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Romans: The Power of the Gospel

Passage: Romans 3:21-31

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III. There Is No Room for Boasting (vv. 27-30)

IV. Faith Does Not Cancel Obedience (v. 31)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Why are the words "But now" in verse 21 so significant after Romans 1–3?
2. What does it mean to be justified? How is that different from becoming a better person?
3. Which word in verses 24–26 (justified, grace, redemption, propitiation) most deepened your understanding of the gospel? Why?
4. Why does the gospel eliminate boasting?
5. How does salvation by grace create greater obedience rather than less?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Have I been trying to earn God's approval rather than resting in Christ's finished work?
2. Where do I still struggle to believe that God's verdict over me is "justified"?
3. Is gratitude, rather than guilt, becoming my primary motivation for obedience?
4. Is there anyone I subconsciously think is "less worthy" of God's grace than I am?
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