

2. In verse 8, what does *removed from the world* mean?

3. Why did Jesus do what He did? (verse 4-6)

B. Read Romans 5:15, 18-19.

1. What is the failure that verse 18 talks about?

2. Whose failure was it? What happened as a result?

3. Do we still fail? How?

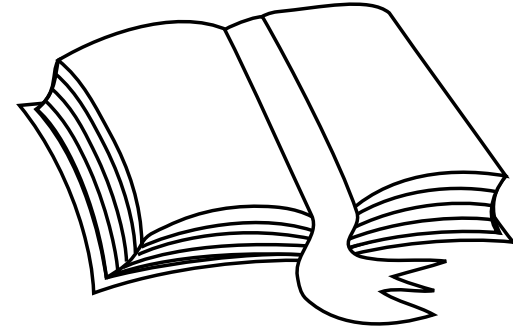
4. These verses talk about God's life-giving approval and one person's obedience. Whose obedience was this?

5. What was His act of obedience, and what was the result?

C. Read 1 Peter 2:24.

1. When Christ carried our sins in His body, what happened?

2. Since we are healed and set free, what kind of life can we now live?



JESUS, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Section I. Introduction

A. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know were rescued (saved) from a situation where you might have been hurt, or even killed? Who saved you? How did you feel towards the person?

B. Did anyone ever help you or rescue you when you got into trouble and did something wrong? Were you grateful?

Section II. Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, disobeyed God and lost the intimate relationship they had with God. But God promised them a Savior, someone to take away the pain of sin and death, and restore a right relationship between God and man. In Old Testament times, God's people, the Israelites, turned to God in times of trouble and prayed that He would help them and save them.

A. Read Isaiah 43:11. In this passage, how does God describe Himself?

B. Read Isaiah 45:22.

1. What does God ask people to do?

2. Why does He say that we should do this?

Section III. David, Israel's second king, understood that since the time of Adam and Eve, people have had a spiritual problem.

A. Read Psalm 14:1-3. David wrote this psalm.

1. What does verse 1 say is the problem with people who say there is no God?
2. What does God want Adam's descendants to do?
3. When God looks at Adam's descendants, what does He see that they are doing?
4. Do you think people are still like Adam's descendants, or are some people good? Why or why not?

B. Read Romans 7:18.

1. What does Paul say about himself?
2. What is his particular problem or struggle?
3. In what ways do we still struggle with this today?

Section IV. God promised that He would send a Savior to save His people. Although it sometimes seemed as if God was taking too long, now the time has come.

A. Read Matthew 1:21, Joseph's dream.

1. In Joseph's dream, what was he told to name the child?
2. What does this name mean?
3. From what would He save people?

B. Read Luke 2:11. What did the angels tell the shepherds?

C. Read John 3:16.

1. How does God feel about the people in the world?
2. What does this verse say God did? What is the result?
3. What must people do to receive this? How do you feel about this? Does this seem fair?
4. What do you think *believe* means here?

Section V. God *gave* His Son. How did He give Jesus?

A. Read Isaiah 53:4-8.

1. Because we all sin, what happened to Jesus? (verses 5, 7, 8)