**Romans 4:1-25**

1. How was Abraham justified?
2. Could he have been justified by works?
   1. Why or why not?
   2. Faith excludes boasting 3:27
   3. If saved by works, Abraham could glory
3. How did it happen?
   1. If by works, the reward is debt. 4
   2. It was reckoned unto him 3
      1. To account as paid
      2. Mark as if it was already paid
      3. Settle the account as paid and closed

**Romans 5:1-11**

What saves us?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Verse | What saves? | Other things | Scripture |
| 1 | Faith | Repentance | Acts 17:30 |
| 2 | Grace of God | Confession | Romans 10:9-10 |
| 5 | Love of God | Baptism | 1 Peter 3:21 |
| 6 | Christ’s death | Works | James 2:24 |
| 9 | Blood of Christ | Bible | James 1:21 |
| 10 | Life of Christ | Cross | Ephesians 2:16 |
|  |  | Mercy | Titus 3:5 |

**The Two Adams Contrasted**

**Romans 5:12-21**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **First Adam** | **Second Adam** |
| Sin entered – 12 | Salvation – 15 |
| Death to all men – 12 | Free gift – 15 |
| Many died – 15 | Grace for many – 15 |
| Condemnation – 16 | Justification – 16 |
| Judgment – 18 | Life – 18 |
| Disobedience – 19 | Obedience – 19 |
| Law – 20 | Grace – 20 |
| Sin – death – 21 | Righteousness – eternal life – 21 |
| **IS ADAM (MAN)** | **IS CHRIST** |

**Romans 6**

1. Subject of this chapter
   1. NOT: baptism – mentioned 3 times
   2. IS: death – spiritual death
   3. Some form of the word “dead” is found 18 times
   4. Verses – 2, 3, 4 (2 times), 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (3 times), 10 (2 times), 11, 13, 16, 21, 23
   5. Two other words to study in Romans 6:
      1. Baptism – 3 times – 3, 3, 4
      2. Grace – 3 times – 1, 14, 15
2. The role of death in our salvation
   1. Must die to sin 2
   2. Buried in baptism 4
   3. Old man is crucified 6
   4. Death to sin frees us from it 7
   5. Must die with Christ to live with him 8
   6. Death has no more dominion over us 9
   7. Sin must not reign in our bodies 12
   8. Death is the wages of sin 23
3. Purpose of baptism
   1. Die to sin 2
   2. Therefore – buried 4
   3. Resurrection to a new life 4-5
   4. Removes the fear of any future death 9-10, 14
4. Place of Grace
   1. Mentioned in 1, 14, 15
   2. Don’t use the excuse of grace to keep on sinning 1
   3. Law stand in opposition to grace 14
   4. Grace does not allow or excuse sin 15
5. Alive unto God
   1. Living is the opposite of death
   2. Living is mentioned 9 times in this chapter – 2, 4. 8, 10 (2 times), 11, 13, 22, 23
   3. There are many paradoxs in Christianity
      1. Save live = lose it
      2. Last shall be first
      3. Least shall be greatest of all
      4. Dead are alive
      5. Those in sin are dead while they live
      6. Must die to sin, to be alive unto God

**Romans 7**

**1-4 Dead to the Law – Married to Christ**

Illustration of civil marriage “until death”

What died? You died to the law.

You were raised from the dead in baptism.

Therefore: We can now be married to Christ.

**5-6 Theme:** Sin in the flesh lead to death.

We should serve in newness of the spirit.

**Theme**: NOT: Oldness of the letter

BUT: Newness of spirit

**Discuss**:

1. What is the difference between “letter” and “spirit”?
2. Do we serve the letter or the spirit of the law today?
3. Should we ignore the letter of the law?
4. Should we follow ONLY the spirit of the law?
5. Is this “Spirit” (Holy Spirit) or “spirit” (our spirit)?

**Examples**:

1. Baptism is a burial. One hair dry? Use a shower cap?
2. Confess with the mouth. Nod head? Finger sign?
3. Before men. Middle of night? All alone?
4. Elder’s children. Plural? Adopted?
5. Take up cross. Carry a bean? Bear a burden? Die?
6. Sing. Sit and listen?

**7-12 Is the law good or bad?**

Is it a blessing or a curse?

What did the law do?

1. Pointed out sinful behavior 7
2. Made us aware of sin in our lives 8
3. Makes us aware of the death penalty 9
4. Law was for life, but I was dead 10
5. Sin, not the law, killed me 11

**13-15 The internal struggle**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Verse |  |  |
| 13 | Good | Death |
| 14 | Spiritual | Carnal |
| 15 | Will | Action |
| 16 | Consent | Practice |
| 17 | Me | Sin in me |
| 18 | Will | Performance |
| 19 | Good | Evil |
| 21 | Do good | Evil present |
| 22 | Inner | Outer |
| 23 | Mind | Members |
| 24 | Delivered | Wretched |
| 25 | Mind | Flesh |