



The Summer Soak: Romans 3:23-24

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Warm up

1. What is your favorite book and why?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

Dig in

1. Why has our culture focused so much on dividing people groups as a strategy to bring about a better world?
2. Read Romans 3:21-24. What is so politically incorrect about this passage?
3. Which do you think is harder for humans to accept:
A) That ALL humans are sinful and can never hope to justify themselves before God, or
B) That ALL humans can be saved only by God's free gift in Jesus, not our hard work or talent
4. What are some typical strategies for self-justification and why are they so attractive?

Digging deeper (extra credit!)

5. What are the 3 reasons that self-justification doesn't work?
6. Read Romans 3:25-26. How did God thread the needle on the cross in terms of being a just God while finding a way to justify sinners? How does this make us more grateful and tender people?
7. Reflect upon the letter Surprise received from a woman in jail. Why would inmates be more open to the gospel of Jesus than those of us who are on the outside? What can we learn from them about faith in Christ?



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This week’s passage is not _____.

Definition:

Romans 3 _____ everyone.

Romans 3 context:

Romans 3:23-24

All _____ and fall _____ >> All are _____ freely as a gift in Jesus

Self justification strategies...

Why self justification doesn’t work:

- 1) Self-justification creates _____
- 2) Pride eclipses the _____.
- 3) Pride eclipses _____.

Romans 3:25-26

On the cross, God found a way to...

A letter from jail

Jail has a way of _____ people in a way that the gospel of Jesus is meant to.