

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY #4**

### **THE ROYAL ROAD OF ROMANS**

**Lesson Memory Verse:** Romans 10:13 "For whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Lesson Aim:** The teacher should get acquainted with his new class on graduation day. He can tell how he was saved; he can find out which of his pupils are saved and how it happened; and he can explain The Royal Road to Heaven in the book of Romans so as to give them a clear plan of salvation.

**Lesson Plan:** Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – Be plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

**KEY (for Attention):** Roads are very important because they make it possible for us to travel easily. Without roads it would be very hard to travel. Most of us would never go very far from our homes without roads. You should be thankful for all the good roads in our country.

Even though we have many good roads in our country, it is important to be on the right road in order to arrive at the right place. Have you ever been lost because you took the wrong road? Maybe you took the wrong road to the grocery store or to your friend's house and got lost. Many children get lost because they take the wrong road. Most of them are found, but it does make them afraid while they are lost.

It is also important to take the right road to get to heaven. The Bible says everyone starts out on the wrong road and is lost. The wrong road goes to hell, so it is a terrible thing to stay on that road. Our memory verse tells us what we must do to find the right road so we can be saved from hell.

**HE (for Authority):** Our memory verse says that we must call upon the Lord to be saved. When we call for His help, He will hear us and save us from going to hell. Of course, we must hate our sins and want Him to take all of them away from us or He will not listen to our call for help. If we hate our sins, He will listen to our call. Then He will put us on the right road that goes to heaven. Are you on the right road?

**SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.** Our lesson today will tell us more about the road that goes to hell and the road that goes to heaven. (Teachers should use the tract, The Royal Road to Heaven by Roger L. Peterson, for teaching this lesson. If you do not have this tract, a picture of the tract and a copy of the plan of salvation from this tract will be included at the end of this lesson.)

#### **I. Your Sin – Romans 3:23**

Everyone has sinned. Everyone is lost! Everyone is on the wrong road that goes to hell.

**WE:** Until we realize that we are lost and on the road to hell, we will never want to be saved and get on the right road that goes to heaven.

#### **II. Your Savior – Romans 5:8**

People have tried many ways to get off the wrong road and to find the right road, but there is only one way to do it. The only way to be saved from the wrong road is to go to Jesus Christ. He is the only One Who can save us from hell and put us on the road to heaven.

**WE:** We must stop trying to save ourselves because we cannot do it. Neither can our fathers or mothers or even our pastor save us. All they can do is to tell us to go to Jesus Christ. He is the only One Who can save us from hell and put us on the road that goes to heaven. Will you go to Him?

#### **III. Your Selection – Romans 6:23**

Everyone must make a choice between keeping his sin or going to Jesus Christ. If he keeps his sin, he will remain on the wrong road and someday he will be in hell. If he goes to Jesus Christ, he will receive God's gift of salvation, be put on the right road and someday he will be in heaven.

**WE:** We must make the choice. Do we want to keep our sins and go to hell, or do we want Jesus Christ to be our Savior and go to heaven?

