

Given for Us

PART ONE



GIVEN FOR

Romans 3:10-26

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We can only find true forgiveness and be sent into the world through the sacrifice of Jesus.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12, NIV 1884

On our own, we live under the rule of sin.

"Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.'"

John 8:34, NIV 1984

"There is no one righteous, not even one."

Romans 3:10, NIV 1984

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23, NIV 1984

"The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of it; but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine and you on the crest of an Alp; but you are as little able to touch the stars as they."

Handley Moule

No amount of human effort can save us from ourselves.

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."

Romans 3:20, NIV 1984

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:20, NIV 1984

²¹"But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

Romans 3:21-22, NIV 1984

The righteousness of God was made available to us through Jesus.

Jesus was given for all who place their faith in Him, and His sacrifice is the proof of His justice.

²²"There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice..."

Romans 3:22-25, NIV 1984

"But now we have one universal cure...The blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ will save every man who trusts in him, for 'there is no difference.'"

Charles Spurgeon

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"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

John 14:6, NIV 1984

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

Romans 6:23

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit."

Psalms 32:1-2, NIV 1984

Jesus' sacrifice is the ultimate blessing and is worthy of remembering.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are forgiven so we can give ourselves for Jesus, for His church, and for our cities.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Every good story needs good and bad, a hero and a villain, it needs both. In the story of mankind, the same can be said.

Our story has both good and bad, both a hero and a villain, it has both. The problem is that as the evil of sin moves into our lives and becomes more and more our nature, we become the villain. We become our own worst enemy. We can try to correct this by ourselves but all our efforts will fall short because we are captive to our sinful nature.

But now we have access to a way out, a way to be forgiven, and a way to find salvation and a new life.

We have been given a way to embrace new life through the substitutionary atonement of Jesus.

He took our place and made forgiveness possible, and if we accept the new life in Him through repentance, we will be forgiven and saved.

TALK IT OVER:

Where in your life have you seen the evidence of a broken mankind?

How does it make you feel to know that no amount of hard work or rule-following will get you to salvation?

How do you respond to the statement that Jesus is both just and the justifier because he fulfilled a debt and provided himself as payment for that debt?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Mon: 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)
Tue: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Romans 1:18-28
Wed: Ephesians 2:1-10; Galatians 3:21-25
Thu: Psalm 32:3-5; 2 Peter 3:9-13
Fri: 1 John 1:7-10; Hebrews 9:19-22
Sat: Hebrews 9:1-15, 23-28