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(Romans 1:16-21)

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Foundation: God's existence and authority

- Genesis 1:1 - created the heavens and the earth
- Romans 1:18-20 - glory evident to all men through his creation; without excuse

Established Law: Unfitting Behavior


- Romans 1:24-31 - unrighteousness, immorality, wickedness, envy, strife, deceit, violent, proud, disobedient to parents, untrustworthy, unforgiving, gossips, unmerciful, unloving
- Romans 1: 32 - those that practice or approve of such things, are deserving of death

Law is Broken: Consequences

- Romans 3:23 - all have sinned
- Romans 6:23 - consequences of this sin is death

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God's Eternal Plan: Before Creation


- Ephesians 1:3-14 - before creation; redemption & forgiveness thru His son; holy & blameless; guarantee of inheritance

Good News: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

- John 1:1-4 - "...in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God..."
- John 1: 14 - Word became flesh and dwelt among us
- Matt-John - Jesus' birth, baptism, teaching multitudes, appointing apostles
- Matt-John - preparing for His death/sacrifice, resurrection, return to heaven
- Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:16, John 20 - preparing apostles for spreading of Gospel
- Luke 24:44ff - stay in Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high
- Acts 2:1-4 - apostles in Jerusalem; filled with Holy Spirit and spoke as directed

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Gaining Access to Blessings "in Christ"


- Ephesians 1: 3 - God's plan is for these blessings to be in Christ
- Galatians 3:26 - "...baptized into Christ, have put on Christ..."
- Galatians 3:29 - if Christ's, then Abraham's seed and heir according to the promise
- Genesis 12, 17, 22 - thru Abraham's seed, all nations would be blessed
- *Ephesians 1:3 - the blessings are in Christ
- *Ephesians 1:7 - God's plan for redemption based on these

Into Christ: Living Righteously

- Galatians 5:16-26 - required to put away old behaviors considered unfitting; put on new man with behaviors of righteousness: love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, self-control
- Ephesians 4:17-5:21 - old man, former ways must be put off, the new man is created according to God, in true righteousness: kind, forgiving, no wrath, no envy, no bitterness, no coarse speech

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Faithful Walk Required: New Man Lives as Christ


- 1 John 1:7 - we must walk in the light as He is in the light to be cleansed by his blood
- Hebrews 10:36 - promise received only after we have done the will of God
- Hebrews 3:14 - partakers of Christ IF we holdfast to the end
- 1 Corinthians 15:1 - saved by the Gospel (Good News) if we hold fast
- Revelation 2-3 - those who overcome, hold fast, persevere, will receive the crown

Fullness of Time: God's Righteous Judgment

- Romans 2:6 - God will righteously judge each one according to his own deeds
- Romans 11:22 - "therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell severity; but towards you, goodness, IF you continue in His goodness, otherwise you also will be cut off"

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Conclusions We Must Come To

- Genesis 1:1 - God created the world and has all authority
- Romans 1: 32 - those practicing unfitting behavior are deserving of death
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 - a place of fire and vengeance is reserved for those who do not obey nor submit to God
- Ephesians 1:3-14 - God prepared a plan before the beginning of time to redeem us back to Him thru His own son
- Romans 1:16 - this Gospel is God's power unto salvation for everyone who believes
- Romans 1:20 - Your choice to believe or not, accept it or not, obey it or not ... doesn't change it's existence nor your responsibility to it

Response: The Choice is Ours ... The Choice is Yours!

- Acts 8:39 - Rejoicing?
- Matthew 19:22 - Sad?

Won't You Believe?