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Lesson 28: Sin: God's Remedy

Scriptures:

Psalm 107; Ezekiel 18:4; John 3:16-18; Romans 5:1-11, 6:23, 8:12-17; Ephesians 2:1-3, 13-22; Colossians 1:21-22; James 1: 14, 15

Lesson Goals:

To teach the truth of the seriousness of sin
To teach the truth that the unsaved person is already spiritually dead
To teach the truth that God has made a way for all to be forgiven of sin

Scripture Memory:

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

The Lesson:

A remedy is something that makes a problem okay. The remedy for indigestion is an antacid. The remedy for a headache is aspirin or some other type of pain reliever. The remedy for an argument is calm discussion and, many times, compromise. A remedy for being bored is something fun to do. So, what is the remedy for sin?

First, let's consider the effects of sin. Sin separates us from God. That means that there must be a remedy that changes our relationship with God. Sin also makes us feel guilty. We **feel** guilty because we **are** guilty. When we sin, we must face the consequences.

Sin **must** be punished. Some people suffer the consequences of sin before they die. People who take things into their bodies that are harmful can expect their bodies to pay the price. People who allow bad thoughts to fill their minds can expect bad thoughts to hurt them. Much of the punishment for sin is caused by the sin itself.

Have you ever heard anyone say, "You look dead on your feet."? What they mean is that the person must be alive because they are standing up, but they are not behaving like they are really alive. The Bible says that those who have not believed in Jesus as Savior, and received eternal life, are dead on their feet. They are breathing and they function like humans; however, they do not have real life...real spiritual life, available only from God.

The Bible is specific; if we sin we will suffer death. (Ezekiel 18:4) In the beginning, humans were created to live forever on the earth. But, when humans sinned, God had to keep His word, which was that sin caused spiritual death. But, God loved humans so much that He didn't want them to die without any hope. He didn't want them to die without an opportunity to be with Him. So, He made a way for all humans to live with Him forever.

To do this, God had to create a plan for humans to be without sin. Since God is perfect, He must live in a perfect place with perfect people. Sins that we commit have to be completely forgiven so that we can be with Him.

It is not possible for humans to live without sin, and we can't pay for our own sins. Our sins are a barrier between us and God. A barrier is like a wall and God made a way to break down that barrier.

Have you ever done something that hurt someone else, or made them angry with you? A wall was built between you. If you cared about that person, you wanted to get rid of what kept you from feeling good about being with one another. What did you do? If you asked the person to forgive you and the person

forgave you, you began to feel good again about being with that person and doing things together. The wall had come down.

It is just that way with God. God sent Jesus to die as a payment for all our sins and make it possible for us to be with Him. The wall between us and Him is broken down by accepting what Jesus did as the payment for, and forgiveness of, our sins. When we do that, we are welcomed by God into His presence.

God offers not only forgiveness of sin, but a permanent good relationship with Him. He has said that we can be His adopted children with all the rights of His one and only Son Jesus. To receive this gift of forgiveness and to become His adopted child, all you have to do is to pray:

- that God will forgive your sins, for which you are sorry;
- that you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who lived perfectly, died as a payment for your sins and has returned to God to be with Him forever
- that you want Jesus to be the Lord of your life
- and that you expect to follow Him for the rest of your life.

Life Application:

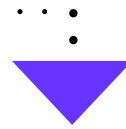
Are you willing to do that right now? He is waiting. God loves you so much that ever since the Garden of Eden and man's first sin, He has been ready with the remedy for that, and all, sin. God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to become sin for you and for me.

So what's lacking? Doesn't Jesus' sacrifice automatically get us into heaven? Not exactly. Jesus is the only way to God, but action is required on your part. Will you seek the remedy for your sin in the perfect Son of God, Jesus Christ?

And if God's remedy has already taken care of your sin problem, will you commit to share that remedy with someone you know this week?



Planning for Lesson 29
Salvation:
God's Part



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Bring clean, empty pill bottles. On adhesive labels, write “Remedy for Sin, Prescribed by God.” Insert into the bottle pre-printed strips of the memory verse, Romans 5:8
- ◆ Bring building blocks. Instruct each student to write a sin on each block. Build a wall, or barrier, out of the blocks. Talk about how that wall of sin was taken on by Jesus. When we accept Jesus, the wall of sin is knocked down in our lives.
- ◆ Get started by discussing various home remedies that your students use or have heard of. Have several in mind in case your students do not. Ask your students if all ailments have a remedy. What about sin? Move into the lesson.
- ◆ Read Romans 5:1-11. Discuss all that God has provided as the remedy for our sin.
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Read Psalm 107. Make lists contrasting what the people had done with God’s reaction to their sin or misery. Discuss your findings and finish up with Psalm 107: 1, 43.
- ◆ **Dig Deeper Still:** Read all of the Scripture listed on page 2 of this lesson. Make two lists: Sin’s Effects and The Remedy.



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remedy

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