

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Romans // Loved and Sent

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What's one possession or tool that enhances your life?

Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Outline:

- I. Law and Faith (Romans 10:5-8)
 - A. We are reminded that the righteousness of the law requires perfection, which is impossible for us to achieve and thereby unattainable by ourselves alone. However, we still often seek for this impossible righteousness by striving for “enoughness” in our lives.
 - B. Paul instead shows us that we can escape this futile striving by finding righteousness in faith. We receive this righteousness by putting our trust in Christ.
Q: *Where in your life do you find yourself seeking “enoughness”?*
- II. Believe and Confess (Romans 10:9-13)
 - A. Paul highlights the deep connection between what inwardly held beliefs and what is expressed outwardly. If we believe that we receive righteousness through faith in Jesus, we should naturally confess Him to be our Lord.
 - B. To confess is to speak what is true, and at the center of all of Scripture is the fact that Jesus is Lord who reigns over all. Thus, because he is Lord of all, everything He says about anything is true.
Q: *How does confessing that Jesus is Lord change how you view the world?*
- III. Loved and Sent (Romans 10:14-17)
 - A. Each person has a deep need to be loved, and God offered us that love in sending His son to be our righteousness. No matter who you are, what you've done, what you haven't done, you are loved by God in Christ.
 - B. However, there are still people who don't know this truth. God has sent us into the places we are in today to share the freeing news of Christ that our “enoughness” doesn't come from what we do, but from Christ's sacrifice for us.
Q: *What parts of your life have you been sent in to share God's love and gospel?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Do you have someone in your life that you find yourself comparing yourself to? How can our righteousness in Christ help you avoid doing this?
- 2) Why is it sometimes difficult to practically apply our righteousness in Christ to our daily lives?
- 3) Have you ever experienced a negative reaction to sharing the gospel with others? If so, how did you deal with the situation?
- 4) How can we continue to care for those who may react poorly to hearing the gospel?

Suggestions for further study:

- Leviticus 18:5 Q: How does this verse relate to our reading this week, in light of the righteousness we have in Christ?
- Titus 1:3 Q: How does this verse relate to what Gabe mentioned about sharing the Gospel in an appropriate time and manner?

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for sending your Son as a sacrifice so that we may have His righteousness. Help us to avoid finding “enoughness” in things outside of your gospel. Strengthen us when sending us out into our lives to share your gospel to all, regardless of how others react to your good news. Amen.