

A Key To The Book Of Romans

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ROMANS 3:19-28

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Using This Study

0 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

Ø EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

• EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Introduction:

There is an amazing message of failure, freedom, and deliverance contained in Romans 3. But, too often, we gloss over it simply quoting verse 23 in our haste to get to Romans 6:23 while taking someone down the "Roman Road" evangelistic method. However, the ideas contained within this awesome chapter can unlock your understanding of the Book of Romans and protect us when deceivers try to twist the scripture to steal our confidence in Christ's gift of eternal life.

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0 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

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What does God MEAN?

1) a. What does Paul mean by "righteousness" in this passage?

b. How does one obtain it? (vv. 21, 22)

2) When God "justifies" someone (vv. 24, 25, 28), what is the effect, and how does one initiate this act of God?

3) In the light of your answers to these questions, what are the consequences to your reading of the rest of the book of Romans?

• EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage: Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes