

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 6: Romans 5:1-21, "Two Problems Overcome: Jesus as God and Man"

I. Romans 5:1-5, "Jesus brings us to God"

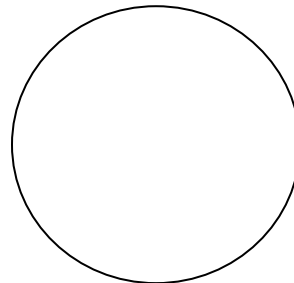
1. What does it mean that we are "justified"?

2. "Peace" comes from the Hebrew *shalom*, which does *not* signify an emotional state of inward peace. Rather, it means being at peace instead of being enemies. How does this apply to verse 1?

3. What does "access" to God mean for us?

4. In verses 2 and 3, "rejoice" is best translated "boast," thus "we boast in the midst of our sufferings." How does this respond to the boasting that happens in Romans 2:17, 23; 3:27?

5. What is the cycle of the Christian's life that God intends?



II. Romans 5:6-11, "Jesus solves the problem of God's wrath"

6. Original sin is seen as a disease, therefore we (all) are weak. Who are the ungodly?

7. How is substitutionary death in this world different than what Jesus did?

8. Many Christians avoid talking about the wrath of God. And yet how should we talk about it? (see also Romans 1:18; Psalm 78:21-22; 1 Thess. 5:9)

9. And yet, what has Christ done to achieve peace and reconciliation between us and God?

III. Romans 5:12-21, “Jesus solves the problem of sin and death in mankind.”

10. What is the punishment for sin? (Gen 2:16-17)

11. How is “law” being used here? (especially note verse 14, “Adam to Moses”)

12. How does death show that sin exists?

13. How does the grace of God for all correspond and answer the trespass of one for all? (15-19)

14. How does Paul want to emphasize the humanity of Jesus Christ? (v 17)

15. Why then did Jesus need to be fully human? (v 19)

16. Why did Jesus need to be fully divine? (v 1-11)

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 5:1, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:19, “For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”