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Romans- Live with Clarity

CHAPTER 3 & 4

- BIBLE STUDY CHALLENGE - Read the book of Romans - 2 chapters a week for 8 weeks. This takes 5-10 minutes for 2 chapters. YOU CAN DO THIS!
- BIBLE STUDY DOWNLOAD - Romans workbook - look on the inside cover of the workbook for the access code. Scripture memory cards can be found in the back of the workbook.

CHAPTER 3 - CONCEPTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

BIG IDEA: Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ, it cannot be earned.

- Paul continues to answer questions and combat excuses about the fact that no one is righteous before God - we are all sinners.
- A religious person (church member - good Baptist - good Catholic) is not a righteous person. We all stand in need of the Savior.
- We cannot earn or win anything from God through our own efforts. Salvation is not a reward - it is a gift.

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:24 - Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous.

He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. (NLT)

CHAPTER 4 - CONCEPTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

BIG IDEA: Abraham believed God. (Romans 4:3) He hoped against hope!

- Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. It was his faith, not his faithfulness to certain rituals that made him righteous.
- Steps to Abraham's faith: Your faith will be tested.
 - Do I trust God with my future? Does His Word lead me in making decisions?
 - Do I act in simple obedience?
 - When I sin, do I tend to cover up or rationalize my fault?
 - How do I demonstrate that I do not allow anything in my life to come before God?

MEMORY VERSE:

"...the righteous will live by faith." - Romans 1:17