

Day 41

Romans 1

- 1) In verses 11-12, Paul says he wants to give them a spiritual gift – that they would be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith. Who is someone in your life that their faith encourages you? What is it about them that makes you feel encouraged? What about their faith would you like to imitate? Pray about that today.
- 2) Read verses 18-20. When we live faithfully as the image of God, we reveal to the world who God is. Have you ever thought about the fact that our wickedness suppresses the truth about who God is? Reflect on this truth for your life.
- 3) Paul says in verse 25 that these “godless” people worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator. How are you guilty of this?

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Romans 2

- 1) Reread verse 4. Reflect on the kindness of God. How do you respond to it? Has it led you to repentance or do you take advantage of it?
- 2) Read 6-10 again. Reflect on the connection between faith and works as it pertains to salvation. Reflect on where you fall according to this passage.
- 3) Reread verses 28-30 but replace Jew with Christian. Has your heart been transformed by the Spirit? What effect has this had on you? Reflect on this.

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Romans 3

Paul is writing here to Jewish Christians who are struggling with the idea that their Jewish heritage and lifelong commitment to following the Law of Moses doesn’t count for anything anymore.

- 1) What is Paul’s message to these Jews to explain their essential role in God’s plan?

- 2) What is the main point of verses 9-20? Reflect on how this is true of you.

- 3) What do verses 21-26 have to say to a mixed audience of Jews and Gentiles? What does it have to say to the mixed audience of Hallsville? Reflect on this good news.

Day 44

Romans 4

- 1) Reread verses 3-5. Explain the difference between a wage and a gift and how that relates to righteousness by faith.

- 2) Reread 18-25. Describe the authentic faith Abraham has here. What promises has God made us? If you have this same type of faith, reflect on the life you will live. Does this describe the way you are currently living your life?

Day 45

Romans 5

- 1) Think about someone you have a good relationship with, maybe a good friend or family member. Would you die for that person? Now think of someone who treats you poorly and wants nothing to do with you. Would you be willing to die for that person? Read verses 6-8. Let the truth of verse 8 really sink in. Let this remind you that it was nothing we did to earn salvation, but it was God's great love and mercy for us. Thank Him for that today.

- 2) Verses 12-17 explains that just as death was brought into the world through one man, Adam, now through Jesus, eternal life is offered to the world. Paul explained this to people who struggled with the idea that one man's righteous life could count for another. Reflect on this.

- 3) Verse 20 says that the Law was given in order to show us how inadequate and sinful we are in our inability to obey it. Only then could we truly understand our sinfulness and need for a savior. Reflect on the fact that you are a sinner in need of a Savior.