

SS 1 CRS 3rd Term Scheme of Work

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Week 1

Topic : Living a life of witnessing for Christ (a) Peter's message on Christians living 1 Peter 1:13-17, 2:9-25 (b) Paul's statement on children of light Romans 13:11-14

To be a witness for Christ especially in this perilous time and among unbelievers who easily find faults in everything a christian do to accuse them is not easy

Apostle Peter in his first epistle in 1 Peter 1:13-17 admonishes Christians to be ; vigilant and grid up their loins in their mind , and be sober and rest their hope fully on Christ and his grace. Christians should be obedient to God's command and avoid worldliness. To be holy in all their doings ,knowing fully well that God who called them is holy. That by being holy and resting on God's Grace and promises , he would

help them overcome persecution and enable them to evangelize Christ both in words and in their actions.

Furthermore, in 1 Peter 2:9-25 ; Peter warned Christians to abstain from all forms of social vices and maintain a high standards of living. They should avoid the passion of the flesh and things that hinders their spiritual growth.

He further advices that if Christians would maintain good conduct among non-christains ; then in the event where issues of false accusations against them arises , people would see their good works and glorify God. In a practical term, Christians are to be subject to every human institution and civil authorities, since all authorities are set up by God to punish wrong doers and reward good deeds.

In summary

1. Christians should render quality service to God .
2. Should have respect for all human authorities and laws of the land.
3. They should acknowledge God in everything they do or plan to do and give him all the glory for every of their achievement and successes.
4. Christians should perform their civic responsibilities like paying their tax, vat, dues and levies.
5. They Should render any Positive assistance to the needy around them.
6. We Should not react when accused , insulted or punished for offences we did not commit as good ambassadors of Christ. Because by doing this we are practically evangelizing Christ to our neighbors.



B. PAUL'S STATEMENT ON CHILDREN OF LIGHT; Romans 13:11-14

Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Rome, admonishes Christians and called us to wake up and do the work of God, to live holy because the end is nearer now than when the gospel was first preached for our salvation (when we first believed).

He further advices that everything we do should be centered on Christ Jesus. No provisions should be made for flesh to be glorified in us. That the armor of light (righteousness) should lead the way for us.

Week 2

**Topic: Social vices and witnessing for Christ; importance of tolerance and peaceful Co-existence. (b)
Civil responsibility; meaning and explanation of civil responsibility.**

In carrying out the assignment of the lord Jesus Christ give to us in Mathew 28:18-20 there are lots of social vices (sins and evil deeds people don't see as evil or wrong), that can hinder the spreading of the gospel.

Some of these Social vices include; some traditional and cultural practices and believes like -female genital mutilation, child marriage, child sexual abuse, human slavery and trafficking, drug abuse and trafficking, kidnapping, stealing, corruption of different kinds and degree, lust of various kinds, social injustice, idol worship etc.

For the above vices and others not mentioned not to hinder our witnessing for Christ, there is need for tolerance and peaceful Co-existence but not sinful co-habitation between Christians and their neighbors.

Peaceful Co-existence implies (means) , striving to live in peace with one's neighbors in a community or place , where people with different cultural , religious background and ideologies are found, for the growth , development and progress of the community and society at large.

As Christians, we are commanded to be peace makers , salt of the earth and light of the world.

IMPORTANCE OF TOLERANCE AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTANCE

1. Tolerance paves ways for the easy and quick spreading of the gospel in one's neighborhood and community.
2. It leads to quick and rapid development of your community and society, because of love among the people.
3. It chases away war and conflicts and any attempt for such.
4. When we tolerate one another, love and unity is built and upheld.
5. The presence of God would dwell in such an environment and communities.
6. When persecuted, the people you tolerate and are living peacefully with would back you up and fight for you.
7. Leadership roles can easily be entrusted to such a christian.



B. Topic: Civil Responsibility ; Civil responsibility are roles , duties and obligation an individual citizens have towards the good of his or her nation for the growth and development of her country and to attract respect for her country by fellow citizens and foreigners.

