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Part 5

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Sin Part 4: “We Are ALL Guilty”

Rom.3:1-20

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” ROM.1:16-17 NLT

1. The Jewish Protest: “I Object!”

Obj#1 - *“Then what’s the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision? Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.”* Rom.3:1-2 NLT

Obj#2 – *“True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful? Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, “You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win your case in court.”* Rom.3:3-4 NLT

Obj#3 - *“But,” some might say, “our sinfulness serves a good purpose, for it helps people see how righteous God is. Isn’t it unfair, then, for him to punish us?” (This is merely a human point of view.) Of course not! If God were not entirely fair, how would he be qualified to judge the world?”* Rom.3:5-6 NLT

Obj#4 - *“But,” someone might still argue, “how can God condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?” And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, “The more we sin, the better it is!” Those who say such things deserve to be condemned.”* Rom.3:7-8 NLT

2. The Judge's Proclamation: "Overruled!"

"Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies." "Snake venom drips from their lips. "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." "They rush to commit murder. Destruction and misery always follow them. They don't know where to find peace." "They have no fear of God at all."

Rom.3:9-18 NLT

3. Paul's Point: "I Am Guilty & Without Excuse."

"Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are."

Rom.3:19-20 NLT

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

Rom.5:8 NLT

"...but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins."

Rom.5:16 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Apr.29-May 4, 2024

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps through the day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Pray for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

Day 1: READ Rom. 3:1-4 focusing on The Jewish Advantage.

What does Paul tell his Jewish audience about the value of being Jewish? How is this different than what they were counting on as valuable? What does Paul point out about the character of God here and what does this tell you? How can you place a higher value on God's Word and His faithfulness in your life this week? Pray for God to reveal Himself to you today.

Day 2: READ Rom. 3:5-8 focusing on Objections & Excuses for Sin.

What would you say are the objections or excuses that are given here for "our sinfulness" and God's fairness in judging our sin? What's your answer to the excuse for sin that says, "Well if my sin points to a righteous God or shows the grace of God, I should sin more!" What's Paul's answer? How do you think sin affects are ability to reason with God and come to the right conclusion? Pray.

Day 3: READ Rom. 3:9-18 focusing on The Effects of Sin in Us.

What does it mean to you that Paul says we are ALL under the power of sin? Give examples of this in your life. What do you see about “No one” and “All” in this passage? How is the whole life affected by sin according to this description (list the ways)? What would you say is the main takeaway for you regarding sin in your life currently? Pray Ps.19:12-14 over your life today.

Day 4: READ Rom. 3:19-21 focusing on The Purpose of the Law.

According to Paul here, why was the Law given and what Law are we talking about? What excuses do we use or hear to excuse our sinfulness and guilt before God? Have you ever thought you were “good” by keeping the law of God – explain? How do you relate this with Eph.2:8-9 in your life? Pray to confess and get right before God.

Day 5: READ Rom. 5:8 & 16 focusing on What God has Done for Us.

When did you first realize you were a sinner and what did that mean to you? When you really think about what God has done for you, what does that bring out in you? What changes in you when you get a grip on your sin and His grace? How are you currently growing in this? Pray with a thankful heart.

