son of Man must be lifted up?"
5. Read verses 16-18 again. What does it really mean to believe?
6. How do you think Nicodemus came away from his conversation with Jesus?
 - a. Totally confused
 - b. With a clear understanding of being born again
 - c. Convinced to trust and follow Jesus
 - d. With more questions than answers

We learned that no matter how hard we try, we will never be good enough to get to Heaven on our own. Yet, it is a free gift. We also learned that we are sinners. Sin is keeping us from having a relationship with God in Heaven. God is a just God and must punish this sin, which is eternal death. However, God is also merciful. He loves us and does not want to punish us.

We discovered how God solved this by sending His only begotten Son to die for us. Jesus was completely without sin. He got what he did not deserve, to keep us from getting what we do deserve, that is death.