

Romans 3B Listening Guide

Review

1. Eight Points to break down justification by faith – the Gospel.

The Disclaimer – The story of man's salvation comes apart from the _____.

The Goal – A righteousness from _____.

The Promise – The plan...has always been the plan.

The Means to righteousness – through _____.

The Recipients – _____ men.

The Gift – _____ that God made available through faith.

The Cost – A _____ made.

The Result – We are _____ righteous...we are _____ righteous.

2. If any of these pieces is missing from an attempt to declare what is the Gospel, then they have departed from the truth of the Gospel.

Chapter 3:27

3. **Boasting** means proud self-confidence. It is shut - _____, or prevented.

4. There was never a starting point for which we get _____.

5. The plan...can't be based on _____.

6. The law doesn't depend on human agency, it is fulfilled on the basis of a _____. The gift of _____, which results in men having _____ and _____ in God's work.

7. There is a work done to _____ us, it's just not _____ work.

8. The gift is to receive that _____ in place of our own.

9. What are the _____ for the law of faith?

10. Believe in _____.

11. To obey the Gospel is to believe in _____. That's the law you have to follow. Depends on the work of God in the human heart. (Ephesians 2)

12. Even the way we came to know Him is God's _____ to us so that we would then _____ appropriately.

13. Do we (Jews) have any proof out of our own history that this has always been part of God's plan? Is only part of _____ His?

14. He is God of _____ human, therefore He's not going to have a _____ plan of salvation for one group over another.

15. God is working to justify _____ men with a _____ plan.

Vs. 31 – The crux of the rest of the book of Romans.

16. By faith God is actually beginning to _____ all of which was expected in the way law was presented to men.

17. Law presents the _____. Faith presents the _____. All that follows is the attempt to reconcile the two.

18. Justification by faith alone leaves the Jew with a big gap in their theology. The concept that it is **either** the _____ saves me **or** _____ saves me is a false choice. There is another choice.

19. The law establishes means, makes the law _____.

20. Two purposes of the law. Two sides of a coin and each has a purpose. The law serves as a _____ of holiness. It is not the sum total of holiness. It _____ our inadequacies.

21. The law is a picture of _____. A blueprint of the man.

22. The law is fulfilled, in the law of faith, by both sides of the coin meeting its ultimate _____.

23. Ironically, what the law was intended to obtain... it is impossible to obtain it with the law (Torah). The law of _____ actually achieves what the law (Torah) is trying to achieve but is _____ to achieve.

24. By _____ we receive _____ righteousness.

25. The law of faith is producing...a measure of the _____ that is in the _____ when before the law of _____ that law was _____ to compel it.

26. The second side of the coin. The true purpose of the law is to lead men to _____. (Galatians 3)

Vs. 19 – Why the law then?

27. It was _____ because of transgressions.

28. The law has become our _____...to drive us to _____.

29. If its purpose is to make you a _____ and you *are* a Christian, what more can it do?

30. The law is _____ in the law of _____.

31. To those who have come to know the Lord in that way, they've already _____ what those who are _____ in their own flesh can _____ achieve.

32. The Jew is still not convinced.

Romans 4:1-3

The Jews had assumed that works under the law was their means to righteousness but they had never thought through the implications.

33. How is it that Noah was saved? If not, how does that work? What does it mean that the content of faith can be different from person to person even if the object is not?
Next week...

**Verse by Verse Ministry
A Study of the Book of Romans
Leader's Guide – 3B**

Overview

For the last couple of weeks as Pastor Armstrong has continued to teach verse by verse through Romans, we've been laboring here to lay a foundational understanding of things that would have been elementary to the Jew in most cases. Aside from the premise that we are saved by grace and not by works, the historical and covenantal references would have been clear to them even if veiled to us. We continue this week to look deeper into the Jewish context and be challenged by example. This was Paul's hope for the Jew as well – that they would be challenged by the example of their patriarchs – and so it is worthy of our examination.

Discussion Topics and Questions

1. Read Romans 3:27-4:3.

2. We are going to spin off from those verses and come back to Abraham next week, but our lesson today will have at heart Paul's point and purpose in using Abraham as an example; that we are saved by faith and not by works.

3. Read Hebrews 11:1. You've spent some time here already so this should be familiar territory. Hebrews 11 is known as "The Hall of Faith". As you walk down the hall of faith you can see the portraits of the founding fathers (and mothers!) hanging there as examples of what it looks like to live the mission statement. For each one of them you could pause and say, "They were sure of what they hoped for and certain of what they couldn't see", and then you could recount the story that proves it. That's the work ahead of us. As we work, remember the lessons from last week, and the challenges you discovered in your own life in being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you can't see. Let these examples encourage you!

4. Read Genesis 6:9-14 and 17-22.

5. How was Noah described in verse 9, and what did he do that was notable here?

6. How is the earth described in verse 11?

7. What did God say that He was about to do as a result of that?

8. What did He instruct Noah to do?

9. This may all be reminiscent of a Sunday School lesson, but think about this. These were real people, living in times not unlike our own. What would it look like if God asked *you* to do this thing? Where would you do it? How would you pay for it? How would you explain it to your friends and neighbors?

10. The real question to consider is this: what would it cost you, more than just in terms of money. Would you be willing to do it anyway, right now, today, if God required it of you? What hope would you have to be sure of, and of what unseen thing would you need to be certain?

11. How did Noah's faithful obedience demonstrate God's *righteousness* (that He is just as He ought to be) to an unbelieving world?

12. What else did Noah's faithfulness demonstrate that He believed about God?

13. Since all the world was destroyed, who was watching Noah and why was that a crucial factor? If you need some help in answering, turn ahead and read Genesis 8:15-18, 9:1 and 19.

14. Read Hebrews 11:31, Joshua 1:16 to 2:21 and 6:17, 23-25

15. What things did Rahab *say* she believed about the God of the Jews according to 2:9-11?

16. What was she hoping for which she could not see?

17. How was God faithful in His response to what she believed?

18. How do her *reasons* for believing confirm Paul's point in Romans 1:17 that God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith?

19. If the people had not believed God to deliver them through the red sea, what reason would Rahab have to believe God?

20. There are two distinct ways that Rahab demonstrated her faith. Give both examples here.

21. Who was watching Rahab's expression of faith? Focus on 6:23, 25.

22. What was the result of her faith from a *practical* standpoint?

23. And so how does her story support Romans 3:28-30?

24. Read Daniel 2:48-3:30 (Note that the King mentioned in the story is King Nebuchadnezzar.)

25. Did these young men, whom Daniel spoke for, know the decree and the consequences of disobedience?

26. What was their response to the decree?
27. According to verse 16-17, for what were they believing God?
28. However, how is their faith demonstrated even further by verse 18?
29. Now focus on how God responds to their faith in verse 25. How many men were in the furnace? Name them all.
30. Wouldn't you like to meet God face to face through the act of your faith?! Their faith in Him was certainly not in vain! What happened as a result of their faith according to verse 28-29?
31. Did any of the OT examples think *they* were strong enough to endure their trial, or did they think that *He* would not fail *them*?
32. If they were sure that God would not fail *them* in spite of themselves, then about what can they rightfully boast?

Summary

This week Pastor Armstrong talked about the law and faith being two sides of the same coin; the law on one side and Christ on the other. You can think of this further by the examples we discussed today. The side of the coin that represents the law could also be called the "I can't" side of the coin. The side which represents Christ could be called the "But He can" side of the coin. In big acts of faithfulness as we've seen today, but also in small acts of obedience and sheer blind faith, we can see for ourselves, and demonstrate to the world, that He is righteous...just as He ought to be.