



Part 2: TO SAVE US FROM SIN

INTRODUCTION — Do Not Go Beyond What is Written

What's the BIG IDEA?

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus takes away our sin and gives us his purity.

Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Deuteronomy 7:8; 1 Corinthians 4:6

DINE IN – Justified By Jesus

Romans 3:21-26

What is "SIN"?

Harmartia = to miss the mark; to have a fatal flaw or tragic weakness

Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12

When the first disciples of Jesus proclaimed the gospel, they pointed to the people as the source of the violence (**Acts 2:23; 3:14-15; 4:10; 7:52; 10:39; 13:27-28**; etc), "but God raised him up" (**Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15; 4:10; 10:40; 13:30**; etc.).

TAKE OUT – I'll Have That to Go Please

We won't accept God's healing for our souls if we don't believe we're sick in the first place. Humility is the first step toward a God-blessed life.

James 5:6 / Proverbs 3:34; Matthew 9:10-13

CONCLUSION – Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:17-19

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. Talk about this thought from John Stott in *The Message of Romans*: *Justification is the heart of the gospel and unique to Christianity. No other system, ideology or religion proclaims a free forgiveness and a new life to those who have done nothing to deserve it but a lot to deserve judgment instead. All other systems teach some form of self-salvation through good works of religion, righteousness or philanthropy. Christianity, by contrast, is not in its essence a religion at all; it is a gospel, the gospel, good news that God's grace has turned away his wrath.*

Look To the Book...

2. Read **Romans 3:21-31**. A) What verse or idea stands out the most? Why? B) The "But now" of verse 21 signals a massive shift between the Old and New Covenants. Brainstorm a list of ways that humanity's relationship with God is changed by the coming of Jesus. If possible, use Scripture to support your thoughts. C) According to this passage, what is humanity's problem, what is the solution, and how can we obtain it? D) What do you think Paul means by saying that Christ-followers should "uphold the Law"?
3. Read **Matthew 9:10-13**. Why is humility the first step to faith in Christ? How does our culture work against this?

So What?...

4. It's hard to interest someone in the solution for their sin if they don't think they have a problem in the first place. What are some ways you might explain our need for a saviour, the reality of sin, and why Jesus' solution to our problem is unique?
5. Is there any sin in your life that you are in denial about, or too proud to admit, or too stubborn to give up? You don't have to say what it is, but if this is the case, let others know and take time to pray for each other.

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