



# The Wages Of Sin

Romans 6: 23

## *Items Needed*

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Pencils/Markers
- ✓ Small Jar
- ✓ Rocks and Pebbles
- ✓ Copies of coloring sheet
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



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### Objective of Lesson

The objective of this lesson is to point out and demonstrate the reality and seriousness of sin and its consequences of death and point lost sinners to Christ.

### Scripture Reference

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*

### Lesson Instructions

1. Today I would like to discuss with you a very short and simple verse. There is a huge lesson packed into this verse. It shows us one of the very first things our Lord God teaches us when He brings His children to have faith in Him and trust Him for our salvation. It is one thing to be told you are lost and in sin, but it is another thing to actually SEE your need of a savior.
2. All of us are sitting here, and we feel quite nice and very safe right now. Look at the person next to you. Look around the room we are sitting in. If I looked at you and said, "You are in danger. You have broken God's law. You are in danger of losing your soul forever and ever. You have committed sin and those sins must be punished." You would look around with a confused look on your face and say "What? What are you talking about? I am just sitting here.

I am not doing anything wrong. I took a bath this morning so I don't stink. I haven't told a lie today. I didn't give my mother and father too much of a hard time this morning about coming to church. What are you talking about? I don't see God coming to get me for anything. I am just a normal boy or girl sitting here with my hands in my lap."

3. It is hard to feel a need to be saved when you don't see and feel any danger. Let me give you an example. How many of you have ever touched something hot and burned yourselves? That hurts!!!! When you were a small child your mother and father knew about hot things, but what about you? When you were born, did you know about them? No. Why didn't you know about them? When you look at something hot, does it look hot? Can you see by looking at a pot that your mother has just pulled out of oven that it is scalding hot? No. How did we find out it was hot? We had to be taught. That lesson had to be revealed to us. How do we learn things like that? There are two ways we learn things. The first way is by warning and the second is by experience. Your mother and father warned you and told you, "This is hot. If you touch it, you will feel horrible pain." One of two things happened... you saw what they were telling you was true and you believed them, OR you didn't see what they were telling you was true so you ignored the warning, touched it anyway, and found out what hot really meant - by getting a painful and horrible burn.
4. If a child doesn't know something is hot - they are ignorant (That is a fancy word for they don't know) of the danger... Does being ignorant protect you from getting burned? No, of course it doesn't. Just because you don't know there is danger doesn't mean you won't have the painful results of that action. Just because a baby doesn't know something is hot doesn't mean they won't get burned if they touch it. That is an important lesson to learn. Ignorance or not knowing *WHAT* you are doing does not save you from the results of those actions. What if you didn't know falling from the roof of your house would hurt you, would you still get hurt? What if you didn't know driving your bicycle into a wall would hurt you, would you still get hurt? What

if you didn't know that lying was a sin against God, will you still be punished for it? Yes. What if you didn't know that taking a toy was stealing and it was wrong and a sin against God, can God just forgive you for that sin and not punish you for it? No. Just because you don't KNOW what is going to happen when you do something does not save you from the consequences (This is a fancy word for results) of that action.

5. But guess what, GOD gave us a wonderful gift. He gave us the gift of knowledge. We are not left to figure these things out nor are we left to never ever know them. God gave us this! (Hold up the Bible). This is God's word! This book tells us things we have no other way of finding out or knowing. We can be warned of things! We can be told of our horrible state of sin. We can be told of what happens because we are in sin, and we can be told of the great news of Christ our Redeemer.
6. We are born blind to the things of God. (Cover your eyes) When we are born we don't know what sin is. When we are born we don't know that sin is against God. When we are born we don't know there IS a God. When we are born we don't know that when we sin, we sin against God and God requires punishment for those sins. God has been very merciful to us. He could have just left us to ourselves and not told us anything at all. Did you know some people He does leave to themselves? Some people go their entire lives and never hear who God is, what sin is, and that there is punishment for sins. They die and they go out to meet God with their sins on them. Does that save those people from the consequences of those sins? No. Remember we just learned that. Just because you don't know doesn't protect you from the results of your actions. Just because you don't know you are sinful, and the penalty of sin is death, does not save you from that death.
7. This brings me to my text. Can anybody read it for me? Romans 6:23  
*<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* What is wages? It is payment. It is saying to a person, "For your work you will get \$1.00." What is our payment for every sin

that we work against God? Death.

8. I have here a jar and I have a bag of pebbles and rocks. For every sin we have worked I am going to put a pebble in the jar. What are some sins against God, to lie, to steal, to disobey parents? Have we done those things? For each one we are going to drop a pebble in the jar. Yes, we have lied, yes we have stolen, yes we have disobeyed parents, no, we have not loved God with all our hearts... for every minute that goes by we break these rules. For every minute of your life a pebble has dropped into your jar. You are how old now? 5? 6? 7? Every minute you have been alive and you have not loved God with all your heart, soul, and mind, you have broken that law against God. (Take a handful of pebbles and fill the jar) Your jar is not only full but it is by now completely overflowing. (Hold up the jar) God looks at each and every act of sin worked against Him and pronounces a sentence or a punishment for that sin. Just like you have punishments at home for disobeying, God has declared consequences for our sin against Him. (Take a pebble out of the jar) The punishment for this one act of sin is death forever; (Take another pebble from the jar) the punishment for this one is death forever; and this one is death, death, death, death, death, death... What about this one... death... (Find two little pebbles) What about these two, these were just little sins? These are sins that I didn't know were even sins. They are just little things. That will save me, right? No. God says death. Even for those two, the payment for those actions is death forever. You mean my ignorance of my sins doesn't save me from the consequences of them? That's right. Even for the sins you don't know you commit, and they are many, (Hold up the jar of pebbles) God points to it and says, "For that act, you get death." Oh my soul. Our sins will surely sink us into hell.
9. Does this scare you? It should. Do you see your need of a savior, a savior who can pay the penalty of all these sins you have committed? This lesson is hopefully driving home the importance of our knowledge of sin and to drive us to the ONLY person to whom we can take refuge. Christ is our refuge.

Christ came to this earth and lived a perfect life. He never once committed one sin against God; and then God laid the sins of HIS people on HIM and HE died on the cross and PAID that penalty of death for all those that believe on Christ. All those who see a need of a savior and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be their substitute for them, THEIR sins have been paid for.

10. Let us pray to God our Father that He will open our ears and we will hear this warning this morning. Oh God our Father, show us and open our eyes to see that what you have written in your word (Hold up your Bible) and what you are telling us is the truth! May the Lord cause us to believe it. It is impossible for us to see this unless God shows us our need of Him. But OH! If you see your need, you have a savior!!!
11. What if we refuse to believe it? What if we are like that little child who doesn't believe their parents about something being hot? (Cross your arms and make a pout face like a stubborn child) What if we like that little child who ignores the warnings? We will get burned. The consequences are the same. We will still be responsible for paying for all our own sins, (Hold up the jar) and that is an impossible task for us. There is only one payment for sin and that is death. Christ is the sinners' substitute and He paid that payment of death and put away those sins. If you can't pay the penalty of death that is required of you, then what? You need a substitute! You need someone to take your place and pay it for you! Flee to God's Christ, sinners' substitute, and Christ will be yours! He promises never to turn away a needy sinner. Amen!

## Lesson Activities

- Pebble Demonstration
- Coloring Sheet

# Take Home Lesson Overview



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Why is this boy so sad? God has shown him his sin. He sees it. He now knows it is a very real thing! It is not just something that is made up but his sin debt is real! For his sin God requires death and that is something he cannot pay. He sees his need of a substitute. Who is the sinner's substitute? Christ! All those in need of a substitute to pay for their sin debt have one! Flee to Christ! He never turns away a sinner in need of him!

