

Reflection Questions: Who am I praying for that they might be saved?
What am I doing to bring the gospel to them? Is there an area of suffering or disappointment in my life which I see as punishment from God instead of God working to bring me closer to Him? Are there sins in my life that I've grown tolerant of? What must I do about this?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Message #134: Review of Romans #2

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Quotes to Ponder

If a sinner's penitential tears were as numberless as all the drops of rain that have fallen since the day of Creation, they could not wash away one single sin.

John Flavel

If Christ has died for me—ungodly as I am, without strength as I am—then I can no longer live in sin, but must arouse myself to love and serve Him who has redeemed me. I cannot trifle with the evil that killed my best Friend. I must be holy for His sake. How can I live in sin when He has died to save me from it?

Charles Spurgeon

To be justified means more than to be declared "not guilty." It actually means to be declared righteous before God. It means God has imputed or charged the guilt of our sin to His Son, Jesus Christ, and has imputed or credited Christ's righteousness to us.

Before we had no choice; now we have one. When we sin as Christians, we do not sin as slaves, but as individuals with the freedom of choice.

We sin because we choose to sin.

Jerry Bridges

The resurrection is the proclamation of the fact that God is fully and completely satisfied with the work that His Son did upon the Cross.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

One of the greatest evidences of God's love to those that love Him is, to send them afflictions, with grace to bear them.

John Wesley

Adam before he fell was righteous in the sight of God, but he was still under the possibility of becoming unrighteous. Those who have been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ not only are righteous in the sight of God but they are beyond the possibility of becoming unrighteous.

J. Gresham Machen

Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. What is the point Paul makes in *Romans 4:1-8* with Abraham and why is this important?
3. Why is it important to emphasize justification by faith alone, with nothing added (*Romans 4:2*)?
4. In what ways does the example of Abraham in *Romans 4* prove the point that Paul raised in *Romans 3:29-30*?
5. Genuine faith includes repentance, which includes *a broken and contrite heart (Psalm 51:17)*. Some might say that this then becomes a work that nullifies grace. Agree? Disagree? Why?
6. Why does Paul make it clear that Abraham was credited with righteousness before he was circumcised (*Romans 4:10*)?
7. What is the only way that we can have peace with God (*Romans 5:1*)? What is this peace?
8. What are we to *exult in* according to *Romans 5:3*? How do we do this?
9. What do you find most encouraging and comforting in *Romans 5:6-8*?
10. What are the implications of the argument of *Romans 5:9-10* for the doctrine of eternal security?
11. Read *Romans 5:15-19*. What words describe Adam and his representation of us? Jesus and His representation of us?
12. What does Paul tell us in *Romans 6:2*? What does this mean?
13. What is the purpose for believers dying to sin (*Romans 6:4*)?
14. How can Paul write that we are *freed from sin (Romans 6:7)*?
15. According to *Romans 6:12-14*, who are the two masters that want to reign over us?

What practical encouragement do you find in these verses to help you battle with sin?
16. Everybody is a slave. What are the only two options as masters (*Romans 6:16*)?
17. What is the *benefit* of being a slave to sin (*Romans 6:21*)? What is the benefit of being a slave to God (*Romans 6:23*)?