

Romans Intro P. 2, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel.

Talk show hosts love to mock it, and the mainline media calls it narrow-minded, intolerant and ridiculous, but Paul proudly proclaims, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Rom. 1:16-17); and again, “For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18). Read Romans 1:1-17

☐ Tuesday - None Are Righteous.

One day a man asked renowned British pastor Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) what he had contributed to his salvation. Spurgeon replied, “I was the sinner, and Christ the Savior.” Popular opinion says that man is basically good, but God declares in His Word, “There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one” (Rom. 3:10-12). The truth is that all of us are great sinners (1 Tim. 1:15), but do not despair, for Christ is a great Savior. “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!” Read Roman 1:18-3:20

☐ Wednesday - The Righteousness Which is by Faith.

You may have many big problems in your life, but they are insignificant compared to one catastrophic problem that you face and it is this: [1] You have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23); [2] Your very best works cannot undo the eternal punishment that you deserve (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 6:23); and [3] No one can go to heaven without being perfectly righteous -- sinlessly perfect (Heb. 12:14). Who then can be saved? “But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested ... even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe” (Rom. 3:21-22). Friend, your sins must be taken away and Christ’s perfect righteousness imputed (credited) to your account, by your unconditional surrender and absolute faith in Jesus Christ’s substitutionary atonement on the cross. Read Romans 3:21-5:21

☐ Thursday - Freedom From Sin.

The Christian’s old sin nature was (past tense) crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20). It is an accomplished fact. However, in our daily practice, we forget or do not fully believe it, and so we still struggle with sin. Therefore, “consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11). “For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Read Romans, chapters 6-8

☐ Friday - You Are A Chosen People.

If you are a Christian it is because God chose you before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4-5). “And these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified” (Rom. 8:30). God’s sovereignty over salvation and each individual’s personal responsibility to receive Christ are taught side-by-side in Scripture (John 1:12-13). Though this is a conundrum for man, it poses no difficulty for God. Read Romans, chapter 9-11

☐ Saturday - Righteousness in Daily Relationships.

The Christian life is not the old life fixed up, but a qualitatively new life (2 Cor. 5:17). That is why Jesus called it being “born again” (John 3:3). Furthermore, this metamorphosis continues throughout the rest of Christian’s life (2 Cor. 4:16). And so, Scripture commands, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom. 12:2). By these things, “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith” (2 Cor. 13:5). Read Romans, chapters 12-16