

## 21 The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans

“The Message We Must Preach”

Cornerstone Church of Poway

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Sermon Teaching

**Big Idea:** If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

➤ **Cornerstone’s mission is to help people find and follow Jesus.**

Therefore go and **make disciples** of **all nations**, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you." **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

“For I am not ashamed of this **Good News about Christ**. It is the power of God at work, **saving everyone who believes**—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish **by faith**. As the Scriptures say, “It is through **faith** that a righteous person has life.” **Romans 1:16-17 (NLT2)**

**The Message We Must Preach Is:**

### **1. Our Sin Separates Us From God**

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Furthermore, since they did not think it **worthwhile** to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a **depraved mind**, to do what ought not to be done... They have become **filled with every kind of wickedness**, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only **continue** to do these very things but also **approve** of those who practice them.”

**Romans 1:21-23, 28-32 (NIV)**

“What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are **all under sin**. As it is written: "There is **no one righteous**, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." **Romans 3:9-12 (NIV)**

Active rebellion    Passive indifference

Man →      {separated by a great chasm}      ← God

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## **2. God Would Rather Save Us Than Judge Us**

"For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall **not perish** but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to **save** the world through him."

**John 3:16-17 (NIV)**

Yet God, with **undeserved kindness**, declares that we are righteous. He did this **through Christ Jesus** when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented **Jesus as the sacrifice for sin**. People are made right with God **when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life**, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when **He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past**, for He was looking ahead and **including them** in what he would do in this present time. God did this to **demonstrate his righteousness**, for He himself is **fair and just**, and He declares sinners to be right in his sight **when** they believe in Jesus." **Romans 3:24-26 (NLT2)**

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## **3. We Must Individually Confess and Believe In Jesus As Lord**

For the **wages** of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NLT2)**

"That if you **confess** with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Romans 10:13 (NIV)**

- **Where do I stand with God today?**
- **Is there someone I can share this message with?**

### **My next right step I will:**

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Share this message with a friend
- Invite a friend to Church
- Sign up for Partnership Class October 24, 2021

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**Icebreaker for families:** What would you say is the general view in our culture on how one can go to heaven?

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**Romans 1:21-23, 28-32**

As a consequence of people’s failure to accept the truth, what did God do?

What created things are most tempting to you? Money? Pleasure? Food? Toys?

Although this list of sins is not exhaustive, which one(s) have you struggled with?

Have you ever done something that you knew would likely have a negative outcome? What made you do it?

What does verse 32 bring to light?

**Romans 3:9-12**

How is sin defined in today’s society?

How are we all under sin?

What is the difference between active rebellion and passive indifference?

How does God see this?

**2. God Would Rather Save Us Than Judge Us**

**John 3:16-17**

Why did God send His only son?

Do you ever doubt that God loves you? After reading this verse, how much does God love you?

### **Romans 3:24-26**

What does it mean for you to have your penalty of sin removed by Jesus?

How did God deal with people's sins in the past before Jesus?

What must one do in order to have their sins forgiven?

How does this reveal that God is fair and just?

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#### **Romans 6:23**

What is the difference between a gift and a reward?

What is a significant gift that you have received in the past?

Why is "wages" a good analogy for our sin?

Why is a "free gift" a good analogy of our relationship with Jesus?

#### **Romans 10:9-13**

Why isn't an intellectual ascent to who Christ is good enough?

What does it mean to confess Jesus as lord?

Why must we also believe that he rose from the dead?

Where do you stand with God today?

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