As a good Christian and a good Nigerian there are duties you owe your country Nigeria. Some of them are;

1. Pray for your country and your leaders
2. Pray and work towards the growth and development of your country.
3. Be a law abiding citizens as it's within your powers and obey God too.
4. Have the right attitudes towards your circular work or business because doing so increases the GDP and revenue and development of the country.
5. Be punctual tax payer, just as you should pay your tithes too.
6. Respect higher authorities, as all authorities were instituted by God to punish wrong and reward good deeds.

Week 3

Topic: Christian attitudes towards persecution; (a) Peter's message to Christians under persecution - 1peter 1:5-9, 4:12-19 (b) Jesus message on love for one's enemy.

Apostle Peter in the above scriptures acknowledged that Christians often suffer various trials ,which were meant to test the genuiness of their faith in Christ.

Peter states that just as gold passes through fire to be refined , so also Christians through endurance of trials would be qualified for honour and glory,when Christ shall return.

Peter added and advices Christians to rejoice in the face of any persecution they find themselves in; because without even seeing Christ,yet they loved and believed in him, whose outcome has helped their faith to obtain salvation for their souls.

He further reminded us that Christ suffered on the cross to be glorified by the father at his resurrection, Christians who suffer for the sake of the gospel, living soberly ,resting their hope on the grace that would be theirs at the return of Christ.

B. Jesus message on love for one's enemy. Mathew 5: 43-48

Jesus Christ in most of his sermons taught on love for one another. His miracles and good works among men during his earthly ministry revolves around love , besides , it was love for me and you that made him come down to earth.

In Mathew,5:43-48, Jesus was against the law that suggested that we show love only to our neighbors and hatred for one's enemy. Jesus Christ advice was for christians to "Love our enemies and pray for those who persecutes us. Stating that by so doing, we would prove to be the prefect children of our father who also is perfect.

But that if we should choose to do good and love only those that loves us , how then are we different from the unbelievers. In another instance in the bible, Jesus stated that showing love to our enemies, would make them guilty of their sinful nature and bad attitudes toward US.

Week 4

Topic: A. Suffering and Christian faith (b) Christian attitudes towards persecution - Colossians 1:22.

Christianity and Christian living is one intertwined with suffering and persecution. Christians haven replaced Jews who regards themselves as a choosen race , neglected the finished work of Christ by rejecting him, and by this act have lost the right to sonship of God and are now replaced by "whoseover that believed in Christ (Christians) John 3:16.

And the only requirement from God for such a person (whoseover) to justify his or her sonship ,is for such a person to exhibit the right attitudes no matter what come their way (suffering and persecution). To do this, the following are required of them;

1. To stop their previous addiction to carnal and earthly desires, which wars against their faith.
2. To maintain good conducts and live the life worthy of the gospel of Christ.
3. To be good examples to both believers and unbelievers alike.
4. When they are accused falsely, by their descent life and righteousness, it will be stamped out.
5. By submitting to all authorities, they would not be punished unjustly.
6. When punished for no offense or fault of theirs, they should emulate Christ who endured all things for the sake of the glory awaiting him.
7. Haven being liberated from the curse of the law, they must not use their freedom as a means for evil deeds.
8. Christians should love one another in the Brotherhood of Christ and avoid talking evil of one another.
9. We should obey all authorities, all authorities are backed up by God.

B. Christians Attitudes Towards Persecution; Colossians 1:2

According to Colossians 1:2, the attitudes of Christians towards persecution should be that of ;

1. Patience towards everyone
 2. Love for everyone, even one's enemy.
 3. Being joyful at all time.
 4. Increasing in faith continuously.
 5. Being hopeful at all time.
 6. Holiness and righteousness
- Etc

Week 5

Topic: Impartiality

A. Impartiality means just and fair treatment of all ,not minding the economic or social status of the one involved. It is the absence of discrimination of people or persons among others in a group.

B. Partiality is very rampant in our society today ,even in the church. James in his letter admonished Christians to avoid Partiality for the sake of Christ whom they uphold in their faith in him, in whose glory they are to share .

He further warned Christians not to allow class distinction in their midst. They should not relegate the poor and exalt the rich when invited to an occasion (party).

