Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests					

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LESSON TWENTY-FOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

Teaching code - in "teacher notes".

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- 1. Underlining designed to get class participation.
- 2. Bold items messages to instructor.
- 3. All other copy information designed to go directly to class.

FRIENDLY WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Lesson Twenty-Four

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Last lesson we learned
God has given ample information
upon which to build our faith.
Showing also that we stand
on the threshold of time and space.
Jesus is soon to return.
There's no question about it!

Tonight —
We study in detail
the heart of the gospel.
The key: Christ is our Righteousness
in all of the beasts,
symbols
and wars
mentioned in the Revelation.

Let us never forget the Author of the Book and His gracious offer of New Life.

Let us study the gracious offer of the glorious Author.

Recipe for success:

Sprinkle personal stories here and there – make it personal and alive! Make them brief!

Decision Questions

Please mark your Quiz envelopes with "X's" in answer to the following questions.

- **1.** For the first "X": I am happy with the new truths that I have learned from the Revelation Seminar.
- 2. For the second "X": I am ready to say that I am going to, by God's grace, follow those things that are written in the Book, by uniting with God's true last day church through Baptism or Profession of Faith (if they have already been baptized by immersion.) We welcome many new Seventh-day Adventist Christians by Profession of Faith into our church fellowship. Place the second "X" if this is how you feel.

3. The third "X": I am still deciding. Please pray that God will guide me, so that I, too, might experience the joy that comes with following Him all the way.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Talk up Baptism and Banquet - invite all.

Closing Prayer

QUIZ QUESTIONS

(True or False)

 When a person is justified by acceptance of Christ as Saviour, he is delivered from the PENALTY of all confessed sins.

True

2. The process of growing up into Christ daily, with POWER over sin is called sanctification.

True

3. My part in the salvation process is to willingly follow Jesus and His Word, and He does all the rest.

True

4. I can be confident that Jesus, who has begun a good work in me will continue to help me grow up into His likeness until the day of His appearing.

True

5. The Master is saying to me right now, "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and I will give you rest." And I have accepted His offer.

True or False

If you were unable to put True on #5 – Why not ask Him into your heart right now as your personal Saviour?

OFFERING APPEAL

With or without transparencies, tell class the amount of offerings thus far and invite liberal offerings for this Seminar and to help conduct others. Thank class for their generosity.

REVELATION SEMINARS

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH



It seems only yesterday we began the Revelation Seminar and suddenly, it is all over. We are now studying our final lesson together.

We have received wonderful new views of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And how thrilling to be reminded that God, the Father, also loves us more than words express.

In Revelation, Jesus our loving Saviour, has in special kindness and mercy given us the help and information WE MUST HAVE for these last days. Our ONLY HOPE is to obey His counsel and accept His offer of assistance. Jesus stated it clearly: "BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK", Revelation 22:7 (1825). The New International Version translates Revelation 1:3 (1800) thus, "BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR IT AND TAKE TO HEART WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR".

In Revelation, Jesus is lovingly calling His sheep to follow Him. He provides the map and promises to lead them safely through the harrowing, confusing crises of the last days. But it is imperative to CHOOSE to follow Him. He will not force the issue. He simply invites us to follow. He says, "WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY", Revelation 22:17 (1826).

At this closing Seminar we study "righteousness by faith". Righteousness comes only through faith in Jesus. There is no other source of righteousness and there is no other subject in the Bible so exciting. It is the prize at the end of the race, the dessert of the meal, the icing on the cake.

BEFORE WE PRAYERFULLY TAKE UP A STUDY OF THIS SPLENDID SUBJECT, LET'S REVIEW QUICKLY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY OF REVELATION: Look at Exhibit #1.

- 1. "Faith" is the means (vehicle) by which we take hold of His gracious offer His very life! Faith will not save us Jesus does! Faith is the way we appropriate His grace.
- 2. No one will be in heaven because of their works, but no one will be in heaven without them.
 Genuine faith works by love.
 Also faith only talks about it there is no evidence in the life.
- 3. Justification takes care of past sins.
- 4. Praise the Lord for His justification and forgiveness.
 There is no other way to be free from sin and guilt!
- **5.** "Born again" or "born from above"

 Praise the Lord a new beginning —

 as though you had never sinned.

