


Romans Bible Study

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Discipleship Training**  
**"Mosaic Series"**

*Catch up!*



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Week 5 – Catch Up

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**The Righteousness of God revealed**

1. Justification is by God's grace, through Christ, as a gift (3:22-24)
2. Justification is not abstract or arbitrary
3. Justification is in and through Christ, the Just One (3:24, 25)
4. Justification is judicial/forensic

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**The Righteousness of God revealed**

*Q2: Have you ever attempted to explain to someone how we become righteous before God? How did you do it, and how was it received?*



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### The Righteousness of God revealed

5. Justification is received by faith (3:25 – 30)

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### The Righteousness of God revealed

*Q3: Is the teaching of justification by faith comforting to you? Can it be comforting to someone who does not acknowledge sin?*



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### Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

1. Principle established: Faith contrasted with works (4:2-8)
  - A. Merit removed from equation (4:4,6)
  - B. Sins are covered and not counted against man (4:7,8)
2. Abraham justified before circumcision (4:9-12)

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Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

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3. We share Abraham's faith in Christ (4:16-25)

4. We are reconciled to God by Christ (5:1-11)

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Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

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Q4: Do you think that fallen man is naturally inclined to exclude works from his standing before God?

Why or why not?



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Week 6 – Union with the Second Adam (5:12 – 6:23)

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### Week 6: Objectives

1. Understand the connection between Adam and Christ
2. Grow in our understanding of, and appreciation for, how Holy Baptism unites us to Christ
3. Let our union with Christ strengthen us in our battle against sin

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### All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

1. Original sin (5:15 – 17)
2. Actual sin (5:12 – 14)
  - A. Transgression of God's law
  - B. Distinction from original sin does *not* mean original sin has no effect

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### All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

3. Death and corruption
  - A. In Adam's fall, God gives man over to corruption and decay (5:12 – 14)
  - B. The reality of sin is proved by our corruptibility: We know that we sin because we (all mankind) die

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### All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

**Q1:**  
*Do you regularly view death as proof of the reality of sin in the world?*



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### Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

1. In the Incarnation, God the Son takes all of humanity to Himself by assuming our very nature
2. Mankind is fallen in Adam, restored in Christ
  - A. The trespass of one led to condemnation (5:18)
  - B. The righteousness of One leads to life (5:18)
  - C. Both Adam and Christ are true man, but only One is also True God!

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### Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

3. Chapters 5 and 6 demonstrate God cares about physical "stuff"
  - A. We are not Gnostics
  - B. Incarnation:** The "en-fleshing" of the Word ("we touched with our hands" - 1 Jn 1:1)
  - C. Corruption:** The decaying of tangible material
  - D. Resurrection:** Real tomb, true body and soul
  - E. Baptism:** Real water; sensible

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### Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

**Q2:**

*Do you sometimes see, in the world and even in Christianity, a denial that physical "stuff" matters? How can Romans help you respond?*



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### United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)

1. In baptism, you are made one with Christ
  - A. His death is yours (6:3, 4)
  - B. His Resurrection is yours (6:4)
2. Our union with Christ and His Resurrection necessarily mean we now walk "in newness of life" (6:4)

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### United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)

3. The union of faith (Christ present in faith)
4. The mystical union (Christ in us, we in Christ)
5. Baptism is Paul's reason for why we should no longer "live in sin" (6:2)

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**United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)**

6. The physical reality of baptism reflects the true, physical reality of our union with Christ (6:5-14)

- A. Luther: The drowning of our "old man" is a daily reality
- B. Christ's real, bodily resurrection means death no longer has dominion over our bodies

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**United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)**

7. Freedom from accusation of the law (6:14)

- A. No longer slaves to sin, but slaves to righteousness
- B. Eternal life in Christ is a free gift

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**United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)**

**Q3:**

*Does your baptism give you comfort in your daily life?*

*Do you think about it?*



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