

Read Romans 3:10,23; 5:8,12; 6:23; 10:13 (on the next page if you do not have a Bible)

Salvation is a big word. It just means that a person has believed in the finished work of the Cross of Calvary done by God's Son Jesus Christ and his promise of eternal life. Ok, but why do I need to do that? That is where these verses come in.

Genesis chapter 1 & 2 tells us the God created everything and upon creating everything he said, "It is good". On the sixth day of Creation God took some clay and fashioned it into the form of a man. Genesis 1:26 tells us, "*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion (rule) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*" So, God did just that; *Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* This was the end of the sixth day and God saw everything and pronounced it "...very good" v. 31.

Not long after giving the man total control and instruction over all that God had made there came a snake. This was not an ordinary snake; Satan who is the arch enemy of God had taken the form of snake. As Adam and Eve were walking in the garden they came across the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Satan spoke the Eve and said ...*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*" Genesis 3:1 Well, after a long give and take conversation between Eve and the snake, we are told in verse 6 "*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*" At that moment both their eyes were open and saw they were naked and sewed fig leaves together to hide their nakedness.

Romans 5:12 says, "*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*" God gave Adam a instruction that there were two trees he could not have the fruit thereof. By taking the fruit and eating it he lost the image and likeness of God. That close relationship with God would be lost. All people that would come after him would be born in Adam likeness and image. We have a saying in Good News Club about sin. Anything that we think, say, or do that breaks God's heart and makes him cry. Do we naturally seek God? No! Scripture says in Romans 3:10-11, "*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*" That simply means none of us seek God. Our nature is one that likes freedom and fun. We see children playing and sometimes they are fighting about a toy the other has. We step in and tell them to share and not take it from someone who is playing with it. That sinful nature is selfish and wants what it wants all the time. No wonder Romans 3:23 says, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

God is merciful and full of grace. Romans 5:8 says, "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" God gave a promise back in Genesis 3:15 which says, "I will put hate between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed. It will bruise your head and you will bruise his heel. That means that when Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary; that promise was fulfilled, and we can see it in Romans 5:8. Our sin needed to be paid for. It separates us from a relationship with God. Romans 6:23 says, "*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Amazing love how can it be that thou my God should die for me. *Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* Ask him to forgive your sin and take him as Lord and Savior today.

Questions:

1. Have you ever taken anything from your Mom, Dad, or siblings? Did you give it back?
2. Have you ever felt you have hurt someone with your words?
3. How did you feel when you hurt someone with your words or actions?
4. Would you accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord? Can you let someone know if you do accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

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