

The Gospel in Detail

Romans 1 – 8

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DAY 1

We have a sense of righteousness. We also have sin.

Read Romans 2:1-16.

We are not to pass judgment on other people (2:1).

- What reason does Paul give for us not to judge someone else's wrongdoing, even if we can see it plainly?
- If we are conscious of our own sin, and God's grace toward it, how does that affect how we judge the sins of others?
- Are you conscious of your own sin, and God's grace toward it?

For the Gentiles, who don't have the Law of Moses, "the requirements of the law are written on their hearts" (2:15).

- What does that mean?
- Do all people have a sense of morality? Where does that come from?

Paul compares "outward" physical circumcision with "inward" circumcision of the heart (2:29).

- What does it mean to have circumcision "inwardly?"

DAY 2

Sin is a problem and everyone has it.

Paul says, “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out” and “the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing” (7:18-24).

- Can you relate to this?
- Is this part of our fallen nature?

Read Romans 3.

- What is the problem that Jews and Gentiles both have? (3:9).
- What portion of humankind is righteous? (3:10).
- God gave us the law, but everybody violates it. This is unfortunate. But there is a redeeming benefit to having the law. What is it? (3:20).
- Who has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? Who can be justified by the grace of Jesus Christ? (3:23).

DAY 3

Our loving God, through the work of his son Jesus Christ, provided a cure.

- Why should there be no boasting for a person that has been justified? (3:28).
- What does it mean for God to “credit us” with righteousness? (4:24).
- We are no longer condemned. We are “set free from the law of sin and death.” (8:1). How does it feel to realize that God has given you an eternal and blessed life, even though you are deserving of condemnation and death?
- How does it change the way you live today?

DAY 4

If we accept the cure, we will have peace with God and a good life that lasts forever.

- Since we are justified, we have peace with God (5:1). Our relationship with God was broken by original sin, but has been restored by grace. How does that make you feel?
- What does it mean to have peace with the creator of the universe, our heavenly father?
- When we do the work of our regular jobs, we earn wages. We deserve the money. When we sin, what is it that we earn and deserve? (6:23).
- God has given us a gift. What is it, and how long does it last? (6:23).