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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2



THIS WEEK'S READING: Romans 3-8

As we continue to read the book of Romans, watch the second part of the Bible Project's Video on Romans: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTL4Xa5fY&t=5s>

SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

On Sunday, Pastor Greg shared from Romans 1, setting the stage for what is to come later in the book and reminding us to be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, and right here in town!



REFLECTIONS: Andrew Kejr

Romans 3-8 is ripe for the picking as this section contains many verses that we memorized as children. For me, Romans 3:23, 6:23 and 5:8 were crucial in my initial understanding of what Christians believed. In these chapters Paul discusses things that separated people from each other-Jew/Gentile, circumcised/uncircumcised and law/faith/works. Paul also makes us acutely aware that we have been separated from God through sin; that we 'All fall short' (3:23) and the 'wages of sin is death' (6:23). Doesn't that sound wonderful? So what hope is there for us if we are separated from each other and from God? Thankfully, Paul reminds us that even while we have been separated from God, Jesus died for us (5:8); 'that the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus!' (6:23) This is the good news of the gospel. Our faith in a crucified Jesus, a resurrected Savior and a living Spirit means that we are no longer kept apart from God and others. Paul encourages us as he was "convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (8:28-29). Thanks be to God



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UPCOMING SERMON TEXT - Romans 5:1-11

What questions do you have about Romans 3-8?

What is the most important part of each chapter?

What stands out to you in each chapter?

In each chapter, how are you encouraged or challenged by this text?

What is some good news from Romans 3-8 that you could share with someone?

CHURCH UPDATE

Our annual report was sent out on Friday via email and regular mail. If you have not received a copy please contact the church office.

Because we are not able to meet in person, we will be mailing/emailing ballots to each member to vote on budget and our slate of officers. That information should be sent in the coming week.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families (Jacque Torson) Read Romans 3-8

Memorize this verse: Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Make a Bible Verse Spinner. Go to this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VoOBSKAZEvccudWCeaJPuY-E1bq-H291M/view?usp=sharing>

ASK: What does it mean to have peace with God? When have you felt at peace?

What does it mean to boast? What are some of the things you boast about?

What would it look like to boast in the glory of God?

Make a poster: Make a poster boasting about something God has done. Share it with us on Seesaw!