



Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST
at Galena



The Thing She Wanted Most

Tatiana, age 30, of Recife, Brazil, was searching. She had been reading her Bible for some time looking for answers to life and the will of God. At the invitation of her Christian friend, Rose, she visited with some Christians in Recife.

Tatiana asked if someone could study the Bible with her. Aureni said that Tatiana reminded her of the Ethiopian from Acts 8 in the Bible, who invited Philip the evangelist to step into his chariot to study the Bible with him.

Although Tatiana had a very busy schedule as a single mother who also works afternoon and nights at a nearby university, she and Aureni found times during the week to study the Bible together. Tatiana asked many questions with a sincere desire to understand and to do God's will.

In their studies, Tatiana recognized her need to be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of her sins – just like the Ethiopian in Acts 8 (please read Acts 8:26-39).

Aureni reports: "On the day of her baptism, something interesting happened. Usually, after someone is baptized, they emerge from the water, and then they leave the baptistery to hug their family and friends. Tatiana didn't do that – at least not right away. She stayed in the water for some time, crying. It was such a beautiful scene to see this young lady shedding tears of joy. She told me that this was the thing she wanted most in her life."

What had Tatiana found? Her Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgiveness from her past sins. A new life. A new hope of eternal life in heaven. A new family of fellow Christians in the family of God. All of the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

When Tatiana rose from the waters of baptism, she shed tears of joy! By the way, after the Ethiopian of Acts 8 was baptized, he also "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). Perhaps his rejoicing included tears of joy.

You, too, can have what is most needed: salvation from sin, the hope of eternal life, and all of the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ. You may receive these blessings by placing your faith and trust in Jesus who died on the cross for your sins (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as you continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse you from sin (1 John 1:7).

My prayer for you is that, like Tatiana, you will search God's Word, study it deeply, learn of Jesus, submit your life to Him, and follow Him all the way to heaven. I pray that you will find in Him the thing you want most.

Won't YOU trust and obey Jesus? ☞

-David A. Sargent



When Are People Religiously Receptive?

It is very hard to interest someone in a religious step if they are not looking to grow, improve, reform or provide for their children's religious and moral needs. Some have hit rock bottom and want to turn it around. Some simply want to improve. Some seek truth and others seek the one true church. Some hunt for meaning and value. Young parents dream of what their children need.

All of these fit the description of "change groups". The biggest change group available to most congregations is the group of young families with children. There is a 17% shift in this group according to Reader's Digest. They move to a greater emphasis on morality and conservative family values. They are the very best target group for a congregation to focus on.

College students are a great "change group". They are changing in both directions morally but enough of them

are looking for meaning and value that they offer us a target group.

Other change groups are (1) emerging populations (China, Eastern Europe) (2) emerging minorities (middle class blacks & Asians) (3) widows, widowers, scriptural divorcees, and those with major changes in their life (4) new move-ins are an important target group who are having to look for something different.

Some people are receptive when they have had to face the reality of death in the death of a friend or an illness or near accident in their own life. There is only a brief window of a few days or weeks but some have begun major journeys at these turn around points. There are ways of increasing contact with each of these groups when we think about them. ☞

-Harold Comer



Everyone and Anyone

In the "Gospel Meeting" period of evangelism very few members were involved in the planning and teaching efforts of the big meeting. The member's role was "to attend".

In the "Cottage Meeting" period of evangelism, the average home Bible studies were taught by 10% to 15% of the congregation.

Today, the "Visitor Centered Meeting" requires another change in personnel. Now we critically need the support and "recommendations" of every member who has any moral credibility. Hypocrites are the only ones who are not needed.

Each member is vital to the process of finding a prospect who can be taught. These members don't need to be able to preach or even to teach a home Bible study. They do need to recommend Bible classes and special lessons. They need to offer invitations of "Come and see".

Those simple recommendations and invitations are much more critical today than they were in a 1930's Gospel Meeting.

Our teenagers need to know how much their words can do. Members who do not teach a Bible class need to be stirred to do those vital jobs of recommending and inviting! This surely is the day of "anyone" and "everyone"! ☞

-Harold Comer



THIS WEEK begin a conversation with 1 soul each day for 5 days.

Tell them about the Big Picture presentation. Ask if they would like to see / hear it. If 20 of us will do it that is 100 souls.

Ask them to "Come and See" by inviting them to visit!