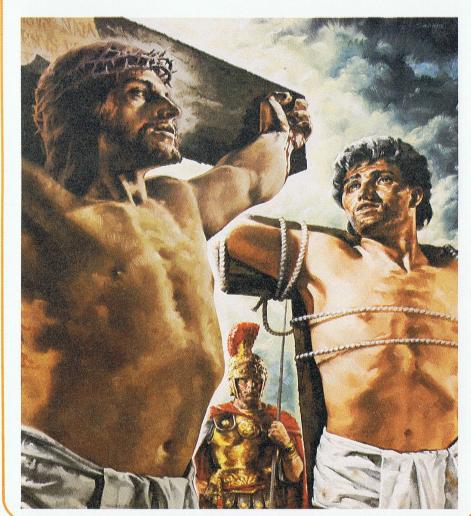
21.	What	is	Jesus	saving	to	all of	us?	Matthew	11:28-30	(1414)
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Ans: " COM & unto M & and I will GIVE you REST ".

NOTE: He promises peace, release and rest from the stress, heartaches, fears, burdens and guilt of life.

22. Will you accept that blessed peace and rest from His gracious hand today?

Ans:



21. After contemplating His life:
What He left in heaven,
His treatment at the hands
of cruel men,
Calvary,
the prophecies —
their details
and accuracy,
I have chosen to trust Him
with my life —
and I am finding a peace
that I never knew before.

CLASS APPEAL

Tonight I am going to ask you to stand in answer to the following statement. If you are thankful for what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for you in the future, and you want to publicly go on record as a faithful, last day follower of Jesus Christ — stand to your feet — right now.

PRAYER APPEAL

It hardly seems possible that we have come to our last class period together.

This had been a deeply satisfying experience.

I hate for this to come to an end.

We will meet together as a class one more time for a special banquet.

At this banquet you will receive your diplomas, and some very special gifts that I want to share with each of you.

Our	graduation	banqu	et wi	II be	free,	
T	he time is					
	The place	is				
	Let's al	l plan	to at	tend.		
	We v	vill ha	ve a	great	time	together
	Ho	w ma	ny pla	an to	be p	resent?

	SALVATION BY FAITH
1.	How is righteousness obtained? Romans 3:22 (1651)
	Ans: "Even the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God which
	is by FAITH of Jesus CHRIST ".
2.	Do my works contribute to salvation? Ephesians 2:8,9 (1715)
	Ans: "For by grace are ye SAVED through FAITH :
	and that _NOTof yourselves: it is the _GIFTof God:
	not of WORKS, lest any man should BOAST.".
	OUR JUSTIFICATION
3.	Salvation consists of three parts: JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION and GLORIFICATION. What does justification accomplish for me? Romans 3:24,25 (1651)
	Ans: "Being justified to declare His RIGHTEDUSIVESS
	for the <u>REMISSION</u> of sins that are <u>PAST</u>
	NOTE: Justification removes all the sins of the past.
4.	What must I do to receive justification or forgiveness for past sins? I John 1:9 (1790)
	Ans: "If we CONFESS our sins, He is
	faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins,
	and to cleanse us from all UNRIGHTEOUS NESS".
	NOTE: When I confess, He forgives all my sins of the past and cleanses me from all unrighteousness. This miracle takes place instantly. He, at once, COUNTS me righteous. In justification I am delivered from the PENALTY of sin on the spot.
5.	What else is justification called? John 3:3 (1549)
	Ans: "Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot
	see the Kingdom of God".

babe.

NOTE: It is called the new birth or being born again because when justified I have no past. I start all over again as a newborn

- 6. The sanctification process reveals that true faith is present in the Christian life and the Christian has received Christ's life as his very own.
- 7. "Growth", "Maturity", "Sanctification", "Unto a perfect man" All synonymns in the process of restoring the "image of God" in man.

NOTE: The promise is that Jesus who converts me, by a great miracle, will give me continued victory by a continued miracle. WE CAN BE SURE OF HIS PERFORMANCE IN US, WHICH GIVES FULL CONFIDENCE! Praise His wonderful name!

19. The Bible says to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling", Philippians 2:12 (1724). How do I accomplish this? Philippians 2:13 (1724)

Ans: "For it is GOD which WORKETH in you BOTH to WILL and to DO of His good PLEASURE."

NOTE: I work out my own salvation by turning my life over to Jesus who makes me desire to do right, and then, miraculously works out right doing within me by His indwelling Holy Spirit.



