

ROMANS

CRITICAL GRACE THEORY

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Week 6: The Storm Before the Calm

Introduction:

Notes and Reflections:

Romans 3:1-2

Romans 1:20

Romans 3:3-4

Romans 3:5

Romans 3:6-7

Romans 3:8-9

Romans 3:10-18

Two Categories of “Flesh”

1. _____ flesh – a mind-set of disobedience to God
2. _____ flesh – a mind-set of performance for God

The Turning Point:

Romans 3:19-20

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. After two and a half chapters in Romans, we are about to turn a corner into the most thorough explanation of the Gospel in the entire Bible. If you were asked to describe the Gospel in a few sentences, how would you explain it? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. We live in a culture that loves to pick and choose among which sins to criticize most. The first part of Romans puts a stop to that nonsense by the pronouncement of universal human guilt before a holy God. Why is this message so unpopular in much of our culture? Discuss...
3. In the weekend message, we discussed the two basic types of "flesh" – *rebellious flesh* and *religious flesh*. What are the differences between the two, and why are they equally harmful? Discuss...
4. God's answer to the power of sin and "the flesh" is to be delivered by His grace. As Scripture unfolds, we discover that God's grace delivers in three amazing dimensions:
 - From the penalty of sin (death resulting from past nature and behavior)
 - From the power of sin (dominance of the flesh over our lives today)
 - From the presence of sin (deliverance eternally in Heaven someday)Discuss each of these aspects of God's grace and how you've seen it at work in your personal life in each way...

Promptings:

5. In the weekend message, we discussed the deep prejudice and disdain that ancient Jews had against Gentiles. Paul's answer was the Gospel. Think about how the Gospel has delivered you personally from a variety of prejudices in your life. Share about how the Gospel has changed your view of others you once may have treated with disdain.

Are there any ways in which God is still working to accomplish this in and through you? How are you seeing His grace make you a more loving, gracious person toward those who are different than you? Discuss...