

*Romans #070*

*“Enemies by our choice, saved by God’s choice”*

*Romans 5:6-8; Daniel 4:23-26*

If we are ever going to grow up spiritually, we must understand love and grace.

**We are justified and reconciled; indicating there was hostility between man and God but now there’s restoration between man, the sinner and God, the righteous judge.**

Now there can be harmony between perfect God and sinful creature because sinful creature has been given God’s perfect righteousness.

**We have the right to make our own decisions and the obligation to assume our own responsibilities resulting from our decisions.**

God, in His Sovereignty is pleased to give man free-will.

**The issue in the human race is:**

**Will the free-will of man act in union with the divine will of God or act independently of it?**

When the heart is conquered by pride and emotional revolt, it destroys the freedom of human free-will.

*When pride gets into the mind, it’s no longer: “What are the facts or what does the Bible say?” but it’s “What about me?” and that’s all that counts!*

**Allowing people to be free means that they are going to be permitted to make bad decisions.**

When you don’t believe in evil and have a false view that Satan’s world system can be improved or perfected, then you’re going to blame God for the horrors that occur in history.

*If you are going to allow people to experience the benefits of success from good decisions, you have to allow them to experience the detriments from bad choices or it is not freedom.*

**“We” emphasizes the fact that if we haven’t understood grace through the cross, we aren’t going to understand it in the Christian way of life.**

“We”=also emphasizes the point that we must understand and accept this truth before we advance any further.

*There is no system of self-righteousness by which we can impress God.*

The phrase ‘*He died*’ speaks of the final 3 hours on the cross when all our sins were poured out upon Jesus Christ and the justice of God was judging Him for us.

The only way to be on God’s time is to adjust to the justice of God, so that our time is related to the integrity of God.

However, Jesus Christ was not dying for those who had integrity; He was dying for weak, hopeless sinners, for He had the integrity in dying for us.

**In a man’s sacrifice for another, only 2 things can be emphasized: the character of the person who is delivered and the character of the person who dies.**

There can never be an exact real analogy between someone giving his life to deliver another and the work of Christ on the cross.

*Those delivered through salvation have no character and no righteousness of their own in the sight of God.*

**Mankind produces the action of being sinners and Jesus Christ produces the action of dying for all sinners.**