

On Level Ground

October 8, 2017

Answering 4 objections (Romans 3:1-8)

- (v 1-2) Paul overlooks God's covenant
“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:3
The value of being Jewish is a privilege and a responsibility
- (v 3-4) Paul overlooks God's faithfulness
God cannot break his covenant; faithfulness is who He is.
- (v 5-6) Paul overlooks God's justice
- (v 7-8) Paul overlooks God's glory

The Depth of Our Sin (Romans 3:9-20)

1. The Denial of God

“You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4-5

2. The Pervasiveness of Our Sin

“Throat” “Tongues” “Lips” “Feet” → “Ruin and misery mark their ways”

Romans 3:13-16

Sin is communal and structural.

“Our involvement with God's revelation doesn't put us right with God. What it does is force us to face our complicity in everyone else's sin.” Romans 3:20, MSG

3. The Ignorance of Our Own Way


“And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else?” Romans 3:19, MSG

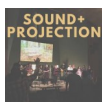
“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?”

Romans 7:24

“The ground is level at the foot of the cross.” Billy Graham

Reflective Questions:

- What are some structural or societal sins you see at work today?
- What does it mean to you to share in the privilege and responsibility of being a child of God?
- Which of the 3 aspects of the depth of our sin do you tend to overlook the most? Why? 



We're looking for people with a heart for serving the church behind the scenes, with volunteer positions available on sound and projection. Sign up on a Connection Card if interested. No experience needed.

Annual Harvest Party
Sunday, October 29, 4-6pm
We will start collecting candy donations for this beginning next Sunday.
This is an event for all generations, ages 0-100!