

Experience New Life In Christ
Lesson One: A Problem That You Can't Solve

Scriptures: Romans 1:16-17; 2:5-11; 3:9-12

Discussion Question: *Have you ever in life wanted to hit the reset or the do over button?*

Scripture Text:

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)

Gospel: the word literally means "good news" and is a term for Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

2 Timothy 1:8-10, Romans 3:23, Habakkuk 2:4, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38

Romans 2:5-11 (NKJV)

Hardness: *this term describes a person who rejects the truth of God and refuses to repent.*

Day of wrath: *this phrase refers to a personal, final judgment of each individual before God.*

*5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God. ***

John 12:42-50, Revelations 20:11-15

Romans 3:9-12 (NKJV)

All Have Sinned

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all, for we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There are none who understand; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one."

Galatians 3:21-23, Romans 3:23

Live It Out

Lead others to see their need. Encourage others to see their need for Christ by lovingly showing them their sin and need for a do over.

1. Who would you describe as righteous?
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2. Why is it so tempting to compare our goodness with the goodness of others?

3. After studying these passages, how do we find hope?

4. Thinking about my relationship with Jesus, what got me to the point I knew I needed Him?
