

ANTIOCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Training

Unit II Theme – Standing in the Faith

NO NEED TO BOAST

Background Passage: Romans 3:21-30

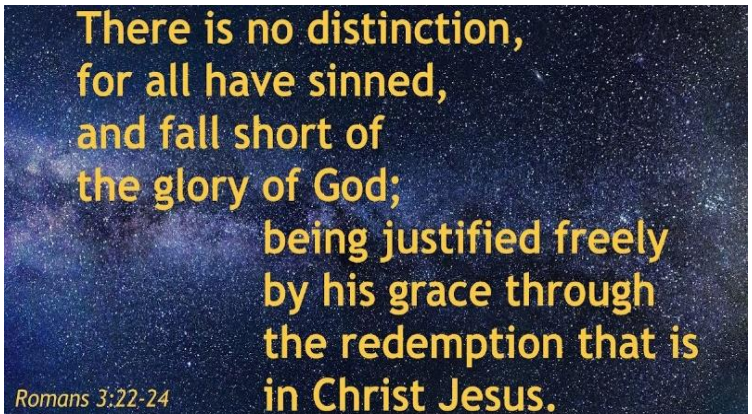
Lesson Passage: Romans 3:21-30

UNIFYING TOPIC:

Justified by Faith in Christ Jesus

LESSON TEXT

- I. The Righteousness of the Law
(Romans 3:21-23)
- II. God's Righteousness Demonstrated
(Romans 3:24-26)
- III. Justified By Faith
(Romans 3:27-30)



THE MAIN THOUGHT

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; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:22-24, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People want to secure their fate on the basis of hard work, and a well-earned reputation. Do we all get what we deserve? Paul tells the Roman believers that their boasting will be excluded in God's economy and that a person is justified by faith apart from work.

LESSON AIM

To show that no one can boast if he or she is saved, since salvation is a grace gift that is offered to everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; when he or she does, they are justified before God, not because of the Law, but because of God's demonstration of His love.

LIFE AIM

To show that there is none righteous enough to stand before a holy God, therefore, if one is saved it is because they believe that God loves him/her, and therefore God has gifted one with His saving grace, and because of this no one can boast of his or her salvation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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FOR OUR SAKE

Background Passage: Romans 4

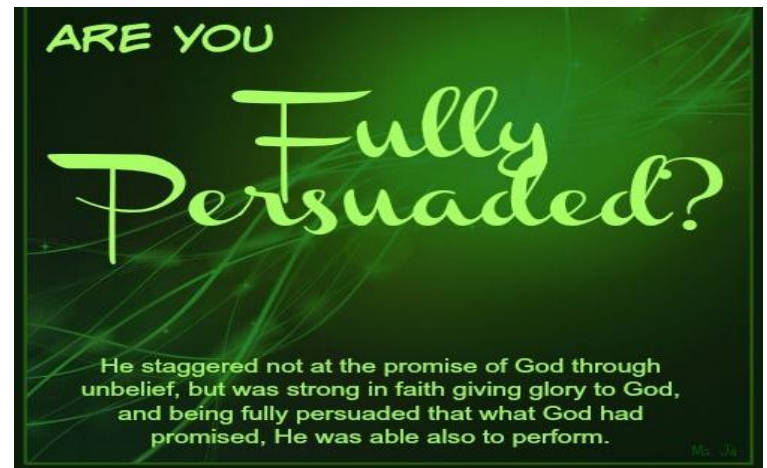
Lesson Passage: Romans 4:13-25

UNIFYING TOPIC:

Reckoned as Righteous

LESSON TEXT

- I. Abraham's Promise of Faith
(Romans 4:13-15)
- II. Abraham's Promise, Father of Many Nations
(Romans 4:16-18)
- III. Abraham's Unwavering Faith
(Romans 4:19-25)



THE MAIN THOUGHT

**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
(Romans 4:20-21, KJV)**

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People want to be rewarded for their good efforts. What successes do we hope to earn from our hard work? Paul tells the Roman Christians that the blessing God gave to Abraham was "reckoned to him as righteousness" and that, on account of Christ, God does the same for us.

