



CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes November 5, 2017

Keyverse

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

Faith Alone

Works cannot reconcile us with God or obtain grace for us, for this happens only through faith, that is, when we believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake . . . Martin Luther

1. Picture a “ladder of moral goodness.” Jesus stands at the top because He never sinned. Where on this ladder would you place Mother Teresa? Osama bin Laden? Where would you place yourself?
2. Would you say that some of our good deeds count more than others? Is it more pleasing to God that a person take communion (for example) than that they help a friend move? How so?
3. Read Romans 3:10-22 together. In what ways do these verses apply to people like us (if they do)? How are we made right with God according to verse 22?
4. What does it mean to “have faith in” or “believe in” Jesus? What do these verses teach us about saving faith?
 - Romans 4:4-5—
 - Romans 4:23-25—
 - James 1:6-8—
5. How would you respond to a coworker who says, “So you believe you can just ‘trust in Jesus’ then live any way you want and you’ll still go to Heaven?”
6. If you stood at the gates of Heaven and someone inside asked you, “Why should I let you into God’s Heaven?,” what would you say?