

Lead Me to the Cross

Sin's invasion into God's world is a problem for us all. A problem that God, through Christ, solved on the cross of Calvary. Paul uses the Greek noun sin 45 times in Romans compared to only 4 times in his other letters. Paul is reminding the Roman readers that all people are under sin as he uses an image of the bondage of slavery that holds us captive to these ways leading us to death. In this series, which leads us up to and into Easter, we see how great our need for a Saviour is by seeