



ROMANS

CRITICAL GRACE THEORY

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Week 2 – The Roots of Revival

Review:

The subject of the gospel is _____

The object of the gospel is _____

Romans can be outlined in three basic acts:

Act 1 – _____ (chapters 1-3)

Act 2 – _____ (chapters 4-11)

Act 3 – _____ (chapters 12-16)

Romans 1:8-17 Message Highlights:

Paul's Pastor's Heart (v. 8-10)

Paul's Prayer Life (v. 11-13)

Paul's Passion for the Human Race (v. 14-15)

Paul's Proclamation (v. 16-17) – quoting Habakkuk 2:4

The Big Idea: The righteous shall live by faith! Have you entered into the life of Jesus Christ by placing your faith (trust) in Him?

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Romans 1:9 mentions "God, whom I serve in my spirit..." What does it mean that a believer serves God in their spirit?

Ponderings:

2. Paul prayed that God might finally open a way for him to come to Rome in person. In the weekend message, it was noted that this didn't happen exactly the way Paul wanted. He was eventually sent to Rome as *prisoner* instead of *preacher*. Have there been prayers in your life that God has answered differently than you'd hoped for, but you later realized were evidence of His sovereign blessing or protection over you? Explain...
3. If God doesn't always answer prayer according to our desired outcome or timing, then why pray? Is there a greater purpose? Explain...
4. Paul says, "...I am not ashamed of the gospel..." Based upon everything that he suffered for the sake of Christ, that's actually quite an understatement! Are you ashamed of the gospel within your sphere of influence? Share about one way in which you are growing in your boldness to share Christ with others...
5. The "righteous shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). What makes a person righteous? How is the objective truth of a believer's righteousness related to the subjective truth of a believer's outward behavior?

Promptings:

6. If you are a believer in Christ, you have the righteousness of God as a free gift of His grace. How might your daily life be impacted if you were to consciously acknowledge your righteousness at the beginning of and throughout each day? Commit to beginning each day of the week ahead with this simple prayer:

"Father, thank You for the free gift of your righteousness. I acknowledge by faith that I am the righteousness of God at the core of my identity – and that no struggle, sin, mistake, doubt or failure can change that. Help me overcome patterns of the flesh by consciously walking in this reality today. Where I fail, help me to return to this truth. I am YOUR workmanship, created to do good works in Your power and not my own. YOU are the Author and Perfecter of my faith. Help me to abide (rest) in You today, trusting the Holy Spirit to bear fruit through me. In Jesus' Name...Amen."