

Gospel Community Study Guide

Romans 5:1-11

Shona

1Naizvozvo, zvatinoshayirwa mhosva nokutenda, tino rugare naMwari kubudikidza nalshe wedu Jesu Kristu, 2watakawana naye mapindiro, nokutenda, munyasha idzi dzatakamira madziri zvino. Uye tinofara mutariro yokubwinya kwaMwari. 3Kwete izvozvo bedzi, asi tinofarawo mumatambudziko edu, nokuti tinoziva kuti kutambudzika kunouyisa kutsungirira, 4kutsungirira kunouyisa unhu uye unhu hunouyisa tariro. 5Uye tariro hainyadzisi nokuti Mwari akadurura rudo rwake mumwoyo yedu kubudikidza naMweya Mutsvene, uyo waakatipa. 6Munoona, panguva chaiyo yakafanira, patakanga tisina simba, Kristu akafira vasingadi Mwari. 7Hazviwanzoitika kuti munhu afire akarurama, kunyange zvazvo munhu angaedza kufira munhu akanaka. 8Asi Mwari anoratidza rudo rwake kwatiri pakuti: Tichiri vatadzi, Kristu akatifira. 9Zvino sezvo takashayirwa mhosva neropa rake, tichaponeswa zvikuru sei naye kubva pakutsamwa kwaMwari! 10Nokuti kana, patakanga tiri vavengi vaMwari, takayananiwa naye kubudikidza norufu rwoMwanakomana wake, tichaponeswa zvikuru sei kubudikidza norufu rwoMwanakomana wake, tichaponeswa zvikuru sei kubudikidza noupenyu hwake, kana tayananiwa! 11Nokuti hazvisizvo bedzi, asi kuti tinofarawo muna Mwari nokuna Ishe wedu Jesu Kristu, watakapiwa zvino naye kuyananiwa.

Zulu

Ngakho lokhu sesilungisisiwe ngokukholwa, sinokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 2okungaye sinokungena ngokukholwa kulo musa esimi kuwo, siyazibonga ekwethembeni inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu. 3Kepha akusikho lokho kuphela, kodwa sizibonga nangezinhlopheko ngokwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kuveza ukukhuthazela, 4ukukhuthazela kuveza ukuqiniseka, ukuqiniseka kuveza ithemba; 5ithemba alijabhisi, ngokuba uthando lukaNkulunkulu lutheliwe ezinhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele esimuphiweyo. 6Ngokuba sisebuthakathaka, uKristu wafela abangamesabi uNkulunkulu ngesikhathi esifaneleyo; 7ngokuba cishe kungenzeki ukuba umuntu afele olungileyo, kodwa mhlawumbe kungase kube khona ongaba nesibindi sokufela omuhle; 8kepha uNkulunkulu uyabonakalisa ukusithanda kwakhe ngalokhu ukuthi, siseyizoni, uKristu wasifela. 9Ngakho kakhulu sesilungisisiwe ngegazi lakhe, siyakusindiswa ngaye olakeni. 10Ngokuba uma sathola ukubuyisana noNkulunkulu ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe sise yizitha, ikakhulu siyakusindiswa ngokuphila kwayo sesitholile ukubuyisana; 11kepha akusikho lokho kuphela, kodwa sizibonga futhi ngoNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, esesamukelisiwe ngaye ukubuyisana.

Swahili

Basi tukiisha kuhesabiwa haki itokayo katika imani, na mwe na amani kwa Mungu, kwa njia ya Bwana wetu Yesu Kristo, 2ambaye kwa yeye tumepata kwa njia ya imani kuifikia neema hii ambayo mnasimama ndani yake; na kufurahi katika tumaini la utukufu wa Mungu. 3Wala si hivyo tu, ila na mfurahi katika dhiki pia; mkijua ya kuwa dhiki, kazi yake ni kuleta saburi; 4na kazi ya saburi ni uthabiti wa moyo; na kazi ya uthabiti wa moyo ni tumaini; 5na tumaini halitahayarishi; kwa maana pendo la Mungu limekwisha kumiminwa katika mioyo yetu na Roho Mtakatifu tuliyepewa sisi. 6Kwa maana hapo tulipokuwa hatuna nguvu, wakati ulipotimia, Kristo alikufa kwa ajili ya waovu. 7Kwa kuwa ni shida mtu kufa kwa ajili ya mtu mwenye haki; lakini yawezekana mtu kuthubutu kufa kwa ajili ya mtu aliye mwema. 8Bali Mungu aonyesha pendo lake yeye mwenyewe kwetu sisi, kwa kuwa Kristo alikufa kwa ajili yetu, tulipokuwa tungali wenye dhambi. 9Basi zaidi sana tukiisha kuhesabiwa haki katika damu yake, tutaokolewa na ghadhabu kwa yeye. 10Kwa maana ikiwa

