



PART 1: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED

Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 3:21-26

Intro:

Romans 3:21-26

The story of Jesus' death on the cross represents the solution to a problem that seemed impossible.

1. None of us are righteous in our relationship with God

"Righteous" is a relational word. It means to live up to the terms and expectations of a relationship.

Romans 3:10-12, 23

2. God is completely righteous

God's righteousness requires him to act justly, dealing with sin.

Romans 6:23

God's mercy and patience makes it look like he's condoning sin (Romans 3:25).

How does God deal with this problem?

He demonstrates his righteousness - Romans 3:25-26

2 Corinthians 5:21

Romans 3:21-24

Romans 6:23

Implications:

i. No Boasting

ii. New Motivation

Romans 6:18

iii. Love and patience for one another

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What are some of your normal Easter traditions? What are you planning to do this year?

Study & Discussion:

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. When you think about the word "Righteousness" what do you think about? What does it mean for God to be righteous? What's the difference between true righteousness and self-righteousness?
3. Read Romans 6:15-23. What does it mean to be a slave to sin? What does it mean to be a slave to righteousness?
4. Read Romans 5:1-5. What does it mean to "boast in the hope of the glory of God" and "glory in our sufferings"?

Practicing the Way of Jesus: Scripture Meditation

Spend time this week meditating on Romans 6:23. Focus on the difference between the wages of sin and the gift of God.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."