

# THE BEST NEWS: You Can Be Sure of Heaven

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

We all want to go to heaven, but many people are not sure if they could. This is because we do not understand the doctrine of salvation well enough. Heaven is a consequence of a choice, and that is, to choose Jesus! To be sure of heaven, we must remember A-B-C:

## ADMIT (ROMANS 3:9-18)

We need to humbly ADMIT our guilt before God. All of us have sinned. The Apostle Paul quotes Old Testament truths (Ecclesiastes 7:20, Psalm 14:1-3, Psalm 57:1-3, Psalm 5:9, Psalm 140:3) to show how we all fell from the standards of God. In Romans 3:13-18, Paul shows us how we sin with our bodies. We must all admit that we are all guilty of dishonoring, disrespecting, and disobeying God.

## BELIEVE (ROMANS 3:19-26)

No matter how good we are in following the Law, obedience to the Law cannot save us. The Law was given to make us see how far we have fallen from God's standards. We cannot be justified or considered righteous by the Law. Righteousness can only come through FAITH IN JESUS. ALL HAVE SINNED, and the only real solution to our sin problem is CHRIST!

How does this happen? Let's study the following words:

- **Justified / Justification**

To be justified is to be declared righteous by God Himself as if we have not committed anything wrong. By believing in Jesus, we are made clean and spotless! Christ's righteousness is imputed (credited) on us while our sins were placed upon Jesus on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21) where He carried all our sins and exchanged it for His righteousness.

- **Redemption**

This a Greek term (*apolutrosis*) that shows that we are redeemed and paid for. The same word also captures the setting free of slaves! (Colossians 1:3, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We are set free from the bondage of sin through Christ's death on the cross. We are not our own. We belong to Jesus, so we must glorify Him with our bodies!

- **Propitiation**

Propitiation means "averting the wrath of God by the offering of a gift". When Jesus died on the cross, He absorbed the wrath of God intended for us. He was the only solution because He is the only worthy sacrifice acceptable to a holy God. Because of Christ's death on the cross, God is shown as JUST because the justice that He passed over before the time of Christ met its fulfillment on the cross; and this also makes Him a valid JUSTIFIER of those who put their faith in Jesus.

## COMMIT (ROMANS 3:27-31)

Trusting in Jesus assures us of eternal life. Just like the sinner crucified beside Jesus who trusted in Him as Savior and Lord, we too have access to heaven. Romans 3:27-28 tells us there is no way to boast about salvation. Do we do away with the Law? Paul proclaims "NO!" – because once we are saved, we are given the motivation to obey God's laws. Our FAITH should produce the kind of obedience that reflects this transformative gift given to us. Faith must be placed on Jesus ALONE, and our lives must reflect that He is indeed our Savior and Lord by following His commands and living life for His glory and praise!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Which part of this message was most meaningful to you, and why?

How can you be sure of your salvation?

Who do you know needs to hear this great news, and what will you do about it?

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

ROMANS 3:28

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Fellowship and learn together with believers at the same lifestage as you!

## WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

### Nuggets from the Book of Romans

July 21, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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SINGLES

### Apologetics Series Truth Speaks: The Truth About Christ

July 22, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

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July 23, Thursday, 3:00 PM, MPH

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KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

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#### A Series on the Book of Romans

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

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 ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12  
zoom for ages 7-12

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## GLC

### GLC 1 Zoom Classes

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

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#### Book 1: One by One

Session 2: One Way: The Savior with Paul de Vera

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*

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3:00 PM (Filipino)

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