

The Security of Faith Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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“For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.”

Romans 2:13 ESV

I. How I Undermine the Message of Jesus

1. Empty Verbal Claims

“But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.”

Romans 2:17–23 ESV

“For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.””

Romans 2:24 ESV

2. Empty Faith Practices

“For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical.”

Romans 2:25–28 ESV

“But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.”

Romans 2:29 ESV

II. Why Everyone Needs the Gospel (Even Me)?

No Valid Excuses

1. Christians are No Different than Non-Christians

“Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.” Romans 3:1–2 ESV

2. Christians are Just as Messed Up

What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.” Romans 3:3–4 ESV

3. God Made Me This Way

“But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) By no means! For then how could God judge the world? But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.” Romans 3:5–8 ESV

Seven Affects of Sin (Adapted from “Romans 1-7 For You...” Timothy Keller)

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,” Romans 3:9 ESV

1. I Cannot Change My Status

“as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;” Romans 3:10 ESV

2. I Cannot Understand God's Truth

“no one understands;” Romans 3:11a ESV

3. My Motives are Self-Preserving

“no one seeks for God.” Romans 3:11b ESV

4. I Intentionally Reject God

“All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Romans 3:12 ESV

5. My Language is Sinful and Harmful

““Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”” Romans 3:13–14 ESV

6. I Damage and Destroy My Relationships with Others

“Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” Romans 3:15–17 ESV

6. I Reject God in My Life

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:18 ESV

“Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:19–20 ESV

III. The Good News (Gospel)

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—” Romans 3:21 ESV

1. Available to Everyone

“the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:” Romans 3:22 ESV

2. It is 100% a Work of God

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23 ESV

3. It is a Free Gift

“and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” Romans 3:24 ESV

4. It is Only Through the Sacrifice of Jesus

“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.” Romans 3:25 ESV

“It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” Romans 3:26 ESV