#### **IV. Your Salvation – Romans 10:13-14**

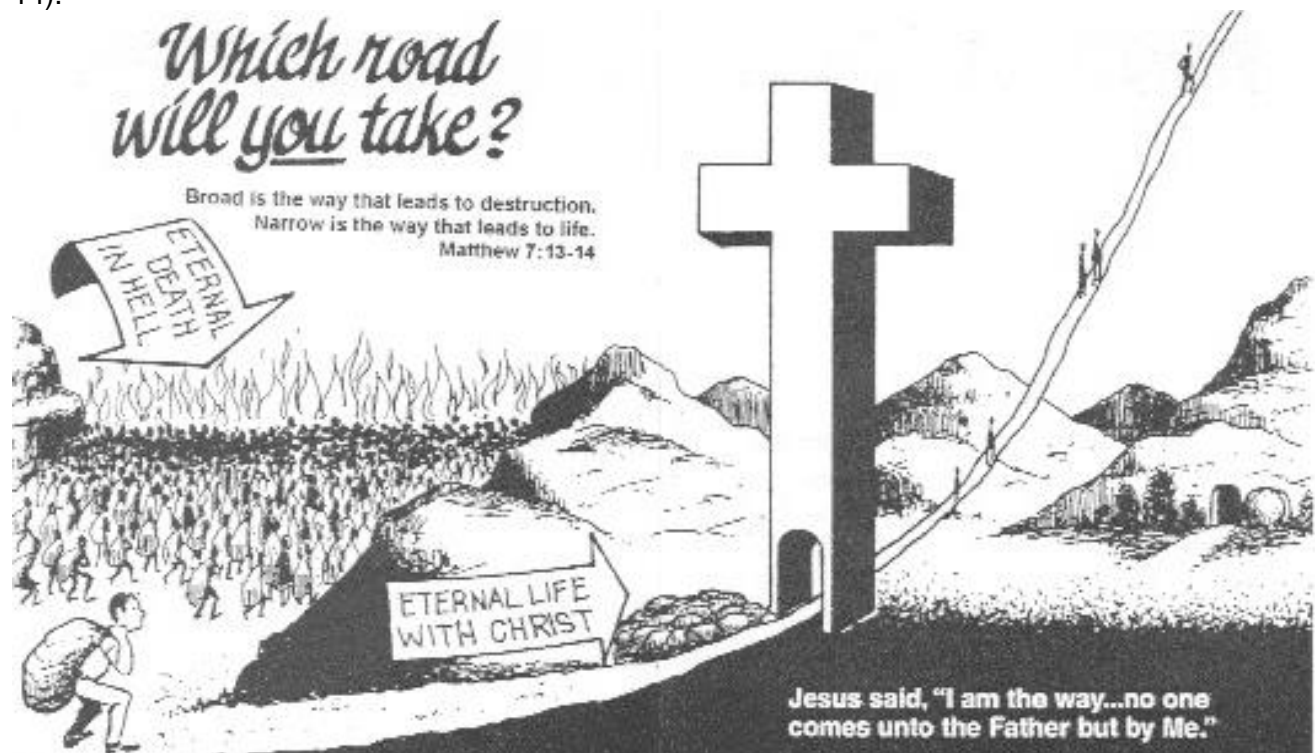
If anyone wants to get rid of his sins and choose Jesus Christ to be his Savior, he must listen to what God says in the Bible. There is no other way he can be saved from hell and be put on the right road that goes to heaven. After he hears what the Bible says, he must believe it and obey it. If he obeys God, he will call on Jesus Christ to save him from hell and put him on the road that goes to heaven.

**WE:** We must ask Jesus Christ to save us. When we ask Him to save us, we can be sure that He will do it. If you have not done this, you should obey God today and be saved.

**BE (for Action):** If you have not called on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you, you are on the wrong road. You are lost and on your way to hell. If you should die before you call on Jesus Christ to save you, you would be in hell forever. It is important that you hate your sins and call on the Lord to save you from going to hell. If you would like to call on the Lord today, I would like you to raise your hand when we bow our heads for prayer. Then I will meet with you after class and help you to call on the Lord to save you.

## HOW CAN I GET ON THE ROYAL ROAD TO HEAVEN?

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount He said that we must enter the road that goes to Heaven by the narrow gate, but He warned that the way is narrow and those that find it are few (see Mt 7:13-14).



There are four critical questions that God answers in the Bible to help a person find the narrow road to Heaven.

1. **WHO AM I?** The Bible says everyone is a sinner and all have come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:12; 3:23). Everyone is a **LOST SINNER** and without God's intervention, everyone would go to Hell.

2. **WHO IS JESUS?** The Bible says Jesus died for all our sins, but was raised to justify us (Rom 4:5). Jesus was crucified to pay the full penalty for our sins, but He was raised from the dead to give us life. No one else could do this for us, so Jesus is the **ONLY SAVIOR** that can deliver us from Hell.
3. **WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?** The Bible says the wages we earn from sinning is death, but the gift we can receive from God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:23). You have two choices: (1) You can take the wages of your **SINS** and go to Hell; or, (2) you can have the gift of God by receiving Jesus as your **SAVIOR** and go to Heaven. However, you must hate your sins and leave them with Jesus at the cross or you cannot go through the narrow gate that puts you on the narrow road to Heaven. If you still love your sins and want to keep doing them, then you will have to back to the wide road that goes to Hell.
4. **HOW CAN I RECEIVE JESUS AS MY SAVIOR?** The Bible says you must **REPENT**: hate your sins because they put Jesus on the cross. Then you must **CALL** on the Lord and He promises to save you from all your sins (Rom 10:13). If you truly **BELIEVE** His promise, He will save you. When you receive Jesus as your Savior, you become a child of God (John 1:12). When you receive Jesus as your Savior, you can know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13). The proof that your faith is true will be your desire to tell others that Jesus has cleansed you from all your sins and saved you from Hell (Rom 10:9-10). Another proof that your faith is true will be your gratefulness to Him. Thank Him for His gift of eternal life (Lk 17:12-19; 2 Cor 9:15). When you receive Jesus as your Savior, you are on the road that goes to Heaven. Jesus said that He is the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to God the Father, but by Him (John 14:6).