LESSON AIM

To show that it was Abraham's unwavering faith that caused Abraham to hold firm to the promises God made to him; and that it was not the law that made Abraham righteous, but it was his unwavering faith. If we have such faith, we too should hold firm, keep our hope, therefore, inheriting the promise also.

LIFE AIM

To show that just as it was not the Law that made Abraham righteous, but it was his unwavering faith. In life, we too will face some impossible odds, but we should not allow anything or anyone to cause us to step away from the promise we know God has made to us.

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REMAINING STRONG

Background Passage: Romans 5:1-11

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UNIFYING TOPIC:

Reconciled to God

LESSON TEXT

- I. Justified by Faith
(Romans 5:1-2)
- II. The Presence of God's Love
(Romans 5:3-5)
- III. Justified by Christ's Blood
(Romans 5:6-11)



THE MAIN THOUGHT

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 5:1, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People feel guilty if they are unable to overcome their weaknesses and failures. How can we remain strong and confident even when we encounter failure? In the letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul instills hope and assures us that we are justified, not by works, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

LESSON AIM

To show that because of the believer's faith in God, he or she should continue to trust God as one faces trials and tribulations, since God uses those to build character in order that we might not lose hope.

LIFE AIM

Every believer must know that their faith in Christ is unwavering. God often uses our hardships to help us trust Him more, so that we will not falter in our faith walk, neither will our hope fail us, but we will be strengthened because we know of God's love toward us.

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HEARING AND BELIEVING

Background Passage: Romans 10:1-21

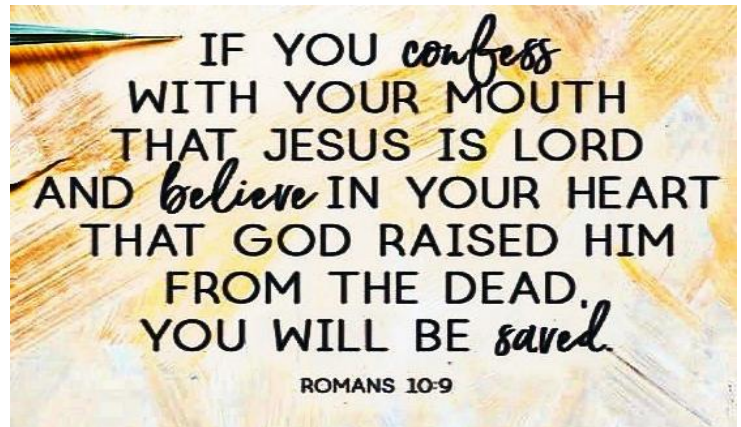
Lesson Passage: Romans 10:1-17

UNIFYING TOPIC:

Who Has Believed?

LESSON TEXT

- I. Paul's Prayer to God (Romans 10:1-4)
- II. The Request for Salvation (Romans 10:5-10)
- III. The Power of Preaching (Romans 10:11-17)



THE MAIN THOUGHT

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. (Romans 10:9, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People want to follow prescribed steps that allow them to climb a guaranteed ladder to success. How do we react when others are offered a path to success that seemingly bypasses the rules we've carefully followed? In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrestles with the insufficiency of the zeal for God that comes through the Law versus the path that comes through faith in Christ.

LESSON AIM

To show how Paul explains to the believers how their past life of selfish gain is self-destructive. It is when we decide to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and allow God's divine plan to take precedence of our past and present life, God will mold us into becoming all that He desires of us.

LIFE AIM

To show that the believer's life before he or she was saved, was on a destructive path. However, now that we have accepted Christ, we are God's masterpiece, and God's desire is for every child of His to live a life that is filled with purpose and privileges.

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