

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

11/12/17

Text: Romans 3:1-22a (ESV)

Title: God's Faithfulness vs. Our Sin

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

Tim continued our series in Romans looking at Romans 3, and the common bond we all share in not measuring up to the perfect standard of God's law. As Tim put it, we can often become attracted to a set of rules within Christianity which will help us gain a better standing with God, rather than actually seeking out and growing in love for our Lord and maker. No matter how seemingly "good" or "bad" we are, every single person is "under sin" and hopeless without the work of Jesus in their life. The beauty of the gospel is not that we would do better, or sin less, or get better at leading a "Christian life"; it's that we get to depend more and more deeply on God's power and mercy for us, fall deeper in love with him, and live our lives boasting about nothing else but Jesus, the most amazing person we've ever met.

Reflection Questions:

1. Romans 3:10 says, "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside.; together they have come worthless; no one does good, not even one."

- **How is it possible to trust in Christianity and not actually trust in Jesus?**
- **How have you seen yourself living more focused on following the right rules and "getting better" at something, than on a deeper love and dependence on Jesus?**

2. Tim talked about how we don't just want other things besides God, in our heart we actually don't want Him. We don't want God, we want to be God and follow our own standard of rules.

- **How have you tried to use Christianity and your obedience to the rules to try and control your life, other people, or even God.**

3. The goal of Christianity is not to "get better" or sin less, it's to become more dependent on the work of Jesus, and fall deeper in love with the Father through the power and work of the Holy Spirit. Then, we will experience freedom from the weight of our sin, and realize that all we truly have to boast about is Him.

- **What would it look like for you to care more about loving God, than about getting it right?**
- **What area of sin is weighing you down so much its keeping you from growing in love for God? (Take time to confess and pray as you go through A.C.T.S.)**

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)

1. ADORATION (The Father)

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION (Me)

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING (Jesus)

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

MISSION

Prepare for Gospel Community:

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

Ask yourself, "What can I do to express my love for God and for others in response to this sermon?"