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The Assurance and Comfort of Salvation

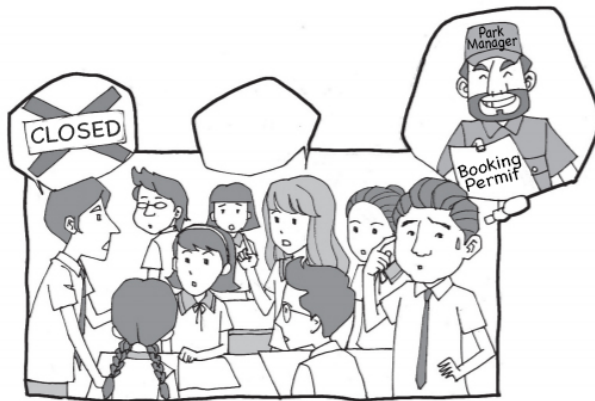
Chapter Ephesians 2:1–10

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that we cannot receive salvation through our works or actions but solely through the Word of God.
2. To understand that those who are born again will never perish because God protects them.

Open Your Heart



This Saturday, our class borrowed a field in a park to hold an outdoor competition.

The class president contacted the park manager to be able to book the field, and thankfully, the park manager agreed to sign over the booking agreement.

However, the very next day, there was absolute chaos in school. There was a rumor that another class had already booked the use of the field on the same day, and there was another rumor that due to a park event that week, the park was closed to public use. Because of all the rumor circling around, there was a general sense of unease regarding whether or not the class would be able to hold the outdoor competition. Who should you believe, and what should be done?



Understanding

Today's Lesson

Notes:

How do you know if you are really saved? The Bible says that we are all sinners before God and therefore are subject to God's judgment. However, Jesus Christ died for the sins of all the people in the world and resurrected on the third day. Those who believe through the Word of God that Jesus Christ died upon the cross for all their sins are those who have been saved. What is important here is that our faith is not placed upon our own emotions, actions, or thoughts, but rather on the truth of the word of God. It is the undeniable and unchangeable truth, that Christ who had no sins died to pay the price for all our sins, which guarantees our salvation. And it is God's eternal promise that He would remember our sins no more that provides us with the assurance of our salvation. Because the Word of God is true and unchangeable, all we must do is believe in His Word. Of course, the degree of emotions that fills every one of us upon the realization of His Word differs from person to person and moment to moment. It can also be said that when we believe, it is natural for our thoughts and actions to change based on that belief. To organize, we can say that the order is as follows: "Truth (Word of God) -> Faith -> Emotion -> Works".

Of course, born again Christians can still make mistakes and commit sins as they live their Christian lives. Although a Christian is indeed subject to chastisement, a Christian does not need to fear eternal judgment. This is because the salvation we have received was not affirmed by our actions and efforts, but solely through the atonement of Christ. Our salvation is eternal and secure. There is no power in the universe that can snatch us out of the hand of God, whose love is indeed greater than all things.

Memorizing

Bible Verses



Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

(John 5:24)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Jeremiah 31:31–34)

(Romans 4:23–5:1)

(Titus 3:3–5)



Changing

Directions

Read Matthew 3:16–4:11 three times and then answer the following questions below.

1. Satan repeated the phrase "if you are the son of God" several times to Jesus. These words were used to question and deny that Christ was truly the Son of God. When Satan said these words, Jesus had also been fasting for forty days in the wilderness. Why do you think Satan said this to Jesus at such a time?

2. Satan tempted Jesus by saying that if Jesus was able to turn stones to bread, Satan would believe that Jesus was the son of God. Jesus indeed had the power to turn stones to bread, but why is it that Jesus did not do so to affirm that He was the Son of God?

3. What is the greatest affirmation that Jesus is the Son of God? Read chapter 3:17 and think very carefully before writing down your answer.

4. How was Jesus able to overcome the temptations of Satan? When Satan plants a seed of doubt within us regarding our salvation, what is the weapon we must hold onto?



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

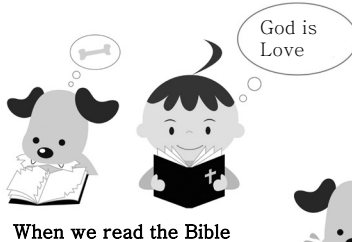
To Live According to the Word

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord for giving us the assurance of our salvation by helping us to firmly believe in the promise of the forgiveness of our sins. Also, let's pray so that we will be able to hold onto the Word and be strengthened in our faith.



Our Story

Partner of Love



When we read the Bible



When we eat



When we pray



From the perspective of God, animals and people are totally different.

This is because we were created in the very image of God, while animals do not have a spirit.

Contrary to animals, we were created to be God's true partners in love.

(Psalms 49:20) A man who is in honor, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts that perish.

Do You Feel as If Your Sins Have Been Forgiven?

Martin Luther was once asked, "do you feel as if your sins have been forgiven?" Martin Luther answered in this way.

"No, but I am as sure (faith) as there is a God in heaven. You see, feelings come and feelings go and feelings are deceiving; my warrant is the Word of God for nothing else is worth believing. Though all my soul should feel condemned for want of some sweet token, there is one greater in my heart Whose Word cannot be broken. I'll stand on His unchanging Word 'til soul and body sever; for though all things shall pass away His Word shall stand forever."

Forgiveness of sins is not based upon our feelings. It is the affirmation of God's promise. And the blood that Jesus Christ shed upon the cross is likewise a testament of God's promise of salvation. Satan shakes our faith by planting a seed of guilt and doubt when we fall into sins—sins that Jesus Christ has already forgiven. We must continually remind ourselves before the Word of God that our sins have already been paid for.





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