

Why We Believe God

Now let's go to Romans 3:23

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

1. The Gentiles & the Jews

The Jews, although they are not idol worshippers Paul said, "But you are not believers because you do what the Gentiles do" Last Sunday we talked about 2 ways all have sinned.

2. **There Are 2 Ways We All Have Sinned**

- 1) Through Adam- We were all born in sin and shapen in iniquity. We all start out even here, the moment we breathe our first breath
- 2) On our own- You commit your own personal sins by what you say, think, live, etc; whether it's one or two or three or four.

3. **Romans 5:14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Now what that is saying is:

1. No matter if you were born and you lived a good life until the day you die and never commit ANY sin, the one mark you have against you is you were born in sin.
 - a. It's handed down through the genes through the father, and it's handed down to your grandfather, to your grandfather, all the way back to Adam.
2. Because we are all born in sin then God says, "You need the righteousness of God"
 - a. The 24th verse says we all have to be justified

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Now Jesus Christ is the only man that ever lived on the earth who was not born in sin but, he was a human being.

1. He was a male human but without sin
 - a. God was His father
 - i. Sin is not handed down through the mother but, is handed down through the father.
 - b. Jesus Christ's father was not Joseph
 - i. Joseph was his step-father
 - ii. Therefore Jesus Christ did not have a sinful nature but yet he died on the cross.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Why did He die on the cross? He was dying for everyone else because, God had said, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.

God had told Adam and Eve from the very start, "The day you disobey my command and eat of this fruit ye shall surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)

1. **Adam Handed Down 2 Things Upon The Human Race**

- a. Sin

b. Death

2. People Die Because of Adam & Eve's Disobedience to God's Commandment In The Garden

a. Sin was through their disobedience and that brought death and it came down from them.

3. Jesus Christ did not have sin in His DNA

a. Then we come along with Jesus Christ,

i. Jesus Christ is born into the world but Jesus Christ does not have an earthly father where sin could be handed down into his DNA, through his human nature.

ii. God was his father, so Jesus began his ministry at 30 years old; 3 years later we find him on the cross. The only person who could not die.

No matter how you die, whether it's the cross, you get shot, or you get the electric chair it's some person who has sin in his body.

1. Sin is going to bring death, and if you live a nice life and don't mess with anybody eventually you are still going to die.

2. So when people ask, "Why do people die?"

a. People die because of Adam and Eve disobeying God's command in the garden.

i. Now you can't get around that by saying, "I don't believe in the Garden of Eden." Even though you don't believe in the Garden of Eden, do you believe in dying?

b. See, the only answer that anybody has to explain why people die is that because Adam and Eve brought it all to the mankind because, Adam and Eve is the mother and father of the human race.

Whatever Color You Are, You Still Came From Adam

1. Where do we get Black people, Chinese people, White people, Indian people, and Mixed people from? That all came about from the Tower of Babel. (Genesis 11:1-9)

2. We know that is true too because, if you peel off the color, the skin, the hair, and let the scientist analyze you; every human being's heart is the same.

a. It was a very revealing fact to me the year that the South African Scientist Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant in 1967. When they interviewed him they said, "Why did you pick an African heart?" Because, at that time he said, "The African heart was the strongest."

b. We all came from Adam and Eve and that is what God looks at when he gets ready to forgive you of your sins(12:55)

3. There is no black fornication and white fornication in God's eyes, fornication is fornication! Ain't no black adultery and white adultery in God's eyesight.

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

4. Jesus Christ came to die for MANKIND not for the different races because if you peel off the skin you all are the same under there.

a. You just think differently in your mind because you have cultures.

b. That is what throws people off the different cultures, and your language is different.

c. We can take your heart out and put it in someone else and they will live, so Christ came down to die for all.

When I was a little boy, I used to play with white boys down and up the street and they would say, "Joe, when we get to heaven we are going to go over to your side and see you." I would go home and tell my mom and she would say, "Oh boy, don't pay them any attention." But they actually believed that there is going to be a segregated heaven.

d. All of those things are what we have developed and created. But in the heart sin is sin and so God says all unrighteousness is sin.

