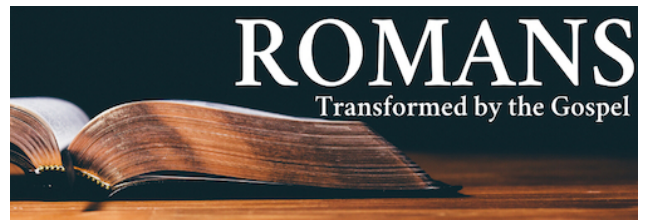


My Only Boast Is in Christ!

May 17th, 2020 – Romans 3:27-31

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Three Questions About Our Boast Before God and People

1. On what basis is boasting excluded according to Paul?
 - a. Context: Paul is addressing Jews who boast about being **favored** by God on the basis of their **heritage** as a Jew and their **obedience** to the law.

 - b. Answer: This kind of boasting is excluded on the basis of **faith!**

2. In what ways can this kind of boasting show up in our lives?
 - a. Answer: This kind of boasting can manifest itself in **self**-righteous **thoughts** and **deeds**.

3. What kind of boasting is appropriate and fitting?
 - a. Answer: Our only boast is in **Christ** and His **work!**

My Personal Take-Away from the Message:

Questions to reflect upon:

1. What resonated with you from the message this morning?
2. In what ways have you displayed self-righteous thoughts and/or deeds?
3. Why is it appropriate and fitting to boast in Christ and His work?
4. The truth is that we have nothing to boast about based on who we are or what we do. Our only boast is in Christ. How is this truth relevant in our lives apart from our self-righteous thoughts and deeds?
5. What kind of internal response does this truth cause in your heart?
6. Spend some time in prayer praising God for all that He has accomplished for you through His death and resurrection.

Next Steps: May Reading Plan (Week 3)

Day One: Acts 22

Day Two: Acts 23

Day Three: Acts 24

Day Four: Acts 25

Day Five: Acts 26

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 4:1-12

Journaling Tip:

Explain a Verse: Write down a few observations about how the verse you are highlighting fits with the context of the chapter. Write down a sentence or two about what the author was saying to the original audience. Write out any principles, promises, commands, or characteristics about God that this passage reveals.

May Scripture Memory:

39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? **40** A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. **41** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **42** How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Luke 6:39-41 (ESV)