Historical Background

Paul was writing to the church in the Rome. The church was filled with both Jew and Gentile believers. In this dynamic there arose two groups that were causing dissension and division among the saints in Rome.

The Judaizers taught that one maintained their salvation by keeping the law and rituals of Judaism. They might agree that it was faith in Christ that saved you, but they believed that keeping the law was what kept you saved.

Then there was the Antinomians. This group taught that if you were saved by grace through faith in Jesus then the more you sinned the greater you showed His grace to be.

The Judaizers added to the Word of God and the Antinomians took way. Paul wrote to bring the saints in Rome solid doctrinal truth.

The truth that the righteous man shall live by faith. He is saved by faith, kept by faith, and he would bare the description of being righteous.

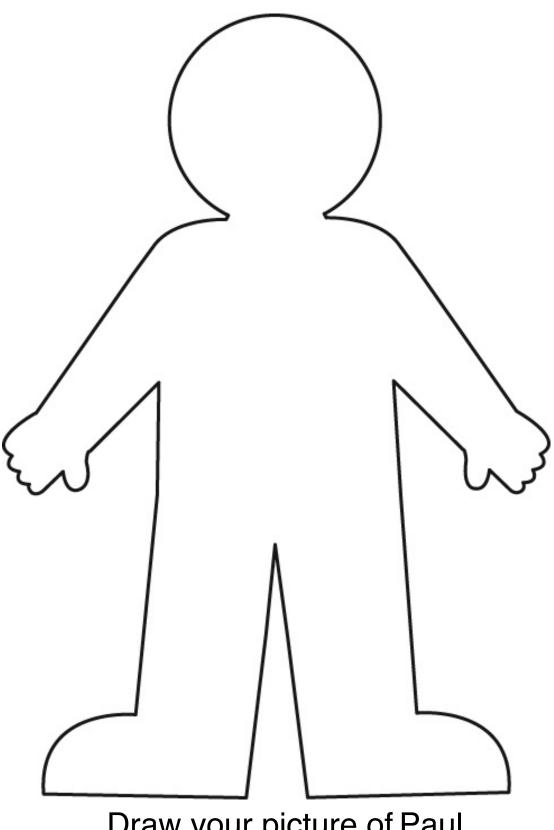
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Romans 1:1-17

- 1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
- **2** which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
- **3** concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
- **4** who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- **5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,
- 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
- 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **8** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.
- **9** For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you,
- 10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

- **11** For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;
- **12** that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.
- 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.
- **14** I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.
- **15** So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.
- **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- **17** For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."



Draw your picture of Paul

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what have you been set apart for?
who prepared them for you?
when did He prepare them for you? hand
Read Romans 1:9, who does Paul serve?
He serves
THINK ABOUT IT

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Paul was a bond-servant he was completely dependent upon Jesus. Jesus gave him his orders and everything he needed to fulfill those orders. If we are a bond-servant of Jesus we must must do what He commands and we can do it because we know that He will give us what we need to do what He commands. Do your parents tell you to do something that they know you are unable to do? No, they give you chores and instructions that they know that you can do because they have given you the knowledge and tools to complete the task. If your parents do this, do you think that God will too?

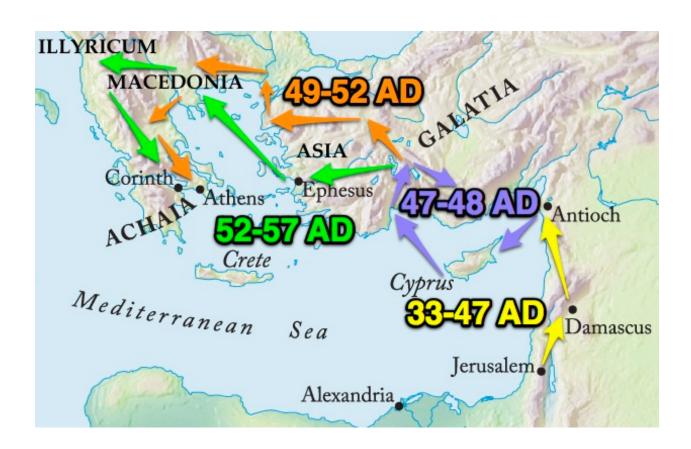
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Read Romans 15:19, where all has Paul preached the gospel?

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THINK ABOUT IT...

Where have you preached the gospel? Where can you preach the gospel? Draw a map from your house to the places you go (school, church, ballgames, friends, etc) and put an **X** on the places you shared with others about Jesus.

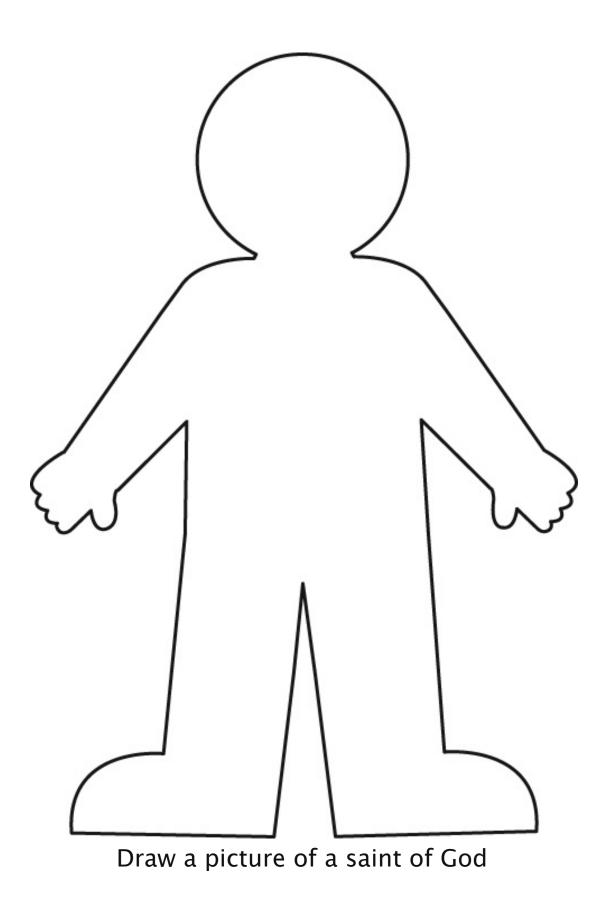
YOUR GOSPEL PREACHING MAP

Read Romans 16: 1-3 and 21-23, how many friends did Paul have with him who helped him share the gospel? He had _____ friends helping him THINK ABOUT IT...

Who are the friends that you have that will help you share the gospel with others?

Read Romans 1:7, who is Paul writing this letter to?
He is writing to the of God in, called as
Read Romans 1:8, what do you learn about their faith?
Their faith was being throughout the whole
Read Romans 16:17-19, why is Paul writing the church in Rome?
He wanted them to keep on those who cause dissensions (fights, separations, quarrels) and he wanted them to be in what is and in what is
THINK ABOUT IT What do you need to change about the people you hang around, watch, listen to, and learn from in order to pay

attention to Paul's warning to the church?



