

Message: Problem of All – Cure for All

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Romans 3:9-26 | John 17:20-21

We all have a sin issue.

The Turning Point: But now,

Four Big Words:

- Sin: An Archery Term = to miss the mark, to not have union.
- Atonement: A religious term = to appease a god.
- Justification: A legal term = to be made right.
- Redemption: A slavery term = to buy your freedom.

The problem of all of us:

- Sin separates us from ourselves.
- Sin separates us from others.
- Sin separates us from God.

The Cure for all – having faith that Jesus:

- Atoned for my sin.
- Justified me in spite of my sin.
- Redeemed me from my sin.

The Roman Road:

1. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)
2. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23)
3. "God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)
4. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:9-10)
5. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13)

*Welcome to our Winter session of Life Groups! Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

### Share your story

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Did you make a New Year's resolution for 2025? What did you resolve to do? How's is it going so far?

What makes resolutions or other changes in our lives so difficult?

### Connect to God's story

#### Read Romans 3:19-26.

What does Paul show us is the purpose of the law? How can seeing the law as a mirror keep your pride in check? Why might it be important to believe that all have sinned?

Take a moment and list below all the things Jesus does in this passage:

How important is what we believe and who we believe in according to this passage? What is your biggest struggle in believing the good news that Jesus gave His life for you?

**Read Romans 3:27-31.**

What makes us right with God? What can make Paul's answer so difficult? What makes doing something to be accepted by God attractive to people?

How do you think your friends and family who aren't yet interested in Jesus would respond to hearing that everyone has a sin problem and Jesus is the only cure for it?

*Sin separates us from the most important relationships in life.* In what ways have you seen this separation happening in the world around you? In your own life?

*God wants to use the story of your past as a tool for sharing his love and forgiveness with other people.* Can you think of anything you might need to do in order to allow him to do that?

*We all have people in our lives who haven't recognized they have the universal problem of sin and therefore haven't accepted the universal cure – Jesus.* Which ones would you like to have the group pray for?

## THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

### SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

### SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

### SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)