

God-The Ultimate Humanitarian

Chapter 9: A Humanitarian by Living for Us

Every student in Sunday School, every student should be able to answer one question, "What did Jesus do to save you?"

Most of those students will be able to answer, "Jesus died on the cross to save me."

There is nothing wrong with that answer. We often say that Jesus suffered and died that we might live. There is nothing wrong with that answer, it is just not complete. There is more to the answer of what Jesus did to save us.

In this lesson, we see that Jesus death and his life were both necessary to complete the plan that God had to save us.

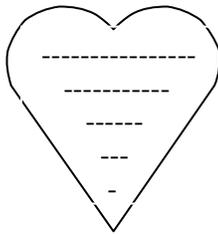
1. What did you learn from chapter 9?

2. What did you learn about the difference between God's love and your own love by the story about the mean neighbor at the beginning of chapter 9?

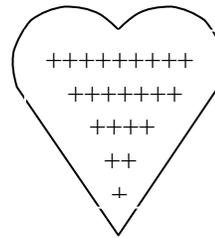
My love has limits. I may love for a short time, I may be nice for a short time, but I will lose that love if love is not shown back. God shows love always, perfectly, without love shown back.

3. Pastor Cares' illustration of what Jesus did for us is a very good one.

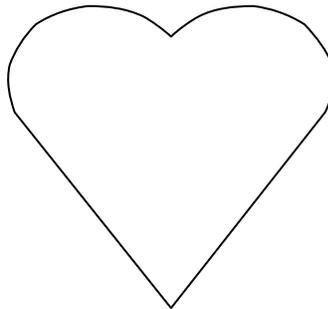
A heart of sin/no heaven



A perfect heart/ a heart for heaven



How does the first heart become the second heart? What has to happen?



How many things did Jesus have to do for you? What are they?

The minuses have to be erased AND the plusses have to be added

4. Read Luke 10:25-29. If we want to make to heaven on our own, what does God require we do? Also see Matthew 5:48.

⌘ Luke 10:25-29.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

⌘ Matthew 5:48. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

❖ Since we are under God’s Law, we must be perfect to enter heaven.

5. In Galatians 4:4-5, we are told God sent his Son to be *“born of a woman, born under the law.”* Why?

⌘ Galatians 4:4-5. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

❖ Since he was born under God’s Law, Jesus could be perfect for us so that we could go to heaven.

6. Some would say that Jesus’ life was easy, that temptation for him wasn’t the same. What temptations did Jesus face? How did they affect him?

⌘ Hebrews 4:15. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

He faced every temptation, just as we do. He knew he was being tempted, he felt the temptation, but he did not give in to it in every way

7. What did Jesus mean when he said from the cross, *“It is finished”* in John 19:30?

⌘ John 19:30. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

His life was finished..... but the work of saving us was also finished

8. Pastor Cares' illustration is another good one.

- ❖ What can/should you add to the Mona Lisa to make it better or more complete? Why?
Nothing, it is completed
- ❖ What can/should you add to Starry Night to make it better or more complete? Why?
Nothing, it is completed
- ❖ What can/should you add to your salvation to make it better or more complete? Why?
Nothing, it is completed

8. Is there anything left for us to do in our salvation? Why or why not?

No, Jesus has done all that was necessary to save us

9. What are the gifts we receive through Jesus' perfection?

✦ Galatians 4:4-5. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

✦ Romans 5:19. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

We are righteous, holy, perfect

10. Agree or Disagree: It is more important to ask, "What Did Jesus Do?" (WDJD) rather than "What Would Jesus Do?" (WWJD).

Agree: What did Jesus do is much more important for us to know. His actions did more than guide our own, his actions save us.

11. How does Jesus living for us show he is the Ultimate Humanitarian?

No one else would take it into their own hands to save a person who treats them badly. No one else would give to someone who is bad to them. But Jesus went out of his way to provide me with something, a gift so valuable that I can't get for myself.

Assignment: Please read Chapter 10 of *God the Ultimate Humanitarian*