By beholding we become like Him.

JESUS OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

20. What did the angels, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say when they reviewed Jesus' matchless plan of salvation? Revelation 5:12 (1806).

Ans: "WORTHY is the LAMB that was SLAIN ".

NOTE: "Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share that we might be justified by His righteousness in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed . . . It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen".*

NO WONDER THE ANGELS, ELDERS AND LIVING CREATURES SAID, "WORTHY IS THE LAMB!"

*Desire of Ages, p. 25, E. G. White, Pacific Press Publishing-1940

Read Note #18 – It's great!

God will be with us
in our choices (miraculously)
and in our doing.

Think of it —
there is no way for you to be lost
if you continue to walk
with the wonderful Savior.

He will work things out for you.
It is a promise!

20. Yes, He is worthy of my praise —
I can't thank Him enough.



Jesus' robe of righteousness is free.

OUR SANCTIFICATION

6. What is sanctification? | Thessalonians 4:3-12 (1735)

Ans: (vs. 4) — "That everyone of you SHOUID know how to POSSES his vessel in SANCTIFICATION and HONOR".

(vs. 7) — "For God hath not CALLED us unto

UNCLEANLINESS but unto HOLINESS ".

NOTE: This passage says that sanctification is right living, or holiness.

7. How long does it take for a person to become fully sanctified? Ephesians 4:13 (1717)

Ans: "Till we ALL come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the MEASURE of the STATURE of the FULLNESS of CHRIST ".

NOTE: It is the work of a life-time. We keep maturing till we become fully like Christ. GROWTH is another name for sanctification. To be BORN is a wonderful miracle, but it is not enough. We must also GROW. JUSTIFICATION IS BIRTH. SANCTIFICATION IS GROWTH. It is a great tragedy when a baby is born but never grows. It is a great SPIRITUAL tragedy when a person experiences the new birth (justification) but never grows (sanctification).

8. Praise the Lord!

We are promised that as we read the Word of God, hear the Word of God, and obey the Word of God by His grace —

WE ARE BECOMING LIKE HIM —

(I John 3:2 — will be like Him in character when He returns)

10. Read Acts 3:20,21 with the class and comment — it's powerful!

11. Jesus is in the deliverance ministry – Hallelujah!

Deliverance from:

- A. penalty
- **B.** power
- C. presence of sin!

CHRISTIAN GROWTH A NECESSITY

14. What, according to Isaiah, is the big problem of sin? Isaiah 53:6 (1089)

Ans: "We have TURNED every one to his OWN way and God hath LAID on him the INIQUITY of us all".

NOTE: Sin consists of me wanting to have my own way — be my own boss or Lord. Isaiah says it was this "sin" that killed Jesus.

15. How hard is it for me, sometimes, to let Jesus rule my life? Matthew 5:30 (1403).

Ans: "If thy RIGHT hand OFFEND thee, CUI it off".

NOTE: Giving up my own way and letting Jesus lead is, sometimes, as hard as cutting off my hand.

16. Can I lose salvation once I have received it? John 15:2 (1577)

NOTE: If I do not permit Jesus to impart sanctification to me (bear fruit) I will lose salvation. Fruit-bearing, or growth, is essential for retaining salvation.

SALVATION AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

17. Can my name be removed from the book of life once it has been written there? Revelation 22:19 (1826)

Ans: YES

NOTE: The names of all God's faithful appear in the book of life, Revelation 13:8 (1814). Those whose names are in the book of life will be the only ones permitted to enter God's new kingdom, Revelation 21:27 (1825). The Bible teaches that a Christian who turns away from God may have his name removed from the book of life and be lost, though he was once saved.

18. Can I be sure of salvation once I accept Jesus? Philippians 1:6 (1722)

which hath BEGUN a good WORK in you will PERFORM it until the DAY of Jesus CHRIST.

- 14. Selfishness is the root of all evil.

 By submitting to Christ and
 beholding Him,
 we do become like Him
 through His miraculous resurrection power.
- 15. Bad habits and natural desires
 do not change and submit to control easily.
 FAITH IN CHRIST'S willingness and power
 to change us is the key.
 But it is worth the struggle
 to gain eternal life.
- **16.** Yes, we will always have the free choice to say yes or no to God's requests.

Supporting texts for "once saved, always saved": II Peter 2:20-22; Heb. 6:4-6; Rom. 11:22; Gal. 5:4; Rev. 3:5; Eze. 18:24. Just give them and let individuals or class look them up.

