

# Thursday

Read: *Hebrews 10:1-25*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

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## Getting Real TODAY:

What was the problem with Old Testament sacrifices? How was Jesus the perfect sacrifice for sin "once for all"? What does the phrase "once for all" mean to you? There is no more sacrifice for sin, but what kind of sacrifices are those saved by Jesus called to continually make (see *Romans 12:1*)? What can you offer Jesus?

# Friday

Read: *John 3:1-15 & John 14:6*

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## Getting Real TODAY:

Consider Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. How do you describe being "born again"? Do you agree this is the only way to find God? Many struggle with the idea that Jesus is the only way to God. Consider what you know about sin from *Romans*. What does Christ offer that other religions do not?

# Saturday

Read: *1 John 3:1-24*

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## Getting Real TODAY:

We recognize our sin. You recognize God's grace and mercy to YOU. How can you respond to God's love by loving others? Is there someone you need to love with "action" today? Make the call. Write the note. Forgive. You've been forgiven!

# Preparing for this Sunday

Read: *Romans 4:1-25*



## Getting Right With God *Romans 2:17-3:31*

<sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **Romans 1:16**

**GOSPEL: the POWER of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.**

<sup>17</sup>Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God; <sup>18</sup>if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; <sup>19</sup>if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, <sup>20</sup>an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth-- <sup>21</sup>you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup>You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup>You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? <sup>24</sup>As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." **Romans 2:17-24**

**LAW: the embodiment of knowledge and truth.**

God judges according to truth and deeds:

- We don't do what we KNOW.
- We don't do what we TEACH.
- Therefore, we DISHONOR God.

<sup>9</sup>What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. <sup>10</sup>As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup>there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup>All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." **Romans 3:9-12**

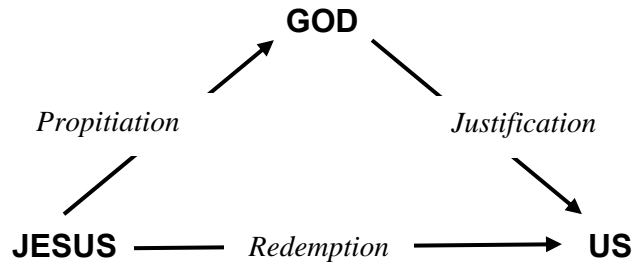
**REGENERATION: the radically transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.**

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **John 3:5-6**

<sup>21</sup>But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. **Romans 3:21-26**



**What did Jesus do for us?**



***It is by grace you have been saved, through faith ...***  
- Ephesians 2:8

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." **Romans 1:17**

**Getting Real**

Putting Our Faith into Action

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. <sup>29</sup>Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, <sup>30</sup>since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. <sup>31</sup>Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. **Romans 3:27-31**

- » Stop **BOASTING**.
- » Start **SHARING**.
- » Keep **OBEYING**.

**Monday**

Read: *Romans 2:17-24; 3:9-12 & 1 John 1:8-10*

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**Getting Real TODAY:**

Take a moment to think about your thoughts and actions the past couple days. Would you describe yourself as "righteous"? After reading *1 John 1:8-10*, take some time to confess your sins to God. Live today knowing that you are forgiven through Jesus sacrifice!

**Tuesday**

Read: *Romans 3:21-26*

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**Getting Real TODAY:**

Take some time to reflect on the triangle on the opposite page. What do the words propitiation, justification, and redemption mean in your own life? You've been REDEEMED! Make a list of five things you can do to honor your Savior during your life on earth. What will you do today to take a step in that direction?

**Wednesday**

Read: *Isaiah 53:1-12*

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**Getting Real TODAY:**

This is an Old Testament prophecy about the Savior that would come to save God's people. From what you know about Jesus, make a list of things from *Isaiah 53* that indicate Jesus fulfills this prophecy.