**SECOND TERM E NOTES**

**SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**CLASS: BASIC FOUR**

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**WEEK ONE AND TWO**

JESUS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS (luke 15:11-24)

**Meaning of forgiveness of sin**

To sin means to commit an offence or break God’s law. When we fail to do what our parents, elders, teachers and those who rulee us tell us to do, we disobey them and thereby sin against God.

Forgiveness means pardon. When we sin against God and realize that what we did was wrong, we repent and ask God for forgiveness or pardon. If we are pardoned, we have been forgiven by God.

**People who received forgiveness in the Bible**

1. **The prodigal son**

The prodigal son according to Luke 15: 11-24 was a lot sinner. When he realize his mistakes, he came back to His father, asks for forgiveness and was forgiven his sins.

1. **The paralytic**

When Jesus entered Capernaum, many people came to see Him. Four men brought a paralysed man lying on the bed. They could not get near Jesus because there was a great crowd in the house where Jesus was. They therefore removed the roof of the house, made an opening in it and let down the paralysed man in front of jesus.

Jesus saw their faithand said to the man, ‘my son, your sins are forgiven”. Some of the scribes who saw what Jesus did accused him of blasphemy. But Jesus knew and asked them, “**why do you question in your hearts; which is easier to say, “ your sins are forgiven” or to say, “Rise up and walk.” But to convince you that the son of man has authority on eath to forgive sins.’** He then said to the paralysed man, **‘Rise, take up your bed and go home.’**

The man rose up immediately and went to his house. The people that saw him were amazed and they glorified God.

**EVALUTION**

1. What is sin?
2. What is forgiveness?
3. Lsi two conditions necessary for forgiveness of sins.
4. Mention two importance of forgiveness.

**WEEK THREE**

**CONDITIONS FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acknowledgement and repentance are the conditions necessary for forgiveness. They are explained below:

1. **Acknowledegment**

This is when we accept the truth that we have sinned against God.

1. **Repentance**

This is when we feel sorry for our sins, ask for forgiveness and begin to lead good lives

**The Need For Forgiveness**

1. When we are forgiven, we become the children of God.
2. We have a relationship with God, the father and Jesus Christ. For this reason, we are saved.
3. We need to forgive others so that God will forgive us also.

**EVALUATION**

1. List the two conditions necessary for the forf=giveness of sin.
2. Mention two importance of forgiveness

**WEEK FOUR AND FIVE**

**JESUS PRAYED TO THE FATHER**

Meaning of prayer

Prayer is an act of communicating with God. It expresses praise, thanksgiving, confession and request. Jesus prayed on several occasions for the following reasons

1. To show an example of how to pray to his disciples and followers.
2. He prayed to honor God and glorify him.
3. He also prayed to receive power.
4. Jesus prayed that Gopd’s willnbe done on earth as it is done in heaven

**Content of Jesus’ prayer**

jesus prayer usually contained the following:

1. Adoration: he usually adored and worship God, his father.
2. Request: he always asked God what he wanted God to do for him.

**Evidences of the prayer life of Jesus**

Jesus prayed on many occasions for very long periods. For example, when he wanted to choose His apostles among the disciples, he went to a mountain and spent all night there praying to God. He also prayed at all times before He did anything e.g. before meals, miracles, teaching people and also before his arrest and death.

**Things to pray for**

there are several things to pay for as human beigns such as widom, forgiveness of sins, long life and good health, food, progress in our communities and the good things in life.

**EVALAUTION**

1. Explain why Jesus pray always
2. Give two instances where Jesus prayed
3. Mention three things we pray for.

**WEEK SIX AND SEVEN**

**JESUS ENCOURAGED HIS DISCIPLES TO RAY IN FAITH**

When we pray in faith, we show that we believe God has the power to do what we ask from Him. This makes God to be happy with us and to answer our prayers. Jesus said if we have faith and do not doubt God’s provision of whatever things we pray for in prayer, we will receive those things. Faith is a very good condition for prayers to be answered.

**The importance of prayer**

Prayer is the most important means of building a relationship with God. Prayer is important because it brings us into a close relationship with our creator, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This relationship gives us the benefits of many blessings which God gives and which we need for day – to-day living. Such blessing include

1. Provision of our daily needs of food, clothing and shelter.
2. Granting of good health and strength to work.
3. Victory over all the problems of life.
4. Granting of the power of the Holy Spirit to help us grow in faith and perform works of miracles.
5. Divine blessings for prosperity in our homes, work and all hat we lay our hands uon to do

**EVALUATION**

1. List tthree importance of prayer
2. List for things you shold paray for

WEEK **EIGHT AND NINE**

**JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US ON THE CROSS**

The greatest love aperson will ever have for his friend is to give his life for him. Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life to ay for our sins very many ears ago. Apart from dying on the cross for us, Jesu also fulfilled the will of God. This is also the reason why the book of John chapter # verse 16 says, ‘for God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes Him should not perish but have an eternal.’ This was the main purpose of His coming to the world.

Jesus was very precious in the sight of God, yet God surrendered him to be born as a man and to sufer death on the cross so that man will be saved. This shows God’s graet love for us. We should therefore, accept Jesus as our Lord and savoir.

Futhermore by giving His life for our sins, jesus proved that the scripture is true because some prophets in the Old Testament had foretold that He would die for our salvation exactly the way Hedid. By His death, he reconciles us with God so that we can become children of God again.

**The importance of Jesus Death on the cross for us**

The following are reasons Jesus died on the cross for us

1. To save us from sin and death
2. To bring us into eternal life
3. To reconcile us with God

**EVALUATION**

1. Give two reasons why Jesus gave his life for us
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