

Romans 3:19 - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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## **1. One must have a right knowledge of sin. (Rom 3:20)**

- a. The law was given to provide a right knowledge of sin.
  - b. Foolish point 1: "Jesus did not teach in depth on it."
  - c. We live in a culture that is unashamed to call what is sinful delightful, and therefore as a result consciously or unconsciously are ashamed of the gospel of God. (Rom 1:16-17)
  - d. Foolish point 2: "I will not participate and practice such things but I also will not disapprove of the actions of those who do." (Rom 1:32)
  - e. Word of caution: It is damnable error to only see sins in others and never recognize and repent of sins in our own life. (Rom 2:1-5)
  - f. If I can affirm the sin others are practicing but cannot affirm the sin I have practiced, my heart is moving away from understanding the gospel.
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## **2. But now, how to be right.**

- a. Religion by definition is the adherence to a set of beliefs and practices.
  - b. Biblical Christianity is about the adherence and relationship to a crucified but risen Savior King – Jesus Christ.
  - c. God being right comes before doing right.
  - d. This righteousness is not something you do – it is something you either are or are not. It is regarding your position before God.
  - e. The righteousness God provided was His Son Jesus Christ. (Rom 3:21-22)
    - i. Grace = gift
    - ii. Works = debt
  - f. If there was another way it would have been unnecessary for Jesus Christ to be crucified.
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## **3. The foundation of the blessing.**

- a. "Blessed" is a state of being happy.
- b. The foundational blessing of the believer is having received forgiveness of sins and made to be in right standing with God.
- c. The foundation of the blessing can be built upon.
- d. A believer in Christ can receive grace upon grace.

# WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com).

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

## GATHER

*Sundays in October - 9a + 11a*

*"Rome"ing Romans*

In this series, our pastors will walk through the book of Romans, what Martin Luther called "the purest gospel" and "the most important piece in the New Testament." Whether you are struggling with knowing where you stand with God, or why you have such trouble keeping the commands of God, or why you can't seem to find that spiritual power you've heard so much about, the book of Romans is for you. This book contains a vast amount of the foundational theological truths of the Christian life. As Luther said, "It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well."

*Sunday, October 30 -*

*2p - 4p*

*DP Fall Festival*

Be sure to join us in our parking lot for an afternoon full of fun fall activities! Miniature petting zoo, trunk or treat zone, free food, games, and more family fun! You can register in the lobby today to serve with us!

## GO

*Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve our community in the upcoming weeks.*

## GROW

*Thursday, October 13*

*7p - 9p Night Seven of our*

*Fall Semester of Growth*

*Phases*

Join us for the seventh night of our fall semester of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

## GIVE

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

## GROUP

*Sunday, October 16 -*

*Connect Group Night*

Connect groups will meet all over the area today. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

*Saturday, November 5 - 2p-5p*

*DP Ladies Craft Event*

If you are a lady at DP, mark your calendar and makes plans to join us for our DP Ladies Craft Event! This will be a great time of connection and fun. More details to come!