tulipokuwa adui tulipatanishwa na Mungu kwa mauti ya Mwana wake; zaidi sana baada ya kupatanishwa tutaokolewa katika uzima wake. 11Wala si hivyo tu, ila pia twajifurahisha katika Mungu kwa Bwana wetu Yesu Kristo, ambaye kwa yeye sasa tumeupokea huo upatanisho.

Tswana

1Jaanong ka re siamisitswe ka tumelo, re na le kagiso le Modimo ka Morena wa rona Jesu Keresete 2ka ene re bile re bonye tsela ya go fitlha ka tumelo mo bopelotlhomoging joo, jo re emeng mo go jona, e bile re ipoka ka go solofela kgalalelo ya Modimo. 3Mme e seng gona fela, e bile re ipoka ka ditlalelo, ka re itse gore tlalelo e dira boitshoko,boitshoko bo dira boikanyego, boikanyego bo dira tsholofelo, 5mme tsholofelo ga e tlabise ditlhong; gonne lorato lwa Modimo lo tshetswe mo dipelong tsa rona ka Mowa o o Boitshepo o re o neilweng.6Gonne e rile re le bokoa, Keresete a swela rona baikepi ka nako ya teng. 7Kana go thata gore mongwe a swele mosiami; motlhaope mongwe a ka beta pelo, a swela yo o molemo. 8Mme Modimo o supile lorato lo o re ratang ka lone, ka Keresete a re swetse, re ntse re le baleofi. 9Jaanong e re ka re siamisitswe ka madi a gagwe, bogolo jang ne re tla pholosiwa ke ene mo bogaleng! 10Gonne fa re ne ra ruangwa le Modimo ka loso lwa Morwaa-ona re le baba, re tla pholosiwa bogolo jang ne ka botshelo jwa gagwe, ka re le ba ba ruantsweng!11Mme ga se gona fela, e bile re ipoka ka Modimo ka Morena wa rona Jesu Keresete yo jaanong re amogetseng thuanjo ka ene.

Afrikaans

God het ons dan nou vrygespreek deurdat ons glo. Daarom is daar nou vrede tussen ons en God deur ons Here Jesus Christus. 2Deur Hom het ons in die geloof ook die vrye toegang verkry tot hierdie genade waarin ons nou vasstaan. En ons verheug ons ook in die hoop om deel te hê aan die heerlijkheid van God. 3Dit is egter nie al nie. Ons verheug ons ook in die swaarkry, want ons weet: swaarkry kweek volharding, 4en volharding kweek egtheid van geloof, en egtheid van geloof kweek hoop; 5en dié hoop beskaam nie, want God het sy liefde in ons harte uitgestort deur die Heilige Gees wat Hy aan ons gegee het. 6Toe ons nog magteloos was, het Christus immers reeds op die bestemde tyd vir goddeloses gesterwe. 7'n Mens gee tog nie sommer jou lewe prys nie, selfs nie vir 'n regverdige nie. Ja tog, vir 'n goeie mens sal iemand miskien nog die moed hê om te sterwe. 8Maar God bewys sy liefde vir ons juis hierin dat Christus vir ons gesterf het toe ons nog sondears was. 9Aangesien ons nou vrygespreek is op grond van sy versoeningsdood, staan dit soveel vaster dat ons deur Hom ook van die straf van God gered sal word. 10Aangesien ons, toe ons nog vyande was, deur die dood van sy Seun met God versoen is, staan dit soveel vaster dat ons, nou dat ons versoen is, deur die lewe van sy Seun gered sal word. 11Maar dit is nie al nie. Ons verheug ons ook in God deur ons Here Jesus Christus, deur wie ons nou die versoening ontvang het.