Read Romans 1:12, what did Paul want the church of Rome to be? Unscramble the letters to find the answer.

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Read Romans 1:12 again, did Paul also need to be encouraged by the saints in Rome? Circle your answer.

YES NO

THINK ABOUT IT...

Paul wrote to the church of Rome to warn them, to teach them, and to encourage them. He also needed to be encouraged by them. Who is someone is leadership, someone who teaches you, encourages you, helps you that you could encourage today? Think about it and maybe send that person a card or just give them big hug.

Romans 1:18-32

- **18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- **19** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- **21** For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
- **24** Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.
- 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,
- 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.
- And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
- being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,
- slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
- and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

WORD STUDY for Romans 1:18-21

Read the Greek definitions of each of these words and go back and read the Scripture verse in which they are found and see if it helps you understand what the means.

Wrath: orge

anger, the natural disposition, temper, character, movement or agitation of the soul, impulse, desire, any violent emotion, but esp. anger

Ungodliness: asebeia

want of reverence towards God, impiety

Unrighteousness: adikia

injustice, of a judge unrighteousness of heart and life a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness

Suppress: kateco

to hold back, detain, retain from going away to restrain, hinder (the course or progress of)that which hinders, Antichrist from making his appearance to check a ship's headway i.e. to hold or head the ship to hold fast, keep secure, keep firm possession of to get possession of, take to possess

Evident: phaneros

apparent, manifest, evident, known

manifest i.e to be plainly recognized or known

Made: phaneroo

to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown,

to manifest, whether by words, or deeds, or in any other way

make actual and visible, realized

to make known by teaching

to become manifest, be made known

of a person: expose to view, make manifest, to show one's self, appear

to become known, to be plainly recognized, thoroughly understood, who and what one is

Invisible: aoratos

unseen, or that which can not be seen

Clearly seen: kathorao

to look down, see from above, view from on high to see thoroughly, perceive clearly, understand

Understood: noeo

to perceive with the mind, to understand, to have understanding

to think upon, heed, ponder, consider

Knew: ginosko

to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of

perceive, feel

to become known

to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of

to understand

to know

to become acquainted with

Honor: doxazo

to think, suppose, be of opinion

to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate

to honor, do honor to, hold in honor

to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendor

to impart glory to something, render it excellent

to make renowned, render illustrious to cause the dignity

and worth of some person or thing to become manifest

and acknowledged

Futile: mataioo

to make empty, vain, foolish

Speculations: dialogismos

the thinking of a man deliberating with himself

a thought, inward reasoning

purpose, design

a deliberating, questioning about what is true

hesitation, doubting, disputing, arguing

Read Romans 1:18-	19
What is revealed from	om heaven?
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What is it revealed a	against?
all and	of men
What do these men	do?
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How can they supp	ress the truth?
	that which is known about God is within them
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Read Romans 1:20 and list what has been clearly seen about God since the creation of the world.

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Read Romans 1:21 again. Instead of honoring God and giving God thanks what did they do?

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_	at you know people think about e not true according to what God

Read Romans 1:22. Fill in the blanks below.
Professing to be they became
Let's see what other Bible verses have to say about being being wise and being a fool.
Read Psalm 14:1. What does the fool say in his heart?
There is
Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-25. Look at 1 Corinthians 1:18. Who is the word of the cross foolishness to?
those who are
Look at 1Corinthians 1:20. What has God made foolish?
the of the world
Read Proverbs 9:10. What is the beginning of wisdom?
the of the
Read Proverbs 2:6. Who gives wisdom?
the

As we look at the rest of Romans 1, we will see two repeated phrases, "they exchanged" and "God gave them over". When God repeats something in the Bible it is very important for us to pay special close attention to what He is repeating and to ask ourselves why He is repeating it. We should ask, "why is it so important".

Read Romans 1:22-23. What did those who profess to be wise, but became fools do?

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God for an	in the form of corruptible
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Read Romans 1:24. W verse?	hat is the first word in this

When the Bible says "therefore" that tells us to find out what the "therefore" is THERE FOR. In Romans 1:23-24 we see that they exchanged God for an image and therefore God gave them over.

Read Romans1:24 again. What did God do to those who exchanged His glory for an image of man, birds, animal, and crawling creatures?

God them Read Romans 1:25. What else	did they exchange.
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Read Romans 1:25 again. Wha	
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Read Genesis 3:1-6. Who did Asserve besides God (we serve volume to). Unscramble the letters for	who we obey and listen
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Read Revelation 12:9. Who is t	this serpent?
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Read John 8:44. What do you	learn about the devil?
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Read Romans 1:26. What does this verse begin with?
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"For this reason" is another important phrase in the Bible. When we see "for this reason" we need to ask "for WHAT reason?" and look to the verses before it to find out what the reason is. In Romans 1:25 we see that they exchanged the truth of God for the lie.
Read Romans 1:26-27. What did God do to those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie?
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Read Romans 1:26-27 again. What does God say about the relationship described?

Circle the correct answer.

It's natural It's unnatural

Read Genesis 1:26-27 below.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them

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Now go back and read Romans 1:22-25. What did the ungodly and unrighteous do?

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THINK ABOUT IT...

Spend some time today asking your grandparents how our nation has changed since they were kids. Ask them what they watched on television. Ask them what the president of our country supported. Ask them what things were considered wrong. Ask them how much of the Bible was a part of our country when they were kids.

Then ask your parents what things are considered wrong now. Ask them what things are considered to be okay in our nation today.

Do you see a connection between what is going on in our nation today with what you have studied in Romans 1:21-27? As our nation has chosen to not honor God as God or give Him thanks and has chosen to exchange the truth of God for a lie, has our nation changed because of it?

Before we go any further I want to make sure that you remember that the pronouns "them" and "they" in Romans 1:21-32 all refer back to the "ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" in Romans 1:18.

Read Romans 1:28. What do we learn about the

ungodly and unrighteous? God any longer Read Romans 1:28 again. What did God do when they chose not to acknowledge Him? God __ _ _ _ them __ _ _ to a depraved mind to do those things which are __ __ __ __ __ _____ Look up Isaiah 5:20-21 to see a description of a depraved mind Read Romans 1:29-30. List what those who have a depraved mind are filled with: being filled with ______, full of _____, _____, they are _____, ____, haters of _____, inventors of _____, disobedient to _____,

Read Romans 1:31. What are the ungodly and unrighteous without? Unscramble the letters.

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Read Psalm 145. W Circle your answer		o you learn about God?
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Is He loving?	Yes	No
Is He merciful?	Yes	No

Read Romans 1:32.

What do the unrighteous know?
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What do they know about those that practice the things that you listed?
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Even though they know this what do they do?
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Read Romans 1:19-20. How do they know the ordinances of God?
that which is known about God is evident to them; for God made it to them
THINK ABOUT IT How do you know that you know the ordinances of God? When was the last time you "told on someone" and what did they do that led you to tell?

