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Week 12: Where Do You Stand?

Through the Gospel, God Delivers us from the...

- _____ of sin (justification)
- _____ of sin (sanctification)
- _____ (glorification)

Romans 5:1-2

Five Telltale Signs of a Legalist (Or...How to Know if You're Suffering from G.D.D.)

You might be a legalist if...

1. You are a _____ (see Numbers 21:5)
2. You are a _____ (see Mark 4:35-41)
3. You are _____ (see Luke 18:9-14)
4. You are _____ (see Exodus 3:7-20)
5. You live in _____

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."

The Big Idea:

Everything flows out of the grace in which we now stand. We are justified by grace (rescued from sin's penalty), sanctified by grace (rescued from sin's power), and glorified by grace (rescued from sin's presence). Are you confident of where you stand? Then let's begin to walk into Romans 5-8!!!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. When it comes to discipleship under God's New Covenant, why is it so critical to the Apostle Paul that we discover our standing as a pre-requisite to our walking? How have you seen this reality apply to your own life?

Ponderings:

2. Consider this key truth extrapolated from the weekend message: To whatever extent your Gospel theology has not yet healed your broken psychology, your striving for God will be legalism. Do you agree? Disagree? Explain...
3. Revisit what was shared in the message about the five telltale signs of Grace Deficit Disorder (legalism). Try to restate in your own words why each of these may reveal a deep need for a grace intervention in your life...
4. Consider the five profiles that were shared and honestly evaluate to what extent they expose your own legalism. In other words, how do each of these expose G.D.D. in you? (Whining. Worrying. Judgmentalism. Insecurity. Shame.)

Choose one or two of these and share with your group specifically how the world, the flesh or the devil have used them to try to destroy your joy and diminish your growth.

5. A true "intervention" is a type of confrontation in which those who love a person boldly confront with a desire to bring deliverance and healing. Having talked through the five profiles mentioned in the message, what are some other G.D.D. profiles you can think of that should be confronted with a grace intervention?
6. Consider the phrase, *"We need to talk about grace, but we can't forget about holiness."* According to Paul's theology, why is that mentality so misguided? How are walking in grace and living a holy life synonymous? Discuss...(See Titus 2:11-13).

Promptings:

7. Identify one of the five G.D.D. profiles in your life and ask your group to pray for a grace intervention in that area. Also pray for God to use Romans 5-8 specifically to assist in that growth in the weeks ahead...