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**Sermon – Romans – The Series – Humans are so complicated.**

**Scripture: Romans 5**

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

We are into Chapter 5 of Romans. At this point we have heard about how all have sinned and we can’t really do anything good enough for God. We have also heard that those who put faith in Jesus Christ are truly blessed because our sins will not be held against us because of Christ. Then why are there 12 more chapters? What else could he possibly have to tell us. Is Paul just one of those guys who just talks too much? Perhaps he’s just really longwinded? Well Romans is long because of one undeniable fact. Humans are despairingly complex and resistant to truth and refuse to take something on faith. Paul having shared the gospel for quite a while has gotten the millions of questions trying to find the loophole, the way out, the detail that fits their own mind and agenda. He wrote Romans to cover the broad scope of all the “BUTS” he’s heard from those who just can’t be bothered to look into it for themselves and ask God to help them to believe. Today, it may even be worse than Paul’s time. We are so intelligent, logical, with science to help us out always, humans simply fly right past the point that all of our perceived strengths fail us under close examination. So, Paul writes this exhaustive explanation to close off all of our alternative escape routes (Excuses) that people so love. I can well imagine that he wrote this because he was dead-dog-tired of having the same conversations all the time. For non-Christians this entire book is what they need to hear. For Christians, this is the book they need to be expert in to witness to others fully. Do you get that? In here is wrath that will come upon the unbeliever. In here contains the truth of our depravity. In here contains the blessing of what God has done and will do. In here is the details that address every excuse. And can I tell you one more thing. The most important thing. There will be a test. How well did you not only gain this knowledge, but also share it effectively with others. God tests those who believe, to make sure that they truly do believe. How often do you feel comfortable sharing that which you don’t believe...? Never. Meditate upon that.

**Chapter 5 of Romans.**