

# Evening Lesson

"IT TAKES A LITTLE RAIN..."

**Rom. 5:1-4**

## INTRO:

- i) "It takes a little rain to make love grow. It's the heartache and the pain that make a real heart show. When the sun always shines there's a desert down below. It takes a little rain to make love grow." (Oak Ridge Boys)
- ii) Has anyone avoided the difficulties of life?
- iii) We have all had our pains and sorrows -- and I am sure they are not over yet.

## I. WHY?

- A. The world is a sinful place. **John 3:19, 20;**  
**Rom. 5:12**
- b) Trying to live righteously makes me different.  
**Rom. 12:2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15, 16**
- c) Sinful people do not like those who live for Christ.  
**John 15:19; 16:33; 17:14**

## 2) WHAT CAN I DO?

- a) Have faith in Christ. **John 16:33**
- b) Use difficulty to your advantage.
  - i) Strengthen patience. **Romans 12:12**
  - ii) Strengthen perseverance. **2 Cor. 6:4;**  
**Heb. 10:36; James 1:3**
  - iii) Mature in Christ. **James 1:4**

## CONC:

1. Especially in hard times, keep God first. **1 Pet. 2:19**
2. It is during trials that we learn the importance of supporting one another. **Gal. 6:2**