

ROMANS

KNOW THE TRUTH

March 24, 2024

Series: Know the Truth

Sermon: Made Right with God

Review of Romans:

- A. The Power and Grace of God to Save 1:1-17
- B. The Power and Justice of God to Punish 1:18-32
- C. God will Judge Everyone's Secret Life 2:1-16
- D. Changed Hearts Seek Praise from God 2:17-29
- E. The Purpose of the Law 3:1-20

Scripture: Romans 3:21-31

Summary: Everyone who places faith in Jesus Christ is made right with God. No one can be made right with God by attempting to keep the requirements of the law. Everyone has broken God's law and committed sin. Everyone has come up short. But God is fair and just and by His grace and mercy makes everyone who places their faith in Jesus Christ, right in his sight. No matter who you are, where you are from or what you have done, the way to be made right with God is by faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-31

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 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. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, 26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. 28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

29 After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. 30 There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. 31 Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.

1. Jesus is the Only Way to Be Made Right with God.
2. God Makes Sinners Right in His Sight When They Believe in Jesus.
3. Acquittal is Based on Faith.
4. Only Faith Fulfills the Law

Life Application:

1. There is only one God and only one way to be made right with God. Believe in Jesus. Share your faith story.
2. Jesus presents a seismic shift away from attempting to keep the law to be right with God to now believing Jesus is the Son of God and died shedding his blood to set men free from sin. Read Romans 3:23-28. How is anyone made right with God? Where does the burden of responsibility rest in the work of salvation?
3. There is an accompanying humility in salvation when the realization of what Jesus has done becomes evident. Paul makes clear that no one can boast. What does humility look like in relation to personal salvation? How is it maintained?
4. Jews were fighting the temptation to continue to give emphasis to the law even in the face of salvation in Christ alone. Paul writes with great passion against continuing to focus on the law. What is legalism? Why is it wrong? Is legalism pervasive in our generation (it was in Paul's)? What can be done to guard against legalism?
5. If God is the creator God of everyone then wouldn't he be the savior God of everyone? And how does he save - through Jesus! The law is not a living thing nor is it capable of saving anyone. What place does the law now have in the life of a Jew? In the life of a Gentile?
6. What place does the law have in the life of a Christian? What role does the law have in salvation?
7. PRAY: Ask the Lord to help you understand the purpose of the law and its role in your life. Thank the Lord for making you right with him through faith in Jesus and not by keeping the law!