Romans 2:1-11

- **1** Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.
- **2** And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
- **3** But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?
- **4** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
- **5** But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- 6 who will render to each person according to his deeds:
- **7** to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;
- **8** but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.
- **9** There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,
- **10** but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 11 For there is no partiality with God

Read Romans 2:1. What word does this verse begin

with?
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Read Romans 2:1 again. Who is the "you" in this verse? Look at Romans 2:17 to find out.
if you bear the name
Look to the Romans outline that was given. What is the focus of Romans 2?
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Read Romans 2:1 again. What were the Jews doing?
passing

Who were they passing judgment on? Remember the "therefore" in Romans 2:1. The Jews were passing judgment on those who practiced the things Paul wrote of in Romans 1:18-32. The Jews thought they were better because they had the Law to make them righteous, but when Jesus came he showed them that they were guilty of these sins even if they thought them one time.

Read Romans 2:2. What did the Jews know about the judgment of God?
it falls upon those who practice such things (the things in Romans 1:18-32)
Read Romans 2:3. What word does this verse begin with?

If you have time and availability type this in your URL to find out http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeaVb242Kgg
The book of Romans is full of "but's". This is another word that you will want to pay close attention as you study through this whole book.
Read Romans 2:3 again. The Jews were passing judgment on others, but what were they doing?
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Remember when I asked you to think about the last time you "told on" someone? Now knowing that you told on someone for that have you ever done it yourself? I bet that you have.
Read Romans 3:23 and fill in the blanks.
for have and fall short of the glory of God

According to Romans 3:23. What do we all have in common, no matter who you are or where you are from?

If you have time and availability type this in your URL and see how even the Disney Channel recognizes that it is sin that unites every human being on this earth. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xedx1AeYRc

Read Romans 2:3-4. What do you think Paul wanted everyone in the church in Rome to understand? Do all of us need the kindness the God? Do all of us need a Savior?

YES or NO

If you grew up in church and still go to church every Sunday and Wednesday and you read your Bible every day and you try very hard to keep all the Ten Commandments does this mean that you are good enough to get into heaven?

YES or NO

Read Romans 2:4. What does the kindness of God lead to?

Read Romans 2:5 W with?	hat word does this verse beging
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Here's what stubbornness looks like:



THINK ABOUT IT...

Have your parents ever said you were being stubborn? This is what stubborn looks like on the outside. God can tell when our hearts look like this on the inside.

Read Romans 2:5 again. What word is used to God's judgment?							
Read Romans 2:6. How will God render His judgment and wrath?							
according to our							
Look up and read Psalm 62:12, Proverbs 24:12, Matthew 16:27, and Revelation 22:12.							
Write out how God will repay and judge us according to these verses?							
Read Romans 2:6-8.							
What do those who persevere in doing good by seeking for glory and honor and immortality receive?							
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HINK ABOUT IT
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Read Romans 2:10. What comes to those who do good?
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Read Romans 2:11. What do we learn about God in his verse?
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God doesn't play favorites. He treats everyone the same.

Romans 2:11-29

- **11** For there is no partiality with God.
- 12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;
- for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are just before God, but the doers <u>u</u>of the Law will be justified.
- 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,
- 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,
- 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.
- 17 But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God,
- **18** and know *His* will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,
- 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,
- **20** a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

- 21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?
- 22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
- 23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?
- 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written.
- 25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice [v]the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.
- **26** So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?
- 27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?
- 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.
- 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

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and it means the soul as o	s: listinguishing be	etween what is morally to do the good and not do
•	read Romans 1 know about God	
That which is	known about Goo them	d is evident
What does t	hat mean about	us?
What are we	all without	
•	read Acts 17:2 learn about Go	4-31. d in Acts 17:27?
He is not	from	one of us

If you have access to a computer type this in your URL http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOZzNOkcEgM and also check out http://vimeo.com/46659240 to help illustrate Romans 2:14-15 stick.

THINK ABOUT IT...

When you are faced with an opportunity to do something, how long does it take you to decide if it is okay to do it? What do you use to decide if it is okay?

Ask your parents or grandparents or teacher to tell you a story about a time they let their conscience be their guide. Then ask them if their is a difference in their conscience since they asked Jesus to be their Savior and the Holy Spirit moved inside of them.

Spend the next couple of days trying really hard to listen to your conscience and see how it leads you.

Read Romans 2:16. What will judge all men by? Unscramble the words to find the answer.

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\ \ \	Ua indea tham thuanah?
the	of men
What will	God judge? Fill in the blanks
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Read Romans 2:17. What does this verse begin with?
(remember this is one of our important words)
Read Romans 2:17. Now replace the word "Jew" with "Christian". Replace the word "Law" with "Bible". In the blank following the word "you" write your own name.
But if you, bear the name " " and rely upon the
and boast in God,
and know <i>His</i> will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the,
and are confident that you, yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,
a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,
you, therefore, who teach another, do you, not teach yourself? You, who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?
You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Look up and read Matthew 5:20-22. What commandment is Jesus talking about?

You shall not commit					
What did Jesus say made you guilty enough before the court to send you to the fiery hell?					
everyone who is					
and whoever says to his brother "					
whoever says "					

Look up and read and Matthew 7:1-5. Whose sins do we need to point out first?

Your own

Your brothers

A strangers

THINK ABOUT IT....

When we grow up in church we learn a lot about the Bible and God's Law. We hear what He says is good and bad. Sometimes we use what we know as a tool to point out other people's sin just to keep people from seeing our sin. Have you ever told on someone else to get your mom or dad's eyes off of you hoping you would not get in trouble for what you did wrong?

Read Romans 2:23-24. Once again replace the word "Law" with "Bible". Also replace the word "Gentiles" with "world"

You who boast in the $__$ $__$, through your
breaking the $__$ $__$ $__$ $__$,	do you dishonor God?
5	•
For "the name of God is blaspl	nemed among the
because of you	u," just as it is written.
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THINK ABOUT IT...

Many times a person calls themselves a Christian, they even claim they know the Bible, but they live their lives the exact opposite that God says to in the Bible. When we do this we blaspheme the name of God to those who do not know Him yet.

How important is it that our words and our lives match? Is it more important to your parents that you say that you love them or that you show that you love them by respecting them, obeying them, and wanting to spend time with them?

Read Romans 2:25. Do you know why Paul is talking to the Jews about circumcision?

Let's do some background research. Sit down with your mom or dad and read Genesis 17:1-14.

Now look back at Genesis 17:11. What was circumcision meant to be?

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Read Exodus 20:1-17.

This is the Ten Commandments. Usually when we think of the Law of God we think of these, but the Law also included God's ordinances and the rules for worship and sacrifices in the tabernacle.

Read Exodus 24:3-8. What was the "words of the LORD and all the ordinances"? Circle your answer.

a sign the covenant

Read Romans 2:25 again. Now that you know more about circumcision and the Law, according to Romans 2:25 which is more important to God? Circle your answer.

Be circumcised. Obey the Law

Hang on to all this information about circumcision, signs, Law, and covenants. We will come back to it later as we go farther into the book of Romans. I am so proud of you for studying all this!!! Keep going! You are doing great! It doesn't have to all make sense to you yet... just keep praying and studying!

