

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION AUGUST 8, 2021

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 90:1-12**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *God Be Merciful to Me***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 3:21-26**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Songs of Comfort - *Before the Throne of God Above King of Kings***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries and David Donovan, Grace Covenant, Dallas**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - God's Righteousness Alone Romans 3:19-20**

### **\*Song of Response - *Abide With Me***

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

### **\*Benediction - Romans 5:1-5**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

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# "GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS ALONE" ROMANS 3:19-20 CHRIS BLACKMAN

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**Key Truth: God's law reveals the depths of our sin and bears witness to our need for justification in Christ alone.**

## **I. What the Law doesn't do**

*Q: Where are you trying to earn God's love through your obedience?*

"Leaving the Gentiles, he distinctly addresses his words to the Jews; for he had a much more difficult work in subduing them, because they, though no less destitute of true righteousness than the Gentiles, yet covered themselves with the cloak of God's covenant, as though it was a sufficient holiness to them to have been separated from the rest of the world by the election of God. And he indeed mentions those evasions, which he well understood the Jews were ready to bring forward; for whatever applied to the Gentiles, as though they were exempt from the common condition of men... Paul here anticipates them, and shows, from what scripture declares, that they were not only blended with the multitude, but that condemnation was peculiarly denounced on them."

**John Calvin, *Commentary on Romans***

## **II. What the Law does do**

*Q: How has the Word of God recently revealed areas of your life that still fall short of the glory of God?*

"Here, then, is Jesus's radical redefinition of what is wrong with us. Nearly everyone defines sin as breaking a list of rules. Jesus, though, shows us that a man who has violated virtually nothing on the list of moral misbehaviors can be every bit as spiritually lost as the most profligate, immoral person. Why? Because sin is not just breaking the rules, it is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior, Lord, and Judge just as each sought to displace the authority of the father in his own life."

**Tim Keller, *Prodigal God***

*Q: What was the law of God never intended to do? What is its purpose? How should this affect your view of the role that obedience plays in your life?*

## **Application:**

**Romans 3:19-20 teaches us that:**

- our obedience to the law does not earn God's love, but is a joyful response to His love for us in Christ.
- the Word of God reveals the depth of our need for Christ's righteousness alone.

**Benediction: *Romans 5:1-5***