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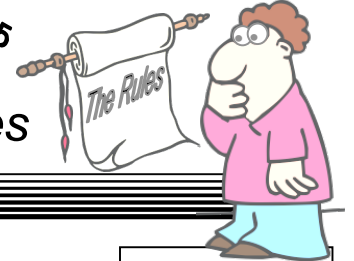
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The Bible & Your Salvation

The Goal of Scripture's Many Rules

part 5



1. Despise _____ (v.19b)

2. Ditch _____ (v.19a)

3. Give _____ (v.20a)

4. Confess _____ (v.20b)

Romans 3:19-20

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 14:16-24**. In light of what the banquet in this parable represents, why are excuses before God a bigger deal than most would assume?
2. When it comes to the indictments about our sin contained in the gospel, what are some of the excuses people often make?

Before you became a Christian, what were some of the excuses that kept you from honestly and completely confessing your culpability and sin before God?

3. Read **Luke 6:39-42**. Why is assessing others' failures so much easier than assessing your own?
4. How would you describe a situation in which a criminal who assaulted your daughter and carjacked her vehicle was allowed by the judge to keep your daughter's car and avoid any punishment because the lawyers argued that the criminal had periodically been seen doing good deeds in his neighborhood?

Why do you think people are so quick to assume their crimes against God's holiness will be overlooked because they can point to examples of "good deeds" in their lives?

5. Read **Psalms 51:1-2 & 51:17**. Spend a few minutes talking to God about your need for Christ, identifying and expressing some of the specific violations of God's law that you have committed. Rejoice in the forgiveness that comes by trusting in Christ!

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0667 – **In Your Own Defense: Being Totally Honest About Your Sin**
CD # 0834 – **No Excuses About the Man in the Jungle**
CD # 0825 – **What's Your Problem? Sin & Its Deceitfulness**
CD # 0018 – **A Wake Up Call to Deal with the Dirt in Our Lives**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

February 22nd
Lev. 17-18 & Prov. 9
February 23rd
Lev. 19-20 & Prov. 10
February 24th
Lev. 21-22 & Prov. 11
February 25th
Lev. 23-24 & Prov. 12
February 26th
Lev. 25-27 & Prov. 13
February 27th
Num. 1-2 & Prov. 14
February 28th
Num. 3-4 & Prov. 15
March 1st
Num. 5-6 & Prov. 16

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)*

Bridges, Jerry. **The Pursuit of Holiness**. NavPress, 1996.
Burroughs, Jeremiah. **Gospel Reconciliation: Christ's Trumpet of Peace to the World**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria, 2006.
Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.
Chapell, Bryan. **Holiness by Grace: Delighting in the Joy That Is Our Strength**. Crossway Books, 2001.
Morris, Leon. **The Atonement: Its Meaning and Significance**. InterVarsity, 1984.
Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied**. Eerdmans, 1984.
Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.
Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.
Stott, John R.W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.
Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.
Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.