Romans Lesson 7

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INTRODUCTION

- Why was it necessary for Jesus Christ to die on the cross?
- Our text in our study today actually gives answer to that all important question.

1 By the Law Is the Knowledge of Sin

Romans 3:19–22; Romans 7:7–13; Galatians 3:22–25

- Therefore, by the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. For by the law is the knowledge of sin.
- Perfect law cannot be kept perfectly by man who has his own faults.
- It's a contrast between the system of law versus the system of faith.
- It sets forth God's perfect standard. An imperfect man, trying to keep God's perfect standard, realizes that he's a sinner.
- The law system of works left man convicted of sin, whereas the grace system provides forgiveness of sin.

2 All Have Sinned and Come Short

Romans 3:23; Genesis 2:17

- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- God makes no difference between Jew and Gentile. The law of Moses had been given to the Jew, but the gospel is for all.
- Man who sins is worthy of death. How can God be just and justify any sinner?

3 Justified Freely by His Grace Through the Redemption

Romans 3:24–26; Ezekiel 18:20; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.
- The question, therefore, facing the Lord is how can anyone be saved and the integrity of God's law be upheld?
- Jesus did no sin. Therefore he was not worthy of death. But he could die in the place of others who were worthy of death.
- The word redeemed literally means to be bought back, to be repurchased.
- God meets with man through Jesus Christ. Literally, the word propitiation means to appease, to appease the wrath that really was due.

4 By Faith We Have Access Into Grace

Romans 5:1–2; Romans 3:25–26

- Faith is the key that makes us have access into God's grace.
- Grace is God's part, the provision of the means of salvation solely by God's grace. But dear beloved, salvation is not by grace alone.
- But salvation is by grace through faith. Man's part is faith.
- The word justify is a word that actually literally means to acquit.
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to die on the cross? That God might be just.

5 Justified by Faith Without the Deeds of the Law

Romans 3:27–31; Romans 6:17–18; James 2:14–26

- Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
- If we're talking about human perfection, then those works are not necessary. The law kind of works are not necessary.
- But the word alone should not be added. And it's caused much confusion in the religious world.
- When we obey, it isn't a work that is meritorious that deserves salvation.
- Works of faith do not nullify grace.
- Repenting of our sin is a work of faith. Confessing Jesus Christ to be the Son of God is a work of faith. Even baptism is a work of faith.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins?

MY NOTES