When the Cross Seems TOO Heavy

Are you ever tempted to lay your cross down?

LORD'S SUPPER MEDITATION



Why Did Jesus Come to Die? ...To Reconcile Us to God

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

When the Cross Seems TOO Heavy (Luke 14:27)

Introduction: We cannot escape the reality of the cross. Many frequently want its rewards, but few want its burdens or responsibilities (Matt. 7:13-14). We are called to take up and bear our cross (Luke 9:23; 14:27). There are times when the cross seems too heavy to bear and we are tempted to lay it down (cf. Luke 23:26).

I. Living as a New _____ Among Sinners

- A) Walking as a new creature means living differently than others (Eph. 4:17-24)
- B) The world will indeed think us strange for living this way, adding to the weight of our cross! (1 Pet. 4:1-5)

II. Preaching _____ in a Sinful World

- A) The constant call to preach the gospel can easily become a toilsome burden (Mark 16:15-16)
- B) Preaching righteousness in the face of persecution and rejection makes it even more burdensome (Acts 8:1-4)
- C) Yet, we are mindful of Noah and his work as a preacher of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:4-5)

III. Assembling and Worshipping Amidst _____

- A) The reality of a warning not to forsake expresses the potentiality of such becoming a burden (Heb. 10:23-25)
- B) Does assembling and worship make us glad or is it a weariness to us? (cf. Ps. 122:1; Mal 1:6-13)

IV. Sacrificing for Him While Others _____

- A) Sacrifices for the cross come in all shapes and sizes. Are we willing to make them (Mark 10:21-31)
- B) Is the cost of discipleship taxing to you? (Luke 14:25-33)

V. Facing Rejection from Worldly _____ and _____

- A) When your family and friends become your enemies for the sake of the cross, the cross will feel incredibly heavy (Matt. 10:32-38)
- B) Where the world takes, God gives. Are we truly willing to leave all to follow Him? (cf. Luke 18:28-30)

Conclusion: Consider consequences of not taking up and bearing your cross...

- Enjoying the passing pleasures of sin – Heb. 11:24-26
- Reaping what you have sown – Gal. 6:8
- Denying Him leads to being denied – Luke 12:8-9

The struggle of the cross is real. Are we willing to endure? – Heb. 12:1-2

All the Way Up the Romans Road (Romans 1:15-17)

Introduction: “Romans Road” is a way of teaching salvation in Christ by going through verses in the book of Romans. It is quite popular in our religious world and is used by many. What is it? How is it useful? And how do those who teach it not go far enough?

I. The “Stops” Presented on the “Romans Road” to Salvation

- A) Stop #1 (Romans 3:10-12, 23) – _____ needs salvation
- B) Stop #2 (Romans 6:23) – the wages of sin is _____
- C) Stop #3 (Romans 5:8) – Jesus died for our sins
- D) Stop #4 (Romans 10:9-10, 13) – salvation through _____ in Christ
- E) Stop #5 (Romans 5:1; 8:1, 38-39) – we enjoy peace with God through Christ

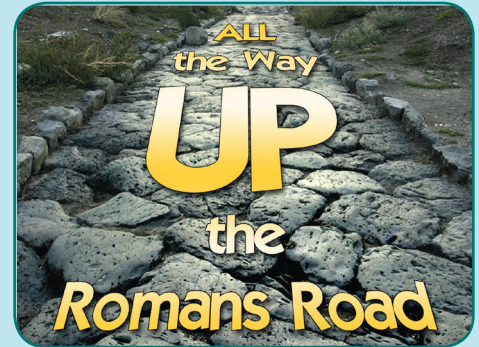
II. How We Can Use the Book of Romans to Teach the Plan of Salvation

