

Thursday

Read: *Romans 3:9-12 & Jeremiah 7:9-10*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

How seriously does God view sin? How about you? Make a list of your sins in the past few days. How do you feel coming before God with those sins in your life?

NOTE: Don't reflect on your sin too much, but just to realize the extent of your sinfulness. Now read *Ephesians 2:1-10*.

Friday

Read: *Colossians 2:13-15*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Take that list from yesterday and tear it up! How does it feel that yesterday's sins, as well as those from your past, present and future are nailed to the cross? You don't ever have to face the penalty!!! Take some time to confess your sins, thank your Savior, and think about how you should live your life in grace.

Saturday

Read: *Psalms 51:1-19*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Read *Psalms 51* three times throughout the day as your prayer to God. How will you Reconsider... Repent... and Respond?

Preparing for this **Sunday** Read: *Romans 2:17-3:31*

REDEEMED

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My Need to Be Redeemed

Romans 1:15 – 2:16

¹⁶*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. ¹⁷For 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 1:16-17**

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

¹⁸*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. ²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.* **Romans 1:18-23**

The Wrath of God is Real and Right:

- We KNOW about Him.
- We've chosen to REJECT Him.
- We've exchanged His glory for something far LESS.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12 (NLT)**

SIN: not just an act of wrongdoing but the CONDITION we ALL find ourselves in.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another... **Romans 1:24**

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...

Romans 1:26

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done... Romans 1:28

Our loving God allows us and our sin to run its course. He...

- Lets us GO.
- Lets us DO.
- Lets us THINK.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

REDEEM: to buy back, to free from captivity by payment of ransom, to exchange for something of value.

²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24

Getting Real

Putting Our Faith into Action

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Romans 2:1

» RECONSIDER

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:5

» REPENT

For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

Romans 2:13

» RESPOND



Going Deeper

Our Personal Daily Study Guide



Monday

Read: Genesis 1:26-31

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Consider Creation. Think about God's original design for mankind.

Our tri-une God exists as three persons (Father, Spirit, Son) in perfect fellowship, and we are created in that image. As a practical example, how has sin disrupted our perfect fellowship (Consider marriage, church, friend or family relationships)?

Tuesday

Read: Romans 8:22-23

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

In what ways is Creation groaning for redemption?

How do you feel you are "groaning" for redemption? Is it physical, emotional, spiritual? Through Jesus, we have the hope of a day of full redemption. Take a moment to reflect on that day, and give thanks to God!

Wednesday

Read: Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

How did sin enter the world? What were the lies of the serpent? What was the first sin of Adam and Eve? Consider not just the actions, but the attitudes behind the actions. Why does Adam's sin impact you and I today?