

## **GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE**

### **ROMANS 5:8-21**

- ★ We were all sinners.
- ★ We could not save ourselves.
- ★ God provided a "free gift", Jesus Christ His Son.
- ★ Jesus' gift to us is a second chance.
- ★ It is redemption from our past.
- ★ It is a bright and glorious future.

### **ROMANS 8:8-11**

- ★ What we lost in Adam through no act of our own, we regain in Christ through no act of our own.
- ★ Being justified means we have been tried and found innocent-not guilty.
- ★ God sent His Son to die for us, not because we deserve it, but because of His mercy and grace.

### **ROMANS 10:9-13**

- ★ We have no obligation to our old sinful nature to do what it begs us to do.
- ★ Living according to the Spirit is the secret to freedom from sin.
- ★ The Spirit-filled life has a mind that is set on peace with God and with others.

### **STEPS TO SALVATION**

- ★ **Admit** you are a sinner and need forgiveness found only in Christ Jesus.
- ★ **Believe** in your heart that Christ died for your sins.
- ★ **Confess** that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

## STUDY & DISCUSSION

**“For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this not from yourselves,  
it is the gift of God—not by works,  
so that no one can boast.”**

— Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

1. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**, **Titus 3:5** and **Romans 3:20**.  
Can we save ourselves by our good works and by keeping the law?
2. Read **Proverbs 28:13**. What two things must we do to receive God’s mercy?
3. Read **1 John 1:9**. What will God do if we confess our sins?
4. Read **Romans 10:9-10**. How is our heart and our mouth connected to our salvation?

**Jesus answered,  
“I tell you the truth,  
no one can enter the kingdom of God  
unless he is born of water and the Spirit.  
Flesh gives birth to flesh,  
but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.  
You should not be surprised at my saying,  
‘You must be born again.’”**

— John 3:5-7

5. Read **John 3:1-21**. What does it mean to be born again?

Max Lucado writes, “The first birth was for the earthly life; the second one is for eternal life. The first time we received a physical heart; the second time we receive a spiritual heart. The first birth enabled us to have life on earth. The second birth enables us to have life eternal” (A Gentle Thunder, p. 109).

**“And this is the testimony:  
God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.  
He who has the Son has life;  
he who does not have the Son of God  
does not have life.”**

— 1 John 5:11-12 NIV

6. Read **Romans 6:23** and **1 John 5:11-13**. Can we know if we have eternal life?