Read Romans 2:25-29.

If you are not a Jew, then circumcision is not a sign that you might connect to being a Christian.

To help us understand these verses we are going to replace the word "circumcision" with "baptism" and replace the word "Jew" with "Christian"

For indeed	$\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$ is of value if you practice the Law;
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has become un	
	
So if the unbaptized	man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not
	be regarded as ?
	<u></u>
And he who is physica	ally unbaptized if he keeps the Law, will he
	ough having the letter of the Law
	a transgressor of the Law?
and onounnoision are t	a transgrooder of the Law.
For he is not a	who is one outwardly, nor
is	that which is outward in the flesh.
	_ mat which is satural and the hoom.
But he is a	who is one inwardly;
	at which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the
	s not from men, but from God.
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Look up and read De	euteronomy 10:16. Moses wrote the book of
-	does he say we need to circumcise?
Draw a picture of yo	•
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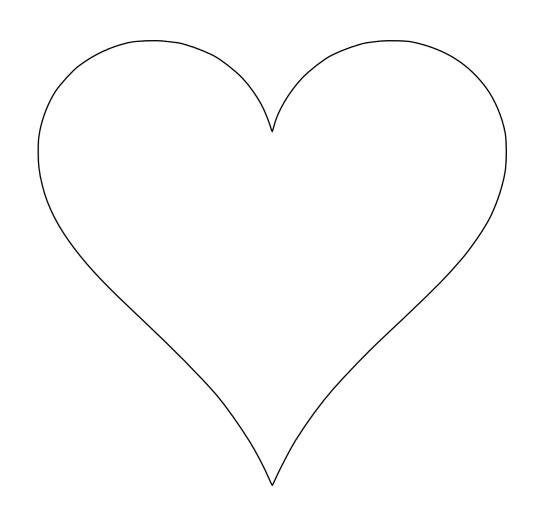
Do you think you can circumcise your own heart? Circle your answer. Yes No Look up and read Deuteronomy 30:6 and see who it is that can circumcise your heart. Fill in the blanks with your answer. The ___ __ your ___ __ According to Deuteronomy 30:6 what is a circumcised heart able to do? Fill in the blanks. To __ _ _ the Lord your God with all your __ _ _ and with all your ___ __, so that you may ___ __. Read Luke 10:25-28. Who is speaking? a lawyer and ___ __ __ __ What does Jesus say one must do to inherit eternal life? "You shall __ _ _ _ the Lord your God with all your _ ___ ___, and with all your ___ __ __, and with $_ \ __ \ __ \ __$, and with all your

Read 1 John 4:20-21 and 1 John 5:1-3. How do we know that we love God?

 others	
 God and	His commandments

THINK ABOUT IT...

Below is a heart. Spend some quiet time today and ask God to show you what is in your heart. Draw pictures inside the heart of what you find.



Romans 3:1-9

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

- **2** Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.
- **3** What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?
- **4** May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written,

"That You may be justified in Your words, And prevail when You are judged."

- **5** But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)
- **6** May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?
- **7** But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?
- **8** And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.
- **9** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

As we dig into Romans 3:1-9 I want you to first read through these verses and count how many question marks you see.

How many question marks did you count?
As we learn about our God we will have questions. Questions are good because they mean we are thinking. So as we continue to study through the book of Romans don't be afraid to ask your own questions. Today we are going to look at the questions and answers in Romans 3:1-9.
First go now and find two different colored crayons or colored pencils. It doesn't matter what two colors, just as long as they are different colors.
Read Romans 3:1-2 printed below. <u>Underline the question</u> in one color and circle the answer in the other.
1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?
2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.
What were the Jews entrusted with?
the of God

Do you think that being trusted with the words and law of God would be important? Circle your answer.

Yes No

Read Romans 3:3-4 printed below. <u>Underline the question</u> in one color and circle the answer in the other.

3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written,

"That You may be justified in Your words, And prevail when You are judged."

Who is always true? Circle your answer.

Man God

Does everyone have to believe what God says to make what He says true? Circle your answer.

Yes No

Look at the last part of **Romans 3:4, "That You may be justified in Your words and prevail when You are judged"**. This part of Romans 3:4 is a quote from Psalm 51. David wrote this Psalm after he admitted his sin against God when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband Uriah killed. David and Bathsheba's baby would die as a result of this sin, and David could have blamed God and been angry with God with for this judgment. Instead David recognized that God had to right in this judgment no matter how David felt, because God was always true, right, just, and good.

Read Romans 3:5-6 printed below. <u>Underline the question</u> in one color and circle the answer in the other.

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

According to Romans 3:6 is the God who inflicts wrath unrighteous? Circle your answer.

Yes No

When we sin, we always receive consequences from that sin, even if we do not get caught or get in trouble because of it, we still have the feelings of guilt and shame that come from knowing we did it. Our unrighteousness (or sin) shows that God is righteous (or holy). If God did not judge sin then He would no longer be righteous. He proves His righteousness by His wrath.

Think About It....

If you went to your teacher and told them that someone in your class had taken your snack and would not give it back to you and that teacher did nothing about it... would you say that this was a good, fair, and right teacher?

Read Romans 3:7-8 printed below. <u>Underline the question</u> in one color and circle the answer in the other.

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not *say* (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.

Remember the Antinomians? Paul is addressing them here with this question and answer. Remember the Antinomians believed that if their sin showed off God's righteousness then they should be able to sin all they wanted because it just showed how great God was to forgive.

According to Romans 3:8 how does God feel about this

kind of thinking by	the Antinomians?
Their	is just.
•	nation" in this verse is "krima" in the Greek unishment with which one is sentenced)
_	Proverbs 6:16-19. According to what you difeel about a lying tongue and evil?
He	it.
	osalm 34:12-14 and Psalm 97:10. If we should we feel about sin?
We should	it

Read Romans 3:9 printed below. <u>Underline the question</u> in one color and circle the answer in the other.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

According to what you have studied in Romans 3:1-9 and also including Romans chapters 1 and 2 are the Jews better than the Greeks? Look at Romans 3:9 to find the answer and fill in the blanks.

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What are the Jews and Greeks both under?	
	
THINK ABOUT IT	

If the Jews and Greeks are both under sin, does this include you and me?

Are we better than someone who does not go to church?

Just because we have the Bible and read it and go to Sunday School and worship service and Awana's and VBS does doing all this and knowing all this make us okay with God?

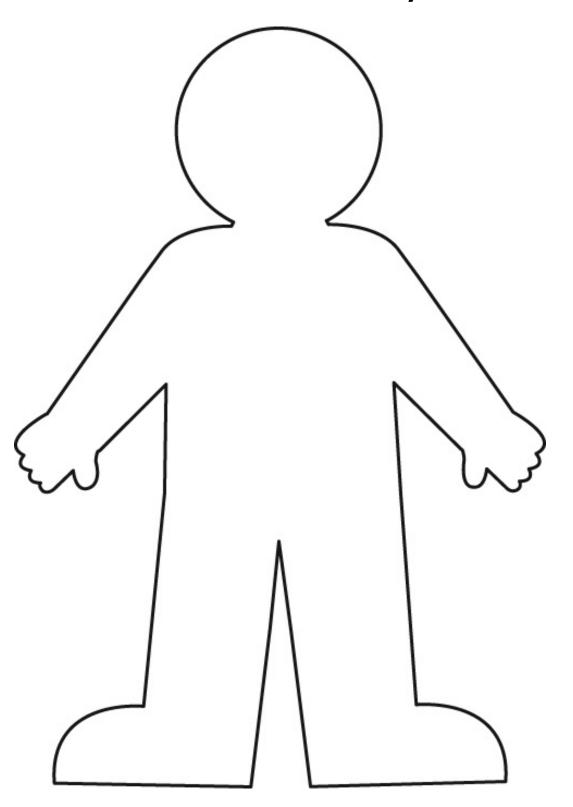
Romans 3:10-18

10 as it is written,

"There is none righteous, not even one;

- **11** There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;
- **12** All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."
- 13 "Their throat is an open grave, With their tongues they keep deceiving," "The poison of asps is under their lips";
- 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness";
- 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood,
- **16** Destruction and misery are in their paths,
- 17 And the path of peace they have not known."
- **18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes."
- **19** Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;
- **20** because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

Below is the outline of a person. Read Romans 3:10-18 and draw or write what you learn on it.



Look up and read Matthew 7:17-20. How does Jesus say we will know people?

by their
Look up and read Matthew 12:33-37. From where does the mouth speak?
the
Where is your heart? Is it inside or outside your

Where is your heart? Is it inside or outside your body? Circle your answer.

Inside

Outside

THINK ABOUT IT...

Jesus is teaching us that the things we say and the things we do come from what is inside of us... they do not come from what is outside of us.

Think about the last time you were in trouble because you said or did something mean to someone. Did you try to get out of trouble by blaming them for what they did to you first?

If you were to try to tell that excuse to Jesus what do you think He would say to you?

Where would He say the mean thing you said or did came from?

Read Romans 3:10-12 and answer the questions below. Look over your person outline as you answer the following questions.

How many a	re righteous?		
How many u	nderstands? ((their minds are dark)	
How many s	eek for God?	(their eyes are closed)	
How many h	- ave turned as	side?	
How many d	o good?		
_	ough to be ok	0-12 is anyone righte cay before God? Circle	
	Yes	No	
Does this inc	clude you? Cir	cle your answer.	
	Yes	No	

THINK ABOUT IT...

As we broke down this part of Romans 3:10-13 we were able to see what was inside this person. Now as we begin looking at the rest of Romans 3:13 and Romans 3:14 we are going to see what is coming out of this person. We see that it first comes out of their throat.

This is going to be kind of gross, but I want you to think about when you get a sick bug in your tummy and it makes your insides all yucky... What happens?

That's right! You throw up and that throw up comes out of your throat.

This is kind of like what we are going see in Romans 3:13-14. This persons insides are bad and yucky, their heart is bad. So what comes out of them is going to be yucky and bad too. This is their "fruit".

Read Romans 3:13.			
What do they do with their tongues?			
they keep			
What is under their lips?			
of asps			
What is their mouth full of?			
and			
You might be wondering what an asp is An asp is a small and most venomous serpent or snake. Its bite is			

small and most venomous serpent or snake. Its bite is fatal unless the bitten part is immediately cut away from your body.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Knowing this about the asp, look up and read **Matthew 18:8-9**. Jesus wants us to know how serious sin is in our lives. It is just like a bite from this asp.

Romans 3:10-14 shows us what is inside of this person and also shows us what comes out this person through their throat and their mouth. We see how they speak. Now we are going to look at how they act. We are going to see what they do and where they go.

Read Romans 3:15-17 and answer the following the questions.

What are their feet swift to do?				
shed				
What is in their p				
and				
What have they i	not know?			
the path of				
Read Romans 3:1 things they do ar		why they do the the ngs they say.		
There is no	of	before their eyes.		

As we look at this person we may think they are very, very bad. We may even be comparing ourselves to them right now and thinking we are okay because we are not that bad. However, we have to remember what we have learned in all of Romans. We have to remember that God does not compare us with each other. He compares us to Himself and His Law.

Read Romans 3:19 and answer the questions below. How many mouths are closed? __ __ mouth Who is accountable to God? ___ __ the ___ __ __ __ Read Romans 3:20 and answer the questions below. Who can be justified (be okay with God) by keeping the Law? ___ flesh Can anyone keep all of God's Law and never break even one? Circle your answer.

Yes

Nο

Read Romans 3:20 again. If no one can be saved by keeping God's Law then why did He give us the Law?

through the Law comes the of
THINK ABOUT IT
Read the Scripture verses printed below.
Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever! (Deuteronomy 5:29)
"Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)
What kind of heart does God want us to have?

Spend some time today thinking about your own heart.

Look up and read 1 John 1:9. What does Jesus want us to do with our sin?				
it				
Look up and read Matthew 3:8. What kind of fruit does Jesus want us to bear?				
bear fruit in keeping with				
THINK ABOUT IT				
What is repentance? Is it just saying you are so Or does it mean somethin	•			
Jesus wants us to bear fru	uit keeping with repentance			
	to just say that we are sorry, that we show that we really			

Romans 3:21-31

- But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
- 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
- for the demonstration, *I* say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- **27** Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.
- For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.
- Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,
- since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.
- Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

Read	Romans	3:21.	How	does	this	verse	begin?
	now	[*Do	you r	emem	ber N	lemo?	:-)]

Read Romans 3:21 again. Below you will see two different copies of this verse. Circle which one is correct.

- (a) But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- (b) But now together with the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Think about what you learned from reading Romans 3:21 and also all that you have already studied in Romans and answer the following question.

Does the Law of God make us righteous? Circle your answer.

Yes No.

Romans 3:21 tells us that the righteous of God has been manifested apart from the Law, but the Law and the Prophets are witness to it. Do you know what that means?

Think about it...

Remember that when something is manifested it is being made known. It is being made visible. It is being revealed. It is no longer being hidden. So the righteousness of God is being made known to us apart from the Law. Remember the Law was designed by God to give us knowledge of sin. It cannot give us righteousness.

Do you understand what it means when Romans 3:21 says the Law and Prophets are <u>witness</u> to the righteousness of God being made known apart from the Law?

Think about a wedding. I know you have probably been to a wedding or at least seen a wedding on television.

The man and woman stand before a judge and they stand before friends and families and they are making their love and commitment to one another known to the world. They enter into a marriage covenant with one another and the judge and their friends and families are witness to it.

They stand their in agreement that this wedding is good and right and lawful. In the same way, the Law and the Prophets stood witness to the righteousness of God being manifested.

Do you know how it was manifested?

Let's keep studying to find out!

Read Romans 3:22. Answer the following questions by filling in the blanks. You will find the answers in Romans 3:22.

How do we get the righteousness of God?			
Through faith in who?			
Who is the righteousness of			
those who			
Read Romans 3:22-23 and questions by filling in the l	_		
Why is the righteousness of Jesus Christ for all those we through the Law?			
for have	and		
of the glory of	of God		
Does what you learned in I	Romans 3:10-20 help you		

Yes No

understand and appreciate these verses more?

Read Romans 3:24. Below is the definition of the word justified:

<u>Justified</u> means to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

Notice that justified means you are "declared righteous" you are "declared to be who you ought to be". Justified does not mean that you are righteous.

Now read	Romans	3:24	again	and	answer	the
following	question	s.				

How are we just	ified?		
as a	by His		
Do you earn a gi	ft?		
	Yes	No	
Do we receive the the Law?	is gift because	e we are	able to keep
	Yes	No	
How do we get t	his gift of bein	g justifie	ed?
by His			
through the			in Jesus

What is grace?

<u>Grace</u> is that which affords <u>joy</u>, <u>pleasure</u>, <u>delight</u>, <u>sweetness</u>, charm, loveliness: grace of speech good will, loving-kindness, favor of the <u>merciful kindness</u> by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ

So we are declared righteous, justified, through faith in Jesus as a gift by the joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, and merciful kindness of God.

Pretty cool huh!

Of course remember this is only for those who believe. Read Romans 3:22. Do you believe? Really believe?

What is redemption?

Redemption is a releasing effected by payment of ransom

So we are declared righteous, justified, through faith in Jesus as a gift by the joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, and merciful kindness of God because Jesus paid our ransom.

Read John 19:30 below.

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:30)

The word "finished" in the greek is teleo and it means to pay

Jesus said "It is paid!"

Read Romans 3:25. Do you know what propitiation means?

Propitiation means:

used of the cover of the ark of the covenant in the Holy of Holies, which was sprinkled with the blood of the expiatory victim on the annual day of atonement, <u>mercy seat</u>.

Have you ever studied the Tabernacle or the Temple in the Old Testament? Inside the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant and on the Ark of the Covenant was the Mercy Seat. It was here on the Mercy Seat that the High Priest would put the blood of the lamb. When the blood was put on the Mercy Seat, God would forgive the sins of the nation of Israel.

Jesus became the Mercy Seat for us and for all who will believe.

Read Romans 3:25. How was Jesus displayed. Circle your answer.

publicly privately

Read Romans 3:25 again. Fill in the missing word.

whom	God	displayed	publicly	as	a	propitiation	in	His
blood	throu	ıgh						

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever thought about the fact that it took faith for Jesus to go to the cross for us? He had to trust that His Father would accept His sacrifice and raise Him from the dead.

Do you remember the story of when God asked Abraham to offer up Isaac as a burnt offering?

Let's go read it now. Look up and read Genesis 22:1-14.

How much faith do you think it took for Abraham to do this?

How much faith do you think it took for Isaac to obey his father in this?

Now how much faith do you think it took Jesus to actually go through with it?

How about we stop and spend a moment right now and

be still. Let's thank Jesus for what He did for us. How about writing Him a thank you prayer below.			
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Read Romans 3:25 again. Why did God display Jesus on the cross publicly (in front of everybody)? The answer is in the verse. Fill in the blanks to answer.

This was to	
	$__$ $__$, because in the
forbearance of God He passed committed.	l over the sins previously

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever thought about about all the sin that God has passed over? Think about the last time you broke one of God's laws. The last time you told a lie. The last time you disobeyed your parents. Did God pass over that sin? Remember the wages of sin is death. If you did not die because of that sin, then your God chose to "pass over it". Why would He do that? Does He have to do that?

Read 2 Samuel 2:13 printed out below.

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. (2 Samuel 2:13)

David had broken a lot of God laws. He had committed adultery. He had lied. He had not honored his father or his mother. He had committed murder. He had not kept God first in his life. He had stolen. He had coveted. David had greatly sinned against God. God had every right to

put David to death, but instead God passed over David's sin. He passed over David's sin because David was a man who even though he had messed up very bad, he looked forward in faith to the day that God would send a Savior. He looked forward to the day that Jesus would die for his sin.

Now read 2 Samuel 2:14 printed out below. Then answer the following questions.

However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die. (2 Samuel 2:14)

Who would die for David's sin?

his ___ __

This may seem very hard to understand, that God would take away David's son because of David's sin, but I think God wanted David, and us, to understand what God's Son would do. David's son would die for this time for this sin of David's, but God's Son would die for all of David's sin and for all the sin of the whole world.

Look up John 3:16 and write the verse out below.

Read Romans 3:26. Why did God pass over David's sin and everyone else, including you and me, who have broken God's Law. Fill in the blanks below with your answer.

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and the	of the one who has
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THINK ABOUT IT	
How well are you are able to keep when you are trying very, very, very	
Now, how glad are you that God so what we believe about Jesus instead keep His Law?	_
Draw a picture below that shows h	now you feel about this.

Read Romans 3:31.

If both the Jew and Gentile, the circumcised and the uncircumcised, are justified by faith and not the Law of God, does that mean we no longer need the Law of God? Do we nullify the Law through faith?				
	it	be!		
	ording to Rom ne Law of God	ans 3:31, what does our fall?	aith do	
we _		the Law		

The word establish in the Greek is *Histemi* and it means to cause or make to stand, to make firm, fix establish, to cause a person or a thing to keep his or its place, to stand, be kept intact.

Faith does not cancel out God's Law. Faith comes only when we believe God's Law. So our faith proves that we believe God's Law and we believe God's Word.

Let's skip ahead a bit and read **Romans 10:17** printed below.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Now that you are hearing the Word, do you believe?

Romans 4:1-8

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

- **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- **3** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."
- 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.
- **s** But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,
- **6** just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:
- **7** "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered.
- **8** "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account."

In **Romans 4** Paul shows us how God uses Abraham as an example to show all of us that justification is by faith and not by our works or by the Law.

Read Romans 4:1-2. Even if Abraham had worked

really hard and justified by his before God? Co Circle your ans	s works, cou ould He imp	ld he boast a	about that
	Yes	No	
Read Romans about how Abrighteous? Fill	aham was j	ustified or d	eclared
Abraham	to	God an him as righted	d it was ousness
Read Romans and credit?	4:4. What d	o you learn a	bout works
Now to the one as a favor, but a		_	credited
If you work fo as a gift or is y earned it? Circ	our paymer	nt due to you	
	favor	due	

Read Romans does not work the ungodly?		• •	
his righteousness	is		as
The word "faith' conviction of the So it was Abraha God and what G	truth, belief am's convict	in the true true	uth, his belief in
Read Romans	4:5 again.	Who does 0	God justify?
the			
Look back at R According to w far, who are th	hat you ha	ave learned	
Jews	Gentiles	Everyone	Noone
Read Romans crediting right		<u> </u>	to us about God works?
What does Dav	vid call this	s credit of ri	ighteousness?
a			

The word "blessing" in the Greek is Makarismos and it means declaration of blessedness, to utter a declaration of blessedness upon one, to pronounce one blessed.

