

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 3

Faith is the Way

Romans 3:21-31

How do you restore a relationship?

What is required to maintain a relationship?

A. Romans 3:21-26

1.) Righteousness through Faith (v.21-22)

- “But Now” – two of the greatest words in Scripture. It almost always is a transition to what God has provided for you. Before Christ, but now with Christ.
- Faith puts us in a right relationship with God.

2.) Universal Sin (v.23)

- The fall of Man led to universal Sin.
- Born into the world with a sinful nature. (Original Sin)

What Is your worldview of sin? Are all people good and they just make mistakes and some turn really bad?

3.) Justified through Faith (v24)

What does justified mean? It is a legal term that means even though a person is guilty, they will be treated “as if” they are innocent.

a.) Grace – It is a “free” gift to you. There is not anything you can do to earn this grace.

b.) Redemption – The price paid to set you free

4.) Sacrifice of Atonement (v.25) – Jewish Ritual - Blood had to be sacrificed on the Mercy Seat on the Ark for sins to be forgiven. It was the place where God took care of his chosen people’s sin problem.

5.) Justice through Faith – There has to be consequence to sin. Therefore, Jesus pad the price for sin. Paid the price before his time and after his time.

B. Romans 3:27-31

The results of the Previous paragraph are:

- 1.) We cannot boast of our achievements.
 - a.) Pride affects our worship
 - b.) Confidence in our own abilities provides a weak foundation
- 2.) Only one way to God - Not one way for Jews through the law and the other for Gentiles by faith.

What are we to do with the Law?

We follow God's law out of love and obedience. However, it is not a path to salvation.