

# Sermon Discussion Guide

"Boasting Reveals Believing"  
Romans 3:27-31

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1.) We tend to boast about the things that give us confidence, value, and significance. We boast about things that make us feel important and special. We boast about things that make us feel better than other people.

- What things do you tend to boast in? Use the list below to help you identify some ways that you boast in yourself.
  - Personality
  - Abilities and skills
  - Personal achievements
  - Physical appearance
  - Family
  - Friends
  - Education
  - Job/Career
  - Income
  - Material possessions
  - Religious activity (works of the law - vs. 27)
  - Others

2.) This passage challenges us to exclude all boasting in ourselves, specifically the boasting that comes with performing religious activity in order to try to earn our righteousness from God.

- Take a look at these verses: 1 Corinthians 1:31, Psalm 34:2, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Galatians 6:14. What does it look like for you to boast in God and not in yourself?

3.) When we boast in ourselves, we usually minimize God's commandments (law) and we minimize our sin (our disobedience to God's law).

- Are there any specific ways that you are minimizing any of God's commandments or minimizing your sin?
- Jesus Christ did not minimize God's commandments, but fulfilled them. He did not minimize our sin, but died for our sin to forgive us and bring us to God. He frees us from the law of works to give us the law of faith and grace. Take some time to boast in Christ through praying and thanking him for what he has done for you.