

16h. Romans 8:3-4 The Great Exchange

Romans 8:3-4, Leviticus 19

Romans 8:3-4 (ESV) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

I. The law could not save us nor was it ever design to save us.

Read Leviticus 19.

1. What do you think was more important? Us following a set of rules and regulations to the letter or us being with God?

Read Matthew 5:17 then Psalm 40:8, 119:34

2. How did Jesus fulfill the law of the Old Testament?

II. By sending His own Son

God foretold this in numerous passages throughout the Old Testament. If you want to go into Messianic prophecies, start by studying:

Genesis 3:15 (the Protoevangelion)

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53:7 (ESV) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Psalm 22

Psalms 22:16 (ESV) For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet--

Ezekiel 34

Ezekiel 34:12 (ESV) As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

3. If God was so faithful to keep His word concerning a Savior for the entire world whom He have loved (John 3:16), do you think that God would not fail in all the promises that He has given to you in His Word?

III. in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the fles

In Genesis 1 & 2, we clearly see the plan of God and that plan for peace (shalom) was good. Because of the fall, we don't blissfully experience that shalom.

4. What are some of the good things that God is responsible for?

Read Genesis 3:1-5; Ephesians 6:10-20; Ephesians 4:11-16

5. Seeing that Adam & Eve succumb fall for false teaching and doctrine, how do you guard against false teachers?

Quote:

"This is that mystery which is rich in divine grace to sinners: wherein by a wonderful exchange our sins are no longer ours but Christ's, and the righteousness of Christ not Christ's but ours. He has emptied himself of his righteousness that he might clothe us with it and fill us with it; and he has taken our evils upon himself that he might deliver us from them." – Martin Luther

6. Reading the above the quote and after praying to the Holy Spirit to help you remember and understand the gospel of God, how would you word Luther's "The Great Exchange" in your own words?

7. Do you believe that Jesus Christ has conquered Satan, sin, demons and hell? How is your testimony and the testimonies of others reflect this truth?

IV. in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us

Read Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 4:10

7. What are the two things that had to happen in order for us to be with God and God in us forever and ever.

V. in us who walk, not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12

8. Knowing this to be true, does this ease the burden of evangelism?

Read Acts 2:4 then 2:14-39

9. How was Peter, who we have seen to be a bit of a coward, hot-headed, foot-in-mouth syndrome in the Gospels, be able to preach with such boldness?

Read Luke 3:22-23; 4:1; 23:46

10. How was Jesus able to begin His ministry, resist temptations, teach/preach/exhort with boldness and authority, perform miracles, heal the sick, cause the blind to see and be able to love everyone?