In many churches , they use physical appearance like one's dressing to assess people both at fellowships and occasions, even at Christian occasions, in order to accord them high recognition and respect.

C. Warning against prejudice -James 2:1-13

James warned that Partiality would lead to prejudice if not stopped, the consequences would be very gravisous. James made the following points ;

1. By honouring the rich with better seats in the church, they have proved to be biased judges.
2. The poor among them who are in right standing with God have being made rich in faith by God and would be rightful heir of God's kingdom and reign with christ.

3. The same rich brethren that are so honoured, are often the ones that drag the poor in dishonor to court where they would obtain no justice .

4. He also pointed out as a reminder to us that often , it is the same rich people that are so honoured that often blaspheme God's name.

James advises Christians to love their neighbors and shun Partiality which is a sin before God. Furthermore, that our thoughts and actions should conform with those that are to be judged under the law of liberty.

For whoever fails to show mercy to his fellow men would be judged without mercy.

PROJECT

1. Describe Christ second coming according from Paul's letter to either the Corinthians Church in 1 Corinthians 15 or the Thessalonian church in 1 Thessalonians 4:1:-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.

2. Bring out three major events or signs of rapture.

3. Based on question one above and from your observations, how are we-christians preparing for the second coming of Christ?.... discuss with visible facts.

Week 6

Topic: Impartiality; The Golden Rule Mathew 7:12, Luke 6:31

Impartiality should be upheld in the church. What is good for the geese is also good for the gander. As such, the golden rule according to Jesus teaching in Matthew 7:12 is.... "Do unto others what you would want to see them do to you". By this it means that people should be given equal treatment because, before God we are equal (the same).

B. Negative effects of Nepotism, favoritism and tribalism in our society.

Nigeria as a large country and society is bedeviled by nepotism, favoritism and tribalism. Hardly would one get things on merit without NFI being a determinate to it.

NEPOTISM: is the act of showing favour to one's relation in what involves public right ,due to the connection or attachment of being related with the person.

FAVORITISM: is an unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice (being partial in treatment and show of love to one or few individual over an entire group).

TRIBALISM: is a state of belonging and showing sense of exclusiveness and tribal peculiarities to members of one's tribe against non members.

EFFECTS INCLUDE

1. Leads to underdevelopment of a country and the society at large .
2. Breeds fear and lack of trust.
3. Leads to intolerance, disunity and unhealthy rivalry.
4. It does not foster a peaceful Co-existence nor sense of belonging among people.
5. It might lead to insecurity, conflicts and war.
6. Bitterness, envy and jealousy would involve .

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How does show of Partiality in apostle James time relate to what is obtainable in our churches today.

Week 7

Topic: The Resurrection And Second Coming Of Jesus Christ

Resurrection means the death coming back to life. Biblical resurrection means Jesus Christ rising from death after three days in fulfillment of his assignment, ministry and prophecy and the show of his power over death.

B. Paul's teaching on resurrection and second coming; 1 Corinthians 15

The second coming of our lord Jesus Christ is the expectation of many Christians . Based on Jesus teachings, after his resurrection and his ascension, he would go and prepare a place , a spiritual home for the children of God and he would return to take them to heaven (rapture).

According to Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 15, on the issue of Christ resurrection and second coming, he stated that as the scripture said , Jesus made his appearance to different groups and individuals of his disciples, beginning with Cephas (Peter), then the twelve apostles, to some disciples at different times and location, then to over 500 of his followers and lastly to him-Paul.

He went further to disabuse the minds of some of the believers who were still doubting the message on resurrection by pointing out that their doubts are baseless if they ever accepted that Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Because if Christ resurrected, then they should rest their minds over their loved ones who died in Christ, because they too would rise on the last day. He further assures Christians that Christ resurrection remains the bedrock of our faith today and our hope for eternity with him.

However, Paul stated the order of the resurrection in verse 23 thus;

1. Christ who has risen. Then at his second coming; all the saints that slept who belonged to him would rise.

2. Christ would take over the world, defeat it and all its enemy and hand it over to God, and that the last enemy to be defeated was death.