DO NOT USE TEXTS UNLESS NEEDED!

18. Jesus continues to be responsible for our salvation as long as we are "in" Him (willing).

8.	How is sanctification accomplished? John 17:17 (1581)
	Ans: " SANCTIFY them through thy TRUTH :
	thy ω or ω is truth".
	NOTE: Sanctification takes place as we obey the word of God. I Peter 1:14-16,22 (1781) points out that people become "holy" and "purified" by obeying the truth. This holiness is sanctification. Sin is breaking God's law, I John 3:4 (1792). In sanctification, God delivers me from the POWER of sin. Sanctification is VICTORIOUS LIVING, I Corinthians 15:57 (1689); II Corinthians 2:14 (1693). And it is accomplished IN ME, by Jesus, I Corinthians 1:30 (1670).
9.	Do I obey the word or does Jesus do it IN me? Romans 8:3,4 (1656)
	Ans: "God sending His own Son that the righteousness
	of the law might be fulfilledus".
	NOTE: Jesus does it within me by His blessed Holy Spirit, John 14:16,17,18,26 (1567). JUSTIFICATION COUNTS me righteous. SANCTIFICATION actually MAKES me righteous. Both are miracles accomplished by Jesus for me and in me.
10.	What does God ultimately accomplish in me through sanctification? Romans 8:29 (1657); Colossians 3:8-10 (1731)
	Ans: "To be CONFORMED to the IMAGE of His SON ".
	NOTE: We were made in God's image in the beginning, Genesis 1:26,27 (2). God's plan is to impart His righteousness to us until we are restored to that original image in which we were created. Acts 3:20,21 (1595) makes it clear that everything that Adam and Eve lost will be restored to the redeemed, including their holy characters. Sanctification accomplishes this character restoration. Praise God for such a fabulous arrangement.
	SALVATION; PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE
11.	How does the Bible emphasize that salvation involves past, present and future? II Corinthians 1:10 (1691)

Ans: "Who DELIVERED us from so great a death, and doth DELIVER: in whom we trust that he will YET DELIVER us".

Read note for #11 - it's right on target!

- 12. Christians are right Jesus and His Holy Spirit in this world, are the only way for anyone to be saved!
- an individual must submit
 their will,
 and accept His will,
 His way,
 His love,
 His life.
 It is called being born again —
 "saved" born from above —
 It is a new beginning!
 It is the greatest gift
 that anyone could ever receive!

NOTE: Here is how the Bible presents it:

- a. JUSTIFICATION is conversion. It delivers us from sin's PENALTY.
- b. SANCTIFICATION is victorious living. It delivers daily from sin's POWER.
- c. GLORIFICATION (entering heaven) will deliver us from sin's PRESENCE.

This means that:

- a. God HAS SAVED us from sin's PENALTY 1 JUSTIFICATION
- b. God IS SAVING us from sin's POWER 2 SANCTIFICATION
- c. God WILL SAVE us from sin's PRESENCE 3 GLORIFICATION

Paul tells us that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation", Romans 1:16 (1647). The gospel includes God's power to save us PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE from sin's PENALTY, POWER and PRESENCE. Any GOSPEL which does not include all of these is not the true gospel. And any SALVATION offered which ignores any of these is not salvation at all.

12. Is Jesus the sole basis for my salvation? Acts 4:12 (1596)

Ans: "NEITHER is there SALVATION in any OTHER: for there is none other NAME under HEAUEN given among MEN, whereby we MUST be SAUED.".

NOTE: Salvation is by Jesus, alone.

13. What part do I play in salvation? II Corinthians 8:12 (1698)

Ans: "If there be <u>FIRST</u> a willing <u>MIND</u>, it is <u>ACCEPTED</u> according to that a man <u>HATH</u>, and not <u>ACCORDING</u> to <u>THAT</u> he hath <u>NOT</u>."

NOTE: My part is to willingly follow Him. I must crown Him Lord and let Him call signals in my life. He will work the miracles but I must be willing for Him to do it.

- 1. Romans 8:2-4 (1657)
- 2. I Corinthians 1:18 (1670); Acts 2:47 (1594) RSV
- 3. Matthew 24:13 (1439); Revelation 2:10 (1802) last part.



Jesus told Nicodemus You must be born again.