

Lesson 1 – The Two Israels

Text: Romans 1-12; 14-16

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

Prayer

Recite Memory Verse: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Background

Do you remember who God’s chosen people were in the Old Testament? (Israelites) Did they always please Him? (No. Judges, wilderness wandering) What did they have to do to show God they were sorry when they had sinned? (Make sacrifices) But these sacrifices weren’t perfect, were they? They couldn’t remove the guilt of sin or even forgive the sinner. What did it take for man’s sins to be forgiven? (Christ’s death) He is our perfect sacrifice.

Body

After Christ came, God’s chosen people were no longer the Jews. Today, anyone who obeys the gospel is considered one of God’s chosen people. We are the “new Israel”. This is what a lot of the book of Romans is about. Let’s read together Romans 10:12-13.

Discuss with the students who the Gentiles were. (Originally descendants of Japheth, Noah’s son. Gen. 10:5) Why did the Jews think so badly of the Gentiles? (They had been told to keep themselves pure from outsiders in the OT and that Gentiles were unclean.)

Briefly go over workbook answers as a guideline for discussion of Romans.

Activities

~~“Who is without sin?” directions on following page~~

Wednesday Night

“Behave like a Christian” Activity

Using mini posters of each phrase in Romans 12:9-13, discuss what each phrase means and have students suggest a practical application of each one. If they think of an appropriate definition/application, they get to hold the poster. Once you’ve gone through all the posters once and each student has one, then reverse the process by calling out a situation and asking which poster would fit that situation. The student holding that poster would hold it up or hand it back to the teacher, or perhaps place it on the wall with sticky tack for a good wall display.

Recite Memory Verse

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Due April 4

Reading text: Romans 1-12

Chapter 1

1. Who wrote the book of Romans?
2. Define Gentile.
3. What did Paul say about the gospel in chapter 1:16?

Chapter 3

1. What does Romans 3:23 say about sin?
2. What is sin?

Chapter 5

1. What sacrifice did Christ make for sinners? 5:6-11

Chapter 6

1. The Bible teaches that our baptism is like Christ's death and resurrection...

When we are baptized, how is it like Christ's death?

what is a person like after they've "risen" from the "burial" of baptism?

Chapter 12

1. List 4 things from this chapter that a Christian should strive to do.

Chapter 14

1. In the judgement, whose life will God want each of us to tell Him about? 14:12

Memory Verse

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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1. Who wrote the book of Romans? _____
2. He wrote this book "to _____ who are in _____, beloved of _____, called to be _____." Rom. 1:7

Can you find these things in the bible text below?

- 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
- 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,
- 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.
- 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established-
- 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

3. Highlight what Paul thanks God for in blue.
4. Circle how often Paul prays for the brethren in Rome.
5. Underline what Paul asks God for or "requests".
6. Highlight the two reasons Paul wants to see them so badly.

7. Paul is telling the Jews who believe in Jesus and are living in Rome that they are no better than the Gentiles who also believe in Jesus. One reason he gives is:

"_____ have sinned and fall _____ of the glory of _____." Rom. 3:23

8. "But God demonstrates His own _____ for us, in that while we were still _____, Christ _____ for us." Rom. 5:8

Can you find these things in the bible text below?

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

9. Highlight the words baptized and baptism in blue. How many are there?

10. Highlight the words death or dead in yellow. How many are there?

11. When a person is baptized, what does he put to death? Rom. 6:6

Draw a line from the words to their definitions

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” Rom. 8:35

Tribulation	Being treated badly for believing in Christ
Distress	Not having clothes to wear
Persecution	Being very worried about something
Famine	Fighting/ War
Nakedness	Danger
Peril	Not having food to eat
Sword	Great trouble or misery

Parents: Some of these words are very close in meaning, the students will not be corrected on these answers. Just use this as a way to describe these words for them.