To question of "**how the death would rise and what body they would possess**". Paul stated thus; using a seed that is planted which must die and decay first, before bringing up a new plant to explain that the human body that dies is mortal (having ability to die and decay), but that the one that would rise becomes immortal (having the ability to live forever).

While on earth, we have the likeness of Adam who was formed from the dust of the earth. But at resurrection, we inherit the spiritual body of Christ who is the second Adam from heaven -having the heavenly body.

Finally Paul stated that we shall not all die to raise back to life. But that those of us still alive at Christ's return shall be changed (our earthly body) instantly at a blinking of the eye and at the sound of the trumpet, the dead in Christ would rise to meet him in the sky, while the righteous that are living would be changed into celestial bodies and would follow suit. At this point death would be defeated completely.

Week 8

Topic: preparation for the second coming: Jesus teaching on his second coming -Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus Christ, in Matthew 25 talks about our preparation for the second coming, he talks about two groups of people that would be judged on the last day when he is seated on his throne in heaven with all the people from every nation of the world gathered before him.

This two groups he likened to a shepherd separating his goats from the sheep. Those on his right are the sheep, while those on his left are goats.

To those on the right he would welcome into his kingdom, because they took care of him (Jesus), while he was hungry, sick, naked and in prison; these they did to him by actually doing so to the less privileged in their midst while on earth.

And to those on his left, he would send to eternal fire of hell. Because they never cared for him by doing so to the poor in their midst.

The story above goes to show that part of our preparation to heaven and Christ's second coming centers on good deeds, giving, visitation, praying for one another, righteousness etc.

B. Paul's Teaching On Second Coming; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

In Paul's epistle to the Thessalonians church, he described the sign to look out for on second coming of Jesus and how it revolves around the living and the dead and the preparations Christians should make towards it. These include;

1. They should not relax thinking that Christ coming would happen after the rebellion, because presently, there is already a high level of lawlessness in the world and even in churches.
2. That at the appointed time, the lawless one would be revealed openly for his total destruction by Christ's breath.
3. He assures, encourages and warns the Thessalonians not to be grieved for their loved ones who died in Christ, because, there is hope for them to see them again, because they would be raised by Christ at his return.
4. To the signs, Paul gave out the following to look out for and prepare;

i. Christ will descend from heaven with a cry of command with the archangel's call and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

ii. Those that died believing in Christ will rise first, then those alive will join them in the clouds-in the spiritual bodies to meet and reign with Christ.

ii. There will be certain destruction for the the unaware in the preparation, Paul writes that there is no need to write on the time and season since no one knows, but that Christians should be prepared as though it could be the next minute.

This is because it would be so sudden, like the attack of a thief at night. As a result Paul warned that Christians should not relent in their efforts and preparation, thinking that they have time, peace and security. He also likened the destruction that follows like the pains of a woman in labour.

With all this, Paul warned that any body who do not anticipate the second coming or be conscious of it, would be taken unaware when it happens....May this not be our portion in Jesus' name. Amen.



Topic: Resurrection And Christian Faith; The Importance of Christ resurrection to Christian faith; 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8, 12-20.

1. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of Christian Faith. Without his resurrection, there would be no Christian faith.
2. God raised Jesus from the dead, thereby confirming him as his son.
3. Christ resurrection is an assurance that all who died in Christ would also rise on resurrection day.
4. Christ resurrection builds Christian hope that the God we are serving is alive and this seals our hope for eternity in the kingdom of God.
5. Resurrection of Christ gave the early apostle the encouragement and boldness to preach the gospel to the whole world and confidence to trust him for the fulfillment of his promises.
6. Resurrection is our assurance to Christ victory over sin and death. He defeated both when he resurrected.
7. Christ resurrection day being Sunday morning became to Christians our day of rest and service to God, thus making a shift away from the Jewish Sabbath day (Saturday), to our Sunday, as a day of devotion to God.
8. Christians die in Christ at baptism (being dipped into the water) and resurrects in faith with him at his resurrection and would reign with him forever at his return....which would be his second coming.