
Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008
Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Interlude

Review

We have seen in Romans 1:18–3:20 that Paul makes it clear that all humanity (Gentile and Jew) are without excuse before God because they have:

- Suppressed the truth of God’s self revelation and replaced it with idolatry, immorality and all kinds of sin
- Even those who have a privileged position by having God’s Word and promises, rather than dealing uprightly have become judgmental and self-righteous
- All are without excuse and under sin
- All turn from God
- None seek God

We have seen in Romans 3:21-5:21 that Paul makes it clear that salvation is completely by the grace provision of God on the basis of Christ’s death on the cross as a substitute for sinful man, enabling all mankind to enter into a relationship with God by faith.

Or as stated above:

the totality with which God provides salvation to those who are sinners (1:18-3:21; 5:8), ungodly (5:6); enemies (5:10) by nature condemned (5:12-21) solely on the basis of Christ’s cross work of justification, redemption and propitiation (3:21-31) provided by simple faith (chapter 4) allowing us to have assurance of our reconciliation with God (5:1-11)—we should seek to honor God with our lives.

Salvation is the work of God through Christ’s cross work accepted through:

- Faith alone (4)
- with great benefits (5:1-11)
- for a needy people (1:18-3:20; 5:12-21)

The next section (Romans 6-8) is critical to our understanding of the nature, problems and power for sanctification. So to get us focused, this week’s lesson will overview the process.



What “wrong” approaches have you seen to spiritual formation? What are they and why are they wrong?

What do you think the “right” approach should look like? What elements should it include?



Romans 6-8

The truths we have been previewing in this lesson are the focus of Romans 6-8. Begin now to read this section. Anticipate what God can do in you, through you, in our church and through our church if we fully grasp these truths.

And begin to list:

- Who you are in Christ—what He has already accomplished for you
- Where you are in the process—how you are presently progressing or how you should be presently progressing
- What you will be in the future—how you will be conformed to the image of His Son, what will that be like?