

Romans

MADE RIGHT
WITH GOD

The Good News, Part 2

SUNDAY, November 6, 2022

Key Scripture: Romans 1:8–15

INTRODUCTION

In our second week of *Romans: Made Right with God*, we look at how, when a witness swears in at a trial, they say 'tell the truth...THE WHOLE TRUTH, and nothing but the truth.' We realized that sometimes things in our life can be true but not the whole truth. Another way to say it is that sometimes things are ACCURATE but INCOMPLETE. That's how we've treated the gospel—something that isn't incorrect, it's just incomplete. While the gospel is about salvation, that's not *all* it's about. Paul was bringing the Good News to those who were already believers. So the gospel isn't just for unbelievers and it definitely is more than a moment in time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them.
2. Based on last week and this week, has your definition of the gospel changed? If so, how? Why?
3. Share how you came to faith.
4. Read Romans 1:8–15. Notice that Paul desires to preach the gospel to people in Rome who are already Christians! This means that Paul thought Christians still need the gospel even after salvation. Discuss why this is so.
5. How does the gospel speak to *all* of the Christian life, not just the beginning of it?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. What part of your faith journey included giving up—surrendering to Christ? Share how you continually "give up."
7. Read 1 Peter 2:2. What fruit do you bear that shows that you are growing up—maturing in Christ?
8. Read Ephesians 2:10. What are the good things you are doing or could be doing?
9. Read Matthew 28:18-20. How can we as a Life Group make disciples—"get busy"?
10. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

Now What?

Live the whole gospel (Give Up | Grow Up | Get Busy).



NOTES

Our decision is a personal decision, but our relationship is never personal, it's actually communal. Look at the pronouns in the Lord's prayer—they're ALWAYS PLURAL.

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

-Matthew 6:9-13

Hebrews 5:12-14 speaks to growing up, as well. We're to move from figuratively drinking milk into eating solids—our spiritual growth is a process.

In Matthew 28:18-20, remember that 'make disciples' is the main verb that is a command. The verbs go, baptize, teach are modifiers—meaning it's the what and how of making disciples.

DIGGING DEEPER

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