

Deeply Affected by Sin!

April 26th, 2020 – Romans 3:9-20
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The Relationship Between Sin, the Law, and Righteousness

1. Every person alive is under the curse of **sin**. (Romans 3:9-18)
 - a. To be under sin means that we have **all** turned away from God.
 - b. To be under sin means that every part of who we are is deeply **affected** by sin.
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2. Being under the law does not **exempt** you from being under sin, but rather makes you **accountable** for being under sin. (Romans 3:19)
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3. The law was never intended to bring **justification** before God. (Romans 3:20)

Understanding Your Brokenness

1. You are not as **good** as you think you are.
 - a. **Worship** is deeply affected by sin.
 - b. Our ability to **love** one another is deeply affected by sin.
 - c. Our understanding of what it means to be **human** is deeply affected by sin.
2. There is **nothing** you can humanly do to justify yourself before God.
3. Your only hope is **Christ**.

"22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

- Romans 7:22-25

Questions to reflect upon:

1. What stood out to you in this passage regarding sin?
2. How has sin affected your worship of God?
3. How has sin affected your ability to love others?
4. How has sin affected your understanding of what it means to be human?
5. In what ways do people try to justify themselves before God, and how would you respond to them?
6. How is God speaking to you through this message and how should you respond?
7. Spend some time in prayer confessing your sin to God and praising Him for the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus, to secure your justification at the cross.

My Personal Take-Away from the Message:

Next Steps: April Reading Plan (Week 4)

Day One: Romans 4
Day Two: Romans 5
Day Three: Romans 6
Day Four: Romans 7
Day Five: Romans 8

Journaling Tip:

Ask yourself, "What is this passage revealing about God's character?" Spend a few moments reflecting and writing about how that particular characteristic of God applies to how you live.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 3:21-26

April Scripture Memory:

37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:37-38 (ESV)