Sermon Summary:

It's very possible to know what the Bible teaches about justification by faith alone without actually applying those truths to one's life. In this message, we looked at one foundational way this doctrine should impact believers. It gives them reasons for confidence that God is for them now as they suffer and in the future when they stand before Him.

Review and Discussion Questions:

1. Over the past several weeks we have been talking a lot about justification by faith alone. In this study, we are going to think about how this truth applies to our everyday lives, but before we do, let's just remind each other what exactly we are talking about when we talk about justification by faith. Let's define each word:

What is justification?

What is faith?

And what is the significance of the word alone?

2. Many people have problems because they have never been taught justification by faith alone. Others have problems however because while they may know what the Bible teaches about justification they aren't applying this doctrine to their everyday lives. We find an example of this in Galatians 2:11-14. Read this passage. What was Peter doing? According to verse 14, what was at the root of Peter's problem?
3. Our conduct needs to line up with what we believe about justification by faith alone. For that to happen, we have to think, we have to work, we have to deliberately apply what we say we believe to how we think, act and feel. While there are many different possible applications of justification, we want to look at the way Paul applies it in Romans 5. Read Romans 5:1 out loud. What is the first word in this verse? What does it mean? How does it help us understand what we are about to read? Next Paul says since. "Therefore, since." Since what?
4. In light of what Paul's taught us about justification by faith alone, since we have been justified, these then are some of the implications for our lives. That is basically what Paul is telling us in Romans 5:1-11. Let's now read the entire passage out loud together. Is there anything that stands out to you especially after reading this passage?
5. One of the key words running throughout these verses is the word rejoice. What does Paul tell us we rejoice in as a result of justification by faith? Probably a better way to translate this word would be using the English word boast. What does it mean to boast?
6. In Romans 3:27 Paul tells us justification by faith excludes boasting. And yet here he is telling us it gives us reasons to boast. How would you explain the difference?
7. God doesn't want us to be confident in ourselves, but He does want us to be confident in His love and care for us. In other words, if you are justified by faith, God wants you to know that He is really and truly for you! This sounds like a simple truth, but a failure to believe that God is for us, creates many, many problems in our lives.
8. John Owen once explained: "How few of the saints are experimentally acquainted with this privilege of holding immediate communion with the Father in love! With what anxious, doubtful thoughts do they look upon Him! What fears, what questionings are there, of his good will and kindness. At the best, many think that there is no sweetness at all in God towards us, but what is purchased at the high blood of Jesus. It is true, that that alone is the way of communication; but the free fountain and spring of all is in the bosom of the Father." That's a long quote, I know, but what do you think he means?
9. Justification by faith alone gives us very real reasons for confidence in God's goodness and mercy towards us. What specifically does Paul say in Romans 5 we have as a result of justification by faith and how should each of those gifts increase our assurance and confidence that God is indeed for us?

10. Now, of course there are some objections to all this. "I have peace with God, I stand in grace, I have the hope of glory, yes, but my life is so hard and I see so much sin in my life." What does Romans 5:3-11 have to say to someone like that?
11. Let's look at suffering specifically as we close. Sometimes people lack the confidence that God is for them because they are facing so many difficulties. What is the remedy for this? Listen to Sinclair Ferguson, who writes: "We are not the best interpreters of divine providence. Nor is our conviction of the Father's love for us grounded in his providential ways with us. The fatal mistake here is to base our assurance of grace and salvation on the fact that 'God is blessing my life.' When we do so, we have no anchor if life turns sour. No, God anchors us to himself in Christ. He has demonstrated his love for us specifically in the cross. From the crucified Christ, no risen, ascended and reigning, we must never allow our eyes to be diverted nor view providence except through cross-shaped lenses." What does he mean? How does it connect with what we learned in Romans 5:1-11?
12. What difference would it make in your life this week if you could be sure that God was for you? What are some mistakes you have been tempted to make as a result of not believing that God is for you? Justification by faith alone means you have real reasons to be confident that God is for you, if you are a believer. If you are not confident that He is for you, why? How could you use the truths we learned this week to grow in assurance?