According to this definition, do you earn a blessing? Circle your answer.

Yes	No

Read Romans 4:7-8. These verses come from Psalm 32:1-2. According to these verses who is blessed?

1)	those whose lawless of	deeds have been
		-
2)	those whose sins have	e been
3)	those whose account	the Lord will not take into

The greatest blessing and gift we can receive is God forgiving our lawless deeds and not crediting us the wage of our sin. Read Romans 6:23 to see what the wages of sin is. What is the wage for sin?

When we believe God and His promise to us He credits us with righteousness and He pays sin for us. We did not earn the blessing, the forgiveness, or the righteousness... it is all the favor and gift of God to us for simply believing Him.

Romans 4:9-25

Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness."

- **10** How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;
- **11** and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,
- **12** and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.
- **13** For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.
- **14** For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;
- **15** for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.
- **16** For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,
- **17** (as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

- In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "So shall your descendants be."
- Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb
- yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,
- **21** and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
- Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness.
- Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,
- but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Read Romans 4:9-10. What question does Paul ask about Abraham's faith being credited to him as righteousness?

According	j to wh	at you	have r	ead in	Genesis	put the
following	in the	order	that the	ey hap	pened.	

	God	1 2 3	
What came last? — — — — — -			
If circumcision ca justify Abraham?			
	Yes	No	
Read Romans 4:10 faith? Before or af Circle your answe	fter he w		
	Before	After	
Read Romans 4:1: important to knov righteous before h circumcision?	v. Why v	vas Abrahai	m credited
So that he might be	the fathe	er of It being circu	who ımcised

According to what you have learned so far in Romans and the chapters you have read in Genesis, does a person have to be circumcised to be justified? Circle your answer.

Yes No.

Read Romans 4:13. Did Abraham receive his promise from God through the Law? Circle your answer.

Yes No

When did Abraham receive the promise from God? Look up and read Genesis 12:1-4 to find out.

When did God give Israel the Law? Read Exodus 20:1-18 to find out.

According to the Bible what came first, the promise to Abraham or the Law? Circle your answer.

Promise Law

Go back and read Romans 3:20. What is the purpose of the Law?

Through the Law comes the	 	
of		

Read Romans 4:15. Wh about?	at does the Law bring
Read Romans 3:21-22. righteousness of God?	
Through the Law	Through faith in Jesus
Who can receive this riganswer.	ghteousness? Circle your
Those who	are circumcised
Those wh	o have the Law
Those wh	no believe God.
Law Promise Circumcision Believed God Covenant made	1
What came first?	

What did Abraham believe? Circle your answer.

The Law The Promise

THINK ABOUT IT....

What promise has God made that He has asked us to believe so that we might be saved?

Read John 3:16.

Is there anything that God says we have to do before we believe?

Is there anything that God says that we have to do after we believe?

Read Romans 4:16. How does this verse begin?

___ ____

This verse tells us why God did not make the Law or circumcision the way for us to be justified and credited righteousness. If we were justified by the Law, who could be saved? Who can keep the Law and never break it? Can anyone? Circle your answer.

Yes No

Read Romans 4:16 again. Fill in the blanks to complete the verse.

For this reason it is by	/	_, in order that <i>it</i>
may be in accordance	with	, so that the
descendants, not only also to those who are father of us	to those who a	re of the Law, but
How can Abraham be Remember that Pauchurch, to the saint read Galatians 3:29	ıl is writing thi s in Rome. Reı	is letter to the member this and
And if you belong to descendants, heirs	-	
		Galatians 3:29
According to this ve the promise and Ab		
if you belong to		
Look up and read Roto Christ?	omans 10:9. H	ow can we belong
	with your mout	th Jesus is Lord, and
from the dead, you wi	-	nat God raised Him

Read Romans 4:16 again. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 printed below and answer the questions.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

How are you saved?		
by	you have been saved through	
	s 3:24 and compare it to Ephesians do both of the verses tell us about	
it is a	of	

Read Romans 3:27-28 and Romans 4:2 and compare it to Ephesians 2:8-9. Is there any one who can brag or boast about doing enough works to get themselves saved? Circle your answer.

Yes No

Go ahead and read Romans 4:16-25. When you finish sit down with your mom and dad or another trusted adult as we study through and think about these last verses in Romans 4. As you read remember that Abraham is an example to us as to how God saves and keeps His promise to us.

THINK ABOUT IT...

When we read about Abraham and Sarah in the book of Genesis we learn that Abraham was 75 years old when God gave him the promise. If we look all the way back to Genesis 3:15 we see that this promise was made first to Adam and Eve. Then it was made to Noah in Genesis 6:18. Now God gives it Abraham in Genesis 12:1-4. God promises that he would become the father of many nations. God gives the promise, but Abraham still has to believe the promise. As we read about Abraham we learn that he makes a lot of mistakes as He tries to obey God, but He keeps trying. In Genesis 15 we learn that Abraham really believes the promise that God made him, and so God credits him righteous, God saves Him. Then Abraham and Sarah tried to help God keep His promise, but they only made things worse. God wanted them and us to know that our works and our efforts do not determine whether or not God keeps His promise. God keeps His promise because He is God. So God made Abraham and Sarah wait until both their bodies were unable to make a baby on their own. Their baby making parts were as Romans 4:17-19 says, dead. But dead does not mean anything to the God who creates life out of nothing. So when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old, Isaac was born. God brought their baby making parts from death to life and fulfilled His promise... all because they believed Him. In the same way our spirit inside of us is dead. It died when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. But God says if we believe in His promise, if we believe in Jesus, He will make our dead spirit alive. We will learn more about this as we study through the rest of Romans. It's very exciting!

I want you to close your study today with working on memorizing Romans 4:20-21. Do this together with your mom and dad or your brother or sister. This is a very important passage to have hidden in your heart and mind. There is nothing more important than knowing that God will keep His Word.

yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

Romans 4:20-21

Write this verse on a card and read it three times a day.

You can also take a dry erase marker and write it on the mirror in your bathroom or bedroom. This way you can read it every time you go in there.

Romans 5:1- 11

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
- **5** and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
- But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.
- **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Read Romans 5:1. With what word does this verse begin?

Remember when we see a "therefore" we need to find out what the "therefore" is there for. We discover that information by looking at the verses that come before the "therefore". When we do this we see that in Romans 4 the whole chapter was about how Abraham is God's example to us that we are justified by faith, not works and not the Law.
Read Romans 5:1 again and fill in the blanks to complete the verse.
Therefore, having been by, we have with God through our Christ
Now that you have the verse completed, how do we have peace with God?
through
THINK ABOUT IT

The word **peace** in this verse in the Greek is eirene and it means exemption from the rage and havoc of war, peace between individuals.

Have you ever thought about the fact that before you are saved you are at war with God?

