

Romans #048

“Hopeless and Helpless apart from Christ”

"A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness."

Albert Einstein

Romans 3:9

So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. *Isa 59:14*

Security and freedom are only found in a relationship with the integrity of God.

Blessing can only be expected from the justice of God and NEVER from man's relative righteousness.

Spiritual death is a judgement on the human race at the point of birth.

Spiritual death is not only separation from God but it is the penalty of sin.

Spiritual death is a status that continues and can only be broken by a new birth.

A postulate is a proposition that is taken for granted as an essential foundational truth.

Paul's concept which is taken for granted at this point is the universality of man's sin, aka total depravity.

As long as anyone thinks that there is any system of human righteousness, talent, ability, planning or works that can satisfy the justice of God and clings to his own system, whatever it is, he has no chance of ever having a relationship with God.

There are no advantages to the advantages (blessings from the justice of God) without the advantage

(the integrity of God; righteousness and justice).

The sin nature was acquired originally by Adam's fall and then it's received by us at physical birth and it's the source of the soul's rebellion toward God.

Evil includes every attempt to solve the problems of life apart from God and His truth and every attempt to destroy man's true freedom.

Man's freedom must be limited only by the laws of divine establishment but man's freedom must never be limited by human laws that try to solve his problems.

Sin is handled by recovery; evil can only be handled by growth to spiritual maturity.

One of the greatest blessings of the greater-grace life is divine protection from evil, both in the angelic and human realms.

Just as grace and truth represent the genius of God in relationship to the human race, so evil represents the genius of Satan in relationship to the human race.

Good and evil and the plan of God are mutually exclusive.

The rebellious believer possesses the righteousness of God and at the same time pursues human good and evil and that's why he's always in pain.

Recognition lust is the basic motivator of life and is why people seek to get attention from others.

Adam, from his own free-will, knowing what he was doing, manufactured the sin nature by rejecting divine authority in violating divine prohibition.

Because the man's sin was in cognizance, he is the transmitter of the sin nature.

The trends of each sin nature are different, just as genes combine to form different physical features, personalities and attitudes.

It's the genetic sin nature that produces our weaknesses.

If you gave up something to be saved, it wasn't God that did it; it was determination on your part which can only result in self-righteousness.

It is legitimate and profitable when primary weaknesses are overcome by the filling of the Holy Spirit plus the Word of God; this takes time and means we are growing.

The doctrine of ultimate sanctification, states that the sin nature and its products of good and evil are excluded from eternity.