

Teaching time again...

Well, teaching in Sunday school that is. Unlike last time I taught a month ago, I felt I did pretty well this time. I was able to do $1\frac{1}{2}$ lessons this weekend. The $\frac{1}{2}$ comes from last night, when I taught only half of the lesson. Why? Well, there was a shortage of leaders due to many taking the night off for this or that reason. In fact, one who had off rearranged his schedule so he could be there after all. Anyway, it was decided that we would spend most of the night with the younger kids (1st-3rd) as a result and not have small groups. In the end, we did wind up with enough help from last-minute volunteers to do our normal thing, but the wheels were already in motion. I really don't think 4th/5th grades got much out of the younger lesson, but fortunately we had time at the end to do the intended lesson, well half of it anyway. It was an important lesson so we had to fit it in. I taught them the Romans Road to salvation. This is a series of four key verses from the book of Romans. Here's where I get lazy now and cut-n-paste from [another site](#). You may notice that there are five verses here (6:23a and 6:23b are one), but Romans 10:13 is covered by 10:9-10 so as a "repeat" it doesn't count: ☐



The ROMANS ROAD is a pathway you can walk.

It is a group of bible verses from the book of Romans in the New Testament.

If you walk down this road you will end up understanding how to be saved.

Romans 3:23

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

We all have sin in our hearts. We all were born with sin. We were born under the power of sin's control.

Admit that you are a sinner.

Romans 6:23a

"...The wages of sin is death..."

Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin.

But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity.

The Bible does plainly teach that there is a place called the Lake of Fire where lost people will be in torment forever.

It is the place where people end up that remain spiritually dead.
Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

Romans 6:23b

"...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Salvation is a free gift from God to you! We can't earn this gift, but we must reach out and receive it.
Ask God to forgive you and save you.

Romans 5:8

"God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"

When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty. He paid the cosmic price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life.

Because He loved us and gave Himself for us!

Give your life to God... His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you. Not religion, or church membership.

God loves you! And reaches you right where you are.

Romans 10:13

"Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!"

Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

Romans 10:9,10

"...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

*If you know that God is knocking on your heart door,
ask Him to come into your heart.*

It was a blessing to get to teach this to not one, but two groups of kids this weekend. Today by the way was a normal day- we played kickball, had worship, lesson, and small groups just as normal. They even got to make "salvation" bracelets to remind them of the message. Only last night was weird. I am happy to say that I will have another chance to teach in two weeks- I normally only get one lesson per month. So, another blog entry about teaching then. In the meantime, more of the movies, retrogaming, and whatever. □