

This Changes Everything

A Journey Through the Book of Romans

What if everything we've assumed about earning God's approval, fixing our past, or measuring up could be flipped upside down?

Romans is the blueprint of grace — not a rulebook for good people trying harder, but a mirror for broken people being made whole.

Paul doesn't start by telling us what to do; he starts by showing us who we are.

And more importantly — who Jesus became for us and within us.

So the Word became human and made his home among us.

He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.

And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

—John 1 : 14 (NLT)

When the Word became flesh, the Word became a mirror.

He didn't stand at a distance.

He stepped inside the glass — into our humanity — reflecting every ache, fear, and question we carry.

Before we could mirror Him, He mirrored us.

The Eight Movements

Sin. Salvation. Sanctification. Spirit. Sovereignty. Service.
Struggle. Surrender.

We'll see that Jesus didn't design redemption for us at a distance; He forged it from within Himself so it would fit us perfectly, and individually.

He didn't copy our sin; He copied our experience. He walked through temptation, misunderstanding, exhaustion, and pain — without falling — so that grace would be more than a concept. It would be tested empathy. It would be God-made-to-measure.

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

—Hebrews 4 : 15 (NLT)

Every week, we'll polish the mirror a little more — watching how His reflection changes the way we see ourselves, our struggles, and our world.

Because when grace becomes real, it changes everything.

Sin: The Truth About Us

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Romans begins at the mirror.

Before Paul explains grace, he shows us the truth — what sin really looks like when we see it clearly.

Sin isn't just bad behavior; it's blindness.

It's the moment we think and act without God — a God-less moment.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

—Romans 3 : 23–24 (NLT)

SIN = GODLESS MOMENTS

Jesus never sinned, but He stepped fully into the feelings that lead us there — the doubt, the fear, the pressure, and the aftermath of guilt.

He even cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (God-less Moment)

He entered every emotion of separation so He could redeem every moment of ours.

He blended what surrounds His throne — love, justice, wisdom, and power — into one product: grace.

And because that grace worked in Him first, we know it can work in us next.

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight.

—Romans 3 : 24 (NLT)

Grace doesn't erase the cracks; it shines through them. Every flaw becomes a place where His reflection breaks through our story.

Reflection

Jesus never chose disobedience, yet He felt the full weight of what we feel before, during, and after sin.

He carried every God-less moment — the blame, the shame, and the condemnation — so that He could design grace that fits perfectly.

When we look into the mirror now, we don't just see what's wrong; we see the face of grace shining through the cracks.

Takeaways

The mirror of Christ exposes distortion but never without offering reflection.

Sin is real, but so is empathy — Jesus felt it so He could fix it from within Himself.

Grace isn't cheap sympathy; it's tested strength.

God's redemption fits because He wore it first.

Every crack in your story is a place for His reflection to shine through.

