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Sermon – Romans – The Series – Be true to what is written on your heart and forget your feelings.

Scripture: Romans 3

Main Message – Paul’s letter to the Romans is as valid today as it has ever been.

The book of Romans is filled with truths that are uncomfortable and challenging. I can guarantee that this book is not socially acceptable in its entirety these days and even avoided in many churches. I will be taking us on an expository journey through the book of Romans and it will take as long as it takes. This is a nice Series and you can call it Bible Study Sermon, but line by line and precept by precept I will do what God has called me to do.

Enjoy the ride.

Chapter 1 vs 1 -17 Setting the stage

Chapter 1 vs 18 – 32 Calling out sin in the world --- **Week 2**

Chapter 2 – 2.5 God’s Holiness is expressed in all creation, his love, his law and HIS WRATH!

Chapter 2.5 – 3. God is no respecter of persons. His law should be written on your heart and that you do the things of the law. Knowing it, hearing it are of little value if you don’t do it. Ignoring it also doesn’t make it go away.

Chapter 3 - ? – Paul really drives the point home, using scripture from both the Psalms and Isaiah to give this one vital understanding. It is meant to break the Spirit of anyone willing to accept the fact they are flawed and would have no standing before God if it were not for Jesus. You may ask, Why am I doing this when we are all believers in God. Because it is not just about your belief. People create beliefs all the time. That does not make them true. The world these days has people believing that boys can be girls through their belief. That you can be justified in stealing because you are impoverished. That we can all get along and we don’t need God with all of his laws and requirements. These are lies. Those who like to be deceived believe these things. What is faith then? Faith puts trust in something else other than what you believe. But lets look at what Paul tells us starting in Romans 3. This is the Romans Road to Salvation.

Chapter 4 – For Three chapters we have been educated about how we are all sinners. We aren’t righteous at all. We aren’t good in any single way on our own. But now, chapter 4 tells us how we are blessed beyond all imagination. God, who cannot abide sin, through Christ, will never hold us accountable. Yay! Just like Paul exhaustively educated us on our sinful nature so no one can come up with a work around, because that is what people do, Paul will now exhaustively tell us how blessed we are by having our guilt taken away – because people are so messed up they still want a work around even for a tremendous gift of salvation. People are truly a mess.