

Youth Sunday School – Us and Peace Part 1: Peace with God – 10/18/20

- Fighter verse
- Prayer
- Briefly discuss New City Catechism and associated verse
 - Question 9: What does God require in the first, second and third commandments? First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works. (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)
 - Question 10: What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments? Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction. (Leviticus 19:3)
- Review Memory Verse List – Discuss one of them

Review

- What is peace?
- How does God the Father demonstrate peace?
- How does Jesus demonstrate peace?

Peace with God

1. Every person deserves the wrath of God because of their sin.

- Can anyone quote Romans 3:23? Who has sinned and fallen short of God?
- Read together Romans 3:10-18. Who is righteous? Who has known the way of peace?
- Can anyone quote Romans 6:23? What do we deserve because of our sin?
- Discuss some of the ways that you have sinned in your life. Talk about how those sins declared war against a holy and perfect God.
- Galatians 3:10 says "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Since none of us could obey everything in the Law perfectly, we are all cursed.

2. Jesus bore the wrath of God on the cross so that we wouldn't have to.

- We need our sins to be forgiven, but how? Hebrews 9:22 says "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." We needed a perfect sacrifice to shed blood [die] for us.
- Discuss what these verses say about us and what Jesus did for us.
 - Isaiah 53:5-6 "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
 - Romans 5:8-9 "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."
 - Colossians 2:13-14 "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."
- Remember how Galatians 3:10 said we are cursed? Galatians 3:13 says "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree". How did our curse get removed?

3. We must believe that Jesus Christ alone forgives sins to be saved.

- Open Bibles to John chapter 3.
 - Read verse 16. Who will not perish but have eternal life?
 - Read verse 18. Who is not condemned? Who is condemned?
 - Read verse 36. Who has eternal life? Who has the wrath of God still upon them?
- 1 John 5:12 says "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Who has life? Who does not have life?
- Romans 10:9 says "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." What must we do to be saved?
- How should this truth make us think about people of other religions?
- FYI, any of these verses under point 3 would be great ones to memorize.
- Romans 5:1 says "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Who has peace with God?
- We really hammered a lot of verses today but can you see how clear God wants to make it to us that we don't have peace with him naturally, and that we need it? And that God did everything to make a way for us to have peace? God's writing to us in the bible is overwhelmingly, lovingly clear.
- Peace with God matters more than anything else in the world. Do you have it for yourself? Because you don't inherit peace with God from your parents. Do your friends and family have it? How can we pray for and witness to them?

For Next Time: Do the Bible Study sheet on Ephesians 2:13-19.

- Prayer Requests

Peace Memory Verses (pick at least 1)

- Romans 12:18 "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
- Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Philippians 4:6-7 "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body."
- Psalm 34:14 "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."
- Matthew 5:9 "'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."
- Hebrews 12:14 "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Study Guide

Review

- What is peace? (Definition: Peace is freedom from God's wrath and freedom from turmoil within ourselves and with others.)
- How does God the Father demonstrate peace? (the world he created had perfect peace, he took the initiative in making peace by sending Jesus to take God's wrath in our place, he is going to make perfect peace in heaven forever, he works in our hearts through the Holy Spirit/Bible/Prayer so that we experience more peace in our lives)
- How does Jesus demonstrate peace? (he was a man of perfect peace when he dwelled on earth, he died so that we could have peace with God, He wants us to have peace in our lives)

Peace with God

1. Who has sinned and fallen short of God? (everyone)
 - Who is righteous? (nobody, no not one) Who has known the way of peace? (no one)
 - What do we deserve because of our sin? (spiritual death > hell, eternal separation from God since he can't tolerate having sin in his presence)
2. How did our curse get removed? (Jesus took the curse in our place through his death on the cross)
3. Who will not perish but have eternal life? (those who believe in Jesus)
 - Who is not condemned? (whoever believes in Jesus) Who is condemned? (whoever does not believe in Jesus)
 - Who has eternal life? (those who believe in Jesus) Who has the wrath of God still upon them? (those who do not obey/believe in Jesus)
 - Who has life? (whoever believes in Jesus) Who does not have life? (whoever does not believe in Jesus)
 - What must we do to be saved? (confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead)
 - How should this truth make us think about people of other religions? (they are condemned/have the wrath of God upon them/do not have life because they do not believe in Jesus, they need to believe in Jesus to be saved so we must share with them the gospel)
 - Who has peace with God? (those who have faith in Jesus)