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Romans 3:24-26

²⁴Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

1. What did the cross accomplish? (Rom. 3:21-26; 5:6-11)

- ◆ It demonstrated God's love for us.
- ◆ Paid for sin. Jesus willingly sacrificed himself.
- ◆ Opened to opportunity to have a significant relationship with God.

2. The Power of the Resurrection. (Rom. 6:1-14; 1Cor. 15:21-23)

- ◆ It broke the bondage to sin.
- ◆ Gives us confidence in the reality of God's love for us.
- ◆ It proves that Jesus REALLY is God.
- ◆ Ignites hope for the future.



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Life Group Conversation

1. What is the closest you have come to losing your life?
2. Who was your first "boss"? Was this person easy to work for or were they a slave driver?

Read Romans 6

3. The idea of death and resurrection are alluded to 15 times in verses 1-11. What is Paul trying to help us understand?
4. If we are truly "dead to sin", how is it that Christians still sin? What does it mean to put verses 11-13 into practice?
5. How could (or did) this information impact your attitudes and actions this past week?
6. How does the knowledge of your death to sin affect your struggle with sin? Or how can it affect your prayer life?