Bible Story: Live for Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- In these 21 letters, we learn how to live the Christian life.
- It will do no good to obey the Lord and become a Christian unless we intend to live for the Lord and as the Lord directs.
- There's a criminal imbalance in a lot of preaching today that discusses how to become a Christian, but leaves undone the larger area of study, how to live for Jesus.

1 The Gospel Is God's Power to Save

Romans 1:16–17

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also the Greek.
- That's the key to the book of Romans. That's the summary of the whole Bible.
- Since the gospel of Christ is a system of faith, it begets faith in our hearts. It makes us want to believe.

2 All Have Sinned; The Gospel Is the Remedy

Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23

- The book of Romans sets forth the premise that all the Gentiles, the pagans, the heathen of the first century, were in sin and in desperate need of Christ.
- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none righteous, no not one.
- Well, what is the remedy? The gospel of Christ, God's power to save, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- God commendeth his love toward us, and that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- What we lost in Adam we gain in Christ is the point he's making.
- We're dead to sin. We have buried, crucified the old man. We've been raised to walk in a new life with Christ.

3 Tied to Abraham Through the Seed of Promise

Galatians 3:16; Romans 10:17; Isaiah 59:20

- You are not Abraham's seed unless you're tied to him through the spiritual son of promise.
- So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- The gospel of Christ is still God's power to save, and when men reject it, they do so to their own condemnation.
- Don't you be like the Hebrews were of old and become cocky and arrogant, or you'll be cast off just like they were.

- From the day of Pentecost to the end of time, men can be redeemed through the Redeemer, even Jesus the Christ.

4 The Practical Nature of Christianity

Romans 13:8; Romans 14:19; Romans 15:3

- In the last few chapters of the book, chapters 12 through 16, he tells us of the practical nature of Christianity.
- We're to present our bodies a living sacrifice. We're not to return evil for evil, but good for evil.
- To obey the rulers, to pray for them, to pay their taxes, to be good and noble citizens, and to owe no man anything but to love one another.
- The principle of influence upon a weaker brother still exists, and we need to live in harmony with Romans 14.
- The book of Romans, then, is a synthesis book that brings together and ties together the old and new testaments.

5 1 Corinthians: Problems in the Early Church

1 Corinthians 5; 1 Corinthians 7; 1 Corinthians 9:16

- Sixteen chapters that tell us of problems in the early church. You see, members of the church are just human beings.
- All too often we take on the nature of the world about us. Corinth was the most wicked place in the whole world in the first century.
- Truly, the church at Corinth had problems, but Paul wrote to them trying to correct it, saying, I preach Christ and him crucified.
- Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel, 1 Corinthians 9 16. How they needed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MY NOTES