- A) The “Romans Road” method of explaining the scheme of redemption is not all wrong – there are some good things about it; but some passages are misinterpreted and other verses ignored; the main problem with it is that it is incomplete.
- B) Make all the stops and don’t “exit” too soon
 - 1. Stop #1 (Romans 3:10-12, 23) – sin is a universal problem (1 Jn 1:8, 10)
 - 2. Stop #2 (Romans 6:23) – the wages of sin is death; not physical death, but spiritual (cf. Isaiah 59:2; Revelation 20:14-15)
 - 3. Stop #3 (Romans 5:8) – Jesus died for us; an act of God’s love (Jn 3:16); while we were “helpless” (Romans 5:6) & “enemies” (Romans 5:10)
 - 4. Stop #4 (Romans 10:9-10, 13) – there are conditions for salvation; believe, confess, and “call” (cf. Acts 22:16)
 - 5. Stop #5 (Romans 6:3-6, 11-14) – we get into Christ through baptism; repentance is a prerequisite for baptism (cf. Acts 2:38)
 - 6. Stop #6 (Romans 5:1; 8:1, 38-39) – we are “justified by faith,” which means we can stand before God; there is “no condemnation” because we are “in Christ”; no outside influence can separate us
 - 7. Stop #7 (Romans 12:1-2) – we must present our lives as a living sacrifice to God; no “once saved, always saved”; we must continue to live for Him (cf. Revelation 2:10)

IV. Bumps in the Road with Objections

- A) The difference between the standard “Romans Road” plan and the complete plan – repentance and baptism (Romans 6:3-6, 11-14); a life of faithful obedience (Romans 12:1-2)
- B) Potential objection #1 – this is denying “justification by faith”; not at all; but it denies justification by faith alone (James 2:24, 26); real faith necessarily includes obedience (Romans 1:5; 16:26)
- C) Potential objection #2 – this is an attempt to “earn” salvation; not at all; we cannot “earn” salvation (Romans 6:23); but we must still obey (Luke 17:10)
- D) Potential objection #3 – this makes baptism necessary for salvation; yes it does; we teach this because Jesus and the apostles taught it (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

Conclusion: The gospel message of salvation in the book of Romans is wonderful. We need to do all that God has said and follow His plan of salvation.



It Really Is Confusing!



If you’re looking for some simplicity in a world of confusion you’re in the right place.

The Galena church of Christ is simply...

- a group of believers in Jesus Christ...
- followers of the New Testament...
- individuals saved by God’s grace, meeting His conditions & accepting the gift of salvation...
- worshippers of God...seeking to follow the pattern of New Testament Christianity.

If you simply want to worship God, study His word and serve Him as He directs, you’re in the right place and we’re glad you’re here!

This is a place “Where You’re Always Welcome!”

Prayer List

Shut In Members:

Marjorie Dodge &
Grace Singleton

Galena Family:

Helen Bailey
Ashlyn Barker
Ruth McKinney
Shannon Michell
Valerie Sieg-Swank

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Brent Buchanan
Ronnie Dillon
Stewart Dodge
Tyler Dowling

Junior & Bonnie
Evaline
Eric Foushee
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Ray Gilbert
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W PROPHETABLE LIFE **MAJOR** LESSONS | *from the* **MINOR** PROPHETS
READ HAGGAI FOR WEDNESDAY!

THIS WEEK

Barker May 21 st	Dowling May 28 th	Loughmiller June 4 th	Mitchell April 30 th	Scott May 7 th	Stout May 14 th
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

MAY SERVANTS

Building Cleaning & Communion:
Dowling & Miller

Benevolence Organizers:
McKinney & Stout



MAY

13 - Don Sieg B'day
17 - Randol Woolbright
B'day
20 - Jenny Stout B'day
22 - Carmen S. B'day
24 - Colton Sieg B'day
26 - Daryn & Laura ANN
30 - Laura Barker B'day

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (05/07)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Randy Scott

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Lord's Table: Shannon Miller (Lead)

D. Barker, K. Dowling, J. Hudson

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Maudlin

Sunday PM (05/07)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

Song Leader: Don Sieg

Lord's Table: Shannon Miller (Lead)

D. Barker

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Randol Woolbright

Wednesday (05/10)

Announcements: Michael Stout

1st Prayer: Shanon Miller

Song Leader: Jeff Farmer

Invitation: Seth Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Evan Mitchell

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (05/14)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Bill Buchanan

Song Leader: Donny Sieg

Lord's Table: Mike Loughmiller (Lead)

R. Scott, G. Schoenbaechler, T. Maudlin

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Daryn Barker

Sunday PM (05/14)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Nick Loughmiller

Song Leader: Dylan Culver

Lord's Table: Mike Loughmiller (Lead)

R. Scott

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Keith Keehn

Wednesday (05/17)

Announcements: Scott Mitchell

1st Prayer: Jonathan Maudlin

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Invitation: Don Sieg

Closing Prayer: Shanon Miller

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Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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