Read Romans 5:2. Who did we obtain our introduction by faith into the grace of God through? (hint: you find the answer in Romans 5:1) Read Romans 5:2 again. Knowing that we are justified by faith and have peace with God through Jesus what can we now exult in? (the word exult means to boast in)		
	t we boast abou	God we no longer are afraid of ut it. We no longer hate Him,
have been j	justified by fai	else do we exult in if we ith and have peace with discussion of the state of the items.
snoibirtulta		
	-	out in order what we know nen we are saved.
tribulation, b	rings about	
perseverance	e, proven	· — — — — — —
proven chara	acter.	

Kead Komans 5:5. V	what do we learn about hope?
hope	disappoint
	gain. How can we know that God does not disappoint?
	of God has been poured out in through the who was given to us.
Let's take a momen Holy Spirit.	t to learn a little bit about the
Look up and read Jo	ohn 14:15-17.
Who did Jesus say tus?	that the Holy Spirit would be to
the	_
Look up and read Jo	ohn 14:25-26.
How did Jesus say t	that He would help us?
He will be you	
He will	_ you all things
He will bring to that Jesus says to us	all

Look up and read Ephesians 1:13-14. Let's put in order what happens in these verses.

1) after truth, the	to the message of of salvation
2) having also	
3) you were	in Him (Jesus) with the of promise
When was the Holy S correct answer.	Spirit promised? Circle the
When Jesus was talking	g with His disciples in John 14.
When Noah got off the	ark in Genesis 9
When Adam and Eve si	nned in the garden in Genesis 3.
-	nd Acts 2:1-4. When did the concerning the Holy Spirit
the day of	
learned that faith is a	ts 2:38. We have already a gift, that being justified is a s a gift, now who else is a gift
the	

Read Romans 5:6. Why is it important that God was willing to give us all this as a gift.

we were		_ _ _
	good, lov	id Jesus die for us ved God, and deserved it?
	Yes	No
How does Roman	s 5:6 des	cribe us?
helpless and		
Read Romans 5:6 how much He love		does God demonstrate
while we were yet _	died for	

THINK ABOUT IT...

WOW! So God did not wait until we were good before He sent His Son to die for us. He also does not wait until we are good before He shares with us the Gospel and gives us the gift of faith and justification. He meets us where we are and gives us His Word to help us if we will just believe Him. He loved us before we even wanted to be good.

How about we take a moment to tell Him how that makes us feel.

Read Romans 5:9. How does this verse begin?		
then		
Have you ever seen an infomercial on television? A commercial were someone offers you a product and they begin to tell you what all you are going to get with it and then they say, "But wait, there's more!"		
As study through the rest of Romans 5 and really the rest of the book of Romans we are going to see what all we receive in this gift of grace and justification by faith through Jesus Christ.		
Go ahead read through Romans 5:9-11 and count how many times you read "much more".		
How many times did you read it?		
Read Romans 5:9. Now that we are justified by His blood what else will be saved from because of what Jesus did when He died for us?		
the of God		
Read Romans 5:10. Romans 5:6 tells us that we were helpless and ungodly when Jesus died for us. What do we learn about ourselves in Romans 5:10?		
we were of God		

Read Romans 5:10-11. If we believe that Jesus died for us to reconcile us to God while we were helpless, ungodly, sinners, and His enemies, then what should we also know?

we shall be		by His life.	
What happened aft was buried? Did He your answer.			
	Yes	No	
Read Romans 5:11 Christ once we are			rough Jesus
in G	od		
(To <u>reconcile</u> is to between. It is to ma			•

THINK ABOUT IT...

matter.)

If not for what Jesus did by coming to earth as the Son of God and the Son of Man we could never have a relationship with God.

Why don't you get a piece of paper and draw a picture or write a story about how Jesus makes us friends with God again.

Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned

- **13** for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- **14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- **15** But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
- **16** The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification.
- **17** For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- **18** So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.
- **19** For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
- **20** The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Read Romans 5:12. Through how many mer	າ did s	sin
enter the world? Circle your answer.		

3 2 1 7 Read Romans 5:12 again. What entered the world through sin? Read Romans 5:12 one more time. How many men did death spread to? Circle your answer. few some couple several all Read Romans 5:13. What came first the Law or sin? Read Romans 5:14. What reigned from Adam to Moses to prove that sin came first? Did people die before God gave Israel the Law (Ten

No

Commandments)? Circle your answer.

Yes

Read Romans 5:15-21. These verses compare and contrast two different men and two different events. We will learn about a man named Adam and a man named Jesus. Let's do some background work.

Who is Adam? Read Genesis 1:26-29 and Genesis 2:15-25 to find out.

Who is Jesus? Read John 1:1-5, John 1:14-18, and John 3:16 to find out.

What happened because of Adam? Read Genesis 3:1-24 to find out.

What happened because of Jesus? Read John 14:1-31 to find out.

Adam disobeyed His Father. He sinned and had to leave the garden of his Father. He was unable to return. Jesus obeyed the Father. He never sinned and has come to take us back to the Father with Him! He is the way back to the Father's house for all who believe.

Now let's turn back to Romans 5:15-21 and see what else we learn about Adam and Jesus and what they mean to us.

Read Romans 5:15. Complete the sentence below by filling in the blanks.

Who is the one who caused the grace of God to abound to "the many"?			
Who is "the one" who caused "the many" to die by transgression?			
Read Romans 5:15-17 again and answer the following questions.			
The free gift is being justified and receiving life. It is receiving the free gift of the grace of God. The transgression is being condemned and receiving death. It it receiving the due penalty of the wrath of God These are two very different things aren't they?			
being			
What is the free gift. Look back at Romans 3:24 to find out. Fill in the blanks with your answer.			
But the free gift is like the transgression.			

Read Romans 5:18-19. Look at the chart below. I have filled in the "what" and "results" section for you. I need you to fill in the "who" section.

What	Results	Who
one transgression	resulted condemnation to all men	
One act of righteousness	resulted justification of life to all men	
one disobedience	many were made sinners	
obedience of the One	many will be made righteous	

Read Romans 5:20. Why did the Law come?			
			would
Remen Law?	nber Romans	3:20? What o	comes through the
the		of s	in
	nber Romans Circle your ar		w many of us do
	some of us	all of us	none of us

Read Romans 5:20. What abounded all the more as sin increased?

Read Romans 5:21. Fill in the blanks below.	
Sin reigned in	
Grace would reign in	to

THINK ABOUT IT...

Are you wondering, how does the Law make sin increase and how does an increase in sin lead to more grace? Those are good questions to wonder about.

When we read the Law and the rest of God's Word we learn about His standard and His holiness. We learn what He says is good and right.

When we learn what He says is good and right and then we compare our actions, thoughts, and words to His we realize that we are great sinners. We realize that we disobey. We realize that we are just like Adam in the garden.

And if we are just like Adam then we realize that we under condemnation and the wrath of God.

When we realize this we have two choices. We can stay where we are and continue to love sin. We can cry out to God for help and believe on Jesus and be saved. In Adam all die. In Christ all who believe live.

Let's close our study in Romans 5 by filling in the chart below with pictures to help illustrate the difference between Adam and Jesus.

ADAM	JESUS