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Theme Unit: Enduring Beliefs of the Church

Unit I: Our GOD and the Holy Scriptures

Subject: Safe and Secure

Printed Text: Luke 15: 3-7; Romans 5: 6-10

Key verse:

If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to GOD by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life (Romans 5: 10, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Shepherd's Compassionate Search (Luke 15: 3-7)**
- 2) The Lamb's Supreme Sacrifice (Romans 5: 6-10)**

Introduction:

The Lesson includes Luke 15 and Romans 5. In Luke, the undisputed author of the Gospel bearing his name, was a companion and co-laborer of the apostle Paul, who authored Romans. Luke 15: 3-7 is the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus Christ's initial response to the Pharisees and the scribes who they labeled as sinners. In this parable Jesus Christ emphasizes GOD'S relentless pursuit of the lost, portraying himself as a shepherd, and Jesus Christ as the GOOD Shepherd who lays down HIS life for the sheep, especially those who have strayed (Read John 10:11). Now, in Romans 5, Paul continues teaching the doctrine of justification. The immediate context of verse 6-10 centers on the blessings of justification. Paul explains that GOD proved HIS LOVE by sending Jesus Christ HIS SON to die for us while we were still sinners, this affirms Jesus Christ's role as the sacrificial Lamb. This points to HIS role as Shepherd; caring for, guiding, and protecting HIS people. Together, these passages illustrates Jesus Christ paradoxical role as both Shepherd and sacrificial Lamb; assuring our eternal safety and security.

Pointer # 1: The Shepherd's Compassionate Search (Luke 15: 3-7)

Jesus Christ uses this story to teach that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and return to GOD. The Pharisees and scribes were complaining about him associating with "sinners," whom they considered outcasts. The parable illustrates that GOD'S heart is for the lost, and HE actively seeks them out, rejoices over one sinner who repents, even more than over ninety and nine righteous. The action of the Shepherd is that, HE (Jesus Christ) actively searches for the lost sheep, and upon finding the lost sheep, HE (Jesus Christ) puts the lost sheep upon HIS shoulders, (note, that those whom Jesus Christ carries upon HIS shoulders can never perish). The pleasure that GOD takes in repenting; returning sinners; he calls his friends, he calls all his neighbors, saying, come rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost. GOD did not send a servant, but GOD sent HIS

only begotten SON, Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost. The Great and the GOOD Shepherd, who will find what HE seeks.

Pointer # 2: The Lamb's Supreme Sacrifice (Romans 5: 6-10)

This section emphasizes GOD'S unconditional LOVE, demonstrated by Jesus Christ's sacrificial death for humanity, while we were still sinners, weak, and enemies of GOD; Jesus Christ died for us. This act of reconciliation through Jesus Christ's death means that believers are now justified by HIS blood, and can be saved from GOD'S wrath, and will also be saved by Jesus Christ's life, leading us to a new relationship with GOD. The verses emphasizes the power of GOD'S LOVE, and grace, showing that salvation is a gift received through faith in Jesus Christ, not through human effort. Jesus Christ invites believers to experience the hope, Joy, and peace of justification; but also challenge them to extend the same grace and love to others. This truth should reshape the church's perspective on sinners, and dispel the false notion that people must "get right," before coming to Jesus Christ.