"Everyone Needs the Gospel"

Text: Romans 3:1-20
Men's Morning Bible Study
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Historical Context and Review:

Author: The Apostle Paul, written 57-58 AD from Corinth. The letter is Paul's longest and last chronologically. It was placed first in the New Testament because it creates a framework for the other Pauline epistles.

Paul had never met these Roman believers, nor had he ever visited Rome on any of his missionary journeys. It was composed following the completion of his 3rd missionary journey. He had hoped the churches at Rome would become his base of operations for his westward gospel pursuits much like Corinth, Syrian Antioch and Ephesus served in his three missionary journeys.

The letter was delivered by Phoebe, a known and trusted leader in the early church to the united followers of Christ in Rome. She goes west to Italy and Paul heads east, back to Jerusalem.

The Grace and Peace Connection (1:7):___17___ times in the New Testament. Paul is believed to have coined the phrase. Paul, ___Peter_____ and ___John___ used it and they all were all in the first ___7___ verses of the respective epistles. Always in the same order.

"**Never get over grace**"

Romans 1-2: The __problem_____ of sin and the __solution___ we find in Jesus Christ. The good news is not that all have sinned, the good news is both Jews and Gentiles have access to the righteousness found in Jesus Christ.

Finished the first two chapters of Romans and we've concluded:

The Gospel is _good___ because sin is ___bad__.

1. Paul really ___Faked___ me out. (3:1)

    a. The "every way" advantages of knowing God's Word. (3:2a)
    b. "Past Tense" Historically committed to the Jews for safe keeping. (3:2b)
    c. Superiority or simply "the Mercies of God"?

2. Dumb Questions. (3:3-8)

a. Unfaithfulness proves God's faithfulness. (3:3-4)
b. Unbelief is really doing God a favor, so they should not be judged unjustly. How then could God judge anyone? (3:5-6)
c. Why are you judging me then if I, like you am also unrighteous? (3:7)
d. Dumb, dumb, dumb. In the end this reasoning is dangerous. (3:8)

3. How Sin affects sinners. (3:10-18) All Old Testament scripture.

a. Our legal standing. No future. (3:10, 23, 6:23)
b. Our minds. (3:11a) No understanding. God seeks you! (Jn. 6:44)
"*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him*."
c. Our motives. No body. (3:11b)
d. Our wills. No exceptions. (3:12)
e. Our tongues. No control. (3:13-14)
f. Our relationships. No peace. (3:15-17)
g. Our relationship to God. No fear. (3:18)

4. Why Goodness isn't always __Good__. (3:12)
a. What a broad statement: __No__ _One___ does good? (3:12b)
b. Weren't we commanded to do good works? (Mt.5:16)
c. The Problem: __Selfish___ good deeds.

"You must not only be sick of your sin, you must also be sick of your righteousness, of all your duties and performances. There must be a deep conviction before you can be brought out of your self-righteousness; it is the last idol to be taken out of your heart." George Whitfield

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from this morning's lesson?
- Is there a specific verse that would be worth committing to memory?
- What is one thing you want to do in response to today's lesson?
- How can the men at your table help you with this?

Key: 17, Peter, John, 7, problem, solution, good, sin, faked, good, no, one, Selfish