5. That is what Christ died for, that is what the Holy Spirit does, no matter who you are He has forgiven you from all of your sins for ALL have sinned.

Now in God's mind in heaven there are only 3 groups of people :

- 1) Jews- Because of the promise of Abraham and He is going to save them when He returns. They are going to turn to Him in Zechariah 12-14
- 2) Gentiles- Everybody else in the world God calls them "Gentile" because He looks behind the eyes. Get rid of the color He knows you all have the same heart, blood, and all that. He said you are all my creation.
- 3) The saints- Then comes another group who God calls "HIS PEOPLE." You are neither Gentiles nor Jews, you are saints who have been washed under the blood of the lamb. Now Paul talks about that in Romans 1:7

Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we are going to go over to Romans 4, now in this chapter Paul talks about 3 people how they are saved by grace

Romans 4 Talks About 3 People:

- 1) Abraham- Faith = righteousness.
 - a. Paul knows the Jews recognize Abraham as their father.
 - i. Paul shows them that Abraham is the father of all those who believe (Romans 4:16)
 - ii. Abraham was one of the first believers before Moses. (Romans 4:1-5; 9-23)
- 2) David- He is a different matter as he committed some sins but, David had faith and God forgave him.
 - a. Paul is using David because, he knows the Jews know who David is. (Romans 4:6-8)
 - b. He brings in David because David committed a big booboo, a big sin but, God forgave him.
 - i. With some sins you commit there are consequences, repercussions, and some penalties.
 1. In this case David had committed a sin where he took the man put him in the front of the battle to be killed. Took the man's wife, she got pregnant. God wasn't pleased with that, because of who he was, and so the baby died.
 2. God said you are going to have to suffer some other things but I am going to forgive you.
 - a. Always remember some things you do God will forgive you but, there are some consequences.
 - b. That is the way it is in life. We got to think of these things before we get involved.
 - c. So think about that while you are playing around, so the Lord sent a prophet to David.
 - ii. Some sins you commit you just ask the Lord to forgive you and there are no negative side effects.
- 3) Me and You (us)- Paul tells us as Gentiles we must believe also like 1 & 2 (Abraham & David) (Romans 4:24). Even though they believed God for different situations, Paul brings up the main point for which they believed God.

Any Other Religion That Doesn't Preach God and Jesus Are Cunningly Devised Fables

- 1) So believe God, that is what we are going to have to do, if you want to be made righteous, forgiven by God...
- 2) Why do I have to be forgiven by God???
 - a. The 1st chapter (of Romans) tells us that there are no other gods, there is only one God. All of the other gods are man's inventions.
 - i. Man through thousands of years can come up with these different religions Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, but none of them were able to find Jesus.
 - ii. Now the god of this world helps those nations with these different ideas and inventions and myths in building these gods; we had in our lesson before we have not followed cunningly devised fables.

- iii. All these religions with the exception of those who believe on God Almighty & the Lord Jesus Christ are simply cunningly devised fables.
- b. What is the one thing that is so unique about your salvation?
 - i. It's based on the finished work of Christ on Calvary.
 - ii. It's based on the cross and the blood.
- c. And what's so unique about your religion versus all the other religions of the world? The answer is in Isaiah 1:18

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as now; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

One Unique Thing About Our Religion Is Our God Washes & Cleanses Us Of Our Sins

1. Now Satan has not allowed any religion or any god that can make that claim.
2. No religion of the world can make the claim that Isaiah 1:18 claims, that almighty God does with and through the blood of Jesus Christ. Do you see the difference?
 - a. One of the main religions in India believes in reincarnation. They don't call sin "sin", they call it karma.
 - b. All the other religions don't guarantee you that once you give your heart and mind to this god, all of your sins will be washed away.
 - i. You have to go through steps and phases and reincarnations and come back in another life form, and this and that.....
3. But the blood of Jesus, we cannot overemphasize.
 - a. It says here in Isaiah 1:18 (read). Now this is what the Almighty says He can do.
4. That's why I refer to Him as the Almighty because He can wash all of your sins away.
5. And all the other gods of the world do not make that claim. Not even Allah. You can tell that by their behavior.
6. And that is why you're supposed to live right because you're blaspheming the name of God. Now you know how you blaspheme the name of God?
7. You have three groups of people – Gentile, Jews, and Saints.

Since You Are In This Way You Can't Turn Back

1. Now the Gentiles and the Jews look at the saints, and they say, "You saints claim that God has washed all of your sins away, what are you doing in this bar with us?"
 - a. Come out from among them because you have named the name of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 6:17 & 2 Timothy 2:19)
 - b. Now the only other recourse they have is get out of this.
 - i. Well, you can't go back once your eyes have been opened, not just walk out because you know the way.
2. The Lord keeps you. Paul says He that hath begun a good work in you is able to perform it. (Philippians 1:6)
 - a. In other words, keep it going until the day of Jesus Christ.
 - b. And the day of Jesus Christ is when that trumpet sounds and He comes on that cloud to get you if He saves you.
3. If you be willing, He can keep you saved.
 - a. Because if He had enough power to do for you according to Isaiah 1:18 – wash all of your sins away, He can keep you.
 - b. And He keeps us clean.
 - i. But through ignorance, if you make a mistake, He'll wash you from that.
 - ii. Not only has He forgiven us, He keeps forgiving us so that we will not be looked down upon by the world.
 1. Oh, she said all her sins been washed away, now look at her.
 2. So he keeps you delivered and keeps washing you. Seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them (Heb. 7:25).
4. So we have gone too far to go back now.

- a. You can't go back now.
 - i. You come sacheting to the bar and they say "Hey come on in and have one. Now tell me brother how many years have you preached? It got too rough for you, you couldn't hold out now could you?" That's what they say.
 - b. You have to think about that.
 - i. The devil will say no one will know. Oh yes they will.
5. Isaiah 1:18 – though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- a. Now Isaiah wrote this to Israel because they backslid. They had gone back into the world. Not all of them, but the majority.
 - b. And he was telling them come back to God and He will wash you and cleanse you. And He will forgive you so His name won't be blasphemed among the Gentiles.
 - c. Now we don't want to blaspheme the name of God among the Gentiles.

Next Week Christian Education Will Discuss Abraham & David

Now next week, we will be talking about Abraham, David. We'll be talking about 1, 2, 3. Now after you do 1 and 2, then it will show you why you're able to do 3 (why we must believe).

1. Because Abraham believed in God for his forgiveness and his deliverance and
2. David believed in God for his forgiveness.
3. And if we believe in God for our forgiveness and that God raised Jesus from the dead, you also will be like Abraham and David.

You see how the devil has confused the people about God. Because if you're confused about God, you cannot properly and accurately believe in God. It's like shooting a target, you have to hit the bullseye. In other words, you have really got to know who God is, and you can't believe that God is what you make Him to be. If your god is what you make him to be, you will never be forgiven from your sins. He's got to be the God that raised Jesus from the dead, because the resurrection from the dead in the book of Acts is the central theme of the gospel. Not water baptism.

Resurrection from the dead that you're going to find out. If you can believe that, you're almost saved. For the Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth. (Deut. 30:14, Romans 10:8). Because this is what you believe here. You can believe a lie and be damned, or you can believe the truth and be saved.

Most people are like Chicken Little. Telling you the sky is falling, the sky is falling, and it really wasn't. You can google that. Now we're bringing it to a close. Now you have to study 1, 2, and C on the board. The fourth chapter of Romans and then you're going to go to the Old Testament and find out what Abraham and David did to be forgiven. Besides Bathsheba, David numbered Israel. Now when you read about David, read about him in the Kings and Chronicles.

Reading Assignment: (Even if you are not a preacher that is your reading assignment)

- II Kings- Find the chapter and read where David sins and God sends Nathan the prophet to David
- Romans 4
- Romans 4:24-25 and need to find out what we need to believe God for and about