

Read Through the New Testament in 2009

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➔ MONDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2009

- ROMANS 3:1-18
- WHY DID PAUL TELL THE JEWS THEY SHOULDN'T THINK OF THEMSELVES AS BETTER THAN THE GENTILES?

- WHAT DID DAVID MEAN WHEN HE WROTE "THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE" IN PSALMS?

➔ TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2009

- ROMANS CHAPTER 3:19-31
- HOW CAN WE RECEIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD?

- WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED BESIDES FAITH IN JESUS IN ORDER TO BE SAVED?

➔ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2009

- ROMANS 4:1-12
- WHY DID GOD DECLARE ABRAHAM RIGHTEOUS?

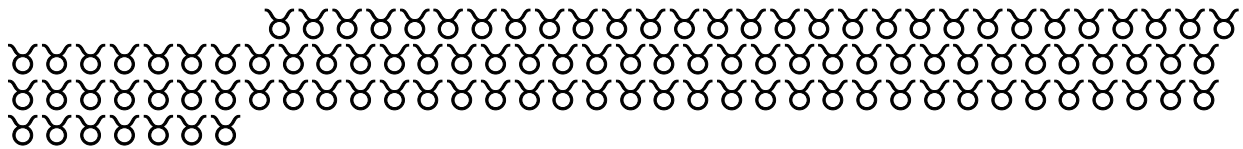
- PAUL QUOTES THE PSALMS "BLESSED ARE THEY WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED". WHAT COVERS OUR SINS?

➔ THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2009

○ ROMANS 4:13-25

- GOD WILL DECLARE RIGHTEOUS ALL WHO HAVE DONE WHAT?

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- SOMETIMES PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY CAN EARN THEIR WAY INTO HEAVEN (THEY'RE WRONG, OF COURSE). WHAT ARE SOME THINGS PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY CAN DO THAT WILL GET THEM INTO HEAVEN?



➔ FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2009

○ ROMANS 5:1-11

- ✚ THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WERE STRUGGLING WITH SOMETHING BUT YOU TRUSTED GOD TO GET YOU THROUGH IT. SPEND SOME TIME IN PRAYER THANKING GOD FOR HELPING YOU, AND HELPING YOUR FAITH GROW.

Romans Chapter 3

Verses 1- 2

The Jews were God's chosen people (remember, Jesus was a Jew), but Paul is saying that doesn't make them better than everyone else. God loves everyone.

Verses 3 - 4

God is faithful – He doesn't give-up on us, even when we reject Him.

Verses 5 - 8

The word "righteousness" (or righteous) means "without guilt or sin". Some of the Jews were saying "If God's righteousness is easier to see when we sin, isn't it okay to sin so God is glorified?". Paul says the answer is NO! Sinning is never okay.

Verses 9 - 18

Paul is saying again: Jews are not better than the Gentiles – we are all sinners! Verses 10 – 18 are quotes from the Psalms. Paul is emphasizing the fact that we are all sinners; we say mean things, get angry at others, even kill others. And these are just a few of the sins people commit. And many of them STILL don't want to know God, and seek His forgiveness!

Verses 19 - 20

We can't keep all of God's commands – it's impossible. So God's Law can't make us righteous, but it helps us recognize our sins.

Verses 21 - 26

Since nobody can be found righteous by keeping all of God's commands, God had to find another way for us to be forgiven for our sins. That way is Jesus. Jesus was sacrificed for our sins.

Verses 27 – 31

Paul is saying we can't brag about our salvation, because we didn't earn it. It was a gift from Him through His son Jesus. Jesus took our punishment for us, so if we have faith in Him, we are justified by God. That means that God declares us righteous (He doesn't make us righteous, but He treats us as though we are). Again, Paul reminds us that this is true for EVERYONE who believes in Jesus, not just the Jews.

Romans Chapter 4

Verses 1 - 3

Paul is answering the question "How does justification by faith fit into the history of the Jews?". He knew the Jews were very proud of their history and would have wanted to

know how this new idea fit with the past. He's saying "It fits perfectly". Abraham was judged righteous based on His faith in God – not by what he had done. Abraham was saved by faith in God, just as we must be saved by faith in Jesus.

Verses 4 - 8

Again, Paul is reminding the Romans (and us) that we can't earn our salvation. He quotes David from the Psalms again.

Verses 9 - 12

The Jews might have wondered if Abraham's justification was because of his faith in God PLUS something he did (such as being circumcised). Paul says "No!" Salvation is based on faith alone.

Verses 13 - 15

Paul again says that it was Abraham's faith in God's promises that saved him, not obeying all of God's laws. Can you tell by Paul's many reminders that this is an important concept?

Verses 16 - 17

Again, Paul reminds us that this salvation through faith is for all people who have faith in Christ.

Verses 18 - 25

Like Abraham, we have no cause for hope except for our faith in God. We can never be good enough to earn our way to Heaven, but God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sins. If we believe that Jesus died for us, and that God raised Him again on the third day, then we too can be saved.

Romans Chapter 5

Verses 1 – 5

Not only are we happy because we are saved by faith in Jesus, but even when we are having hard times (suffering) we can be happy. We know that when things are hard, we can keep going with God's help. And that makes our faith stronger, and when our faith grows, so does our hope. And that hope is sustained by the love God has poured into our hearts through His Holy Spirit.

Verses 6 – 8

Paul reminds us that almost nobody is willing to die for someone else – even a really good person. But Jesus was willing to die for us while we were still sinners -- before we were even born!

Verses 9 – 11

Paul is saying that our salvation through Jesus is eternal – it lasts forever. And if we were saved through Jesus' *death*, how much more will He do for us in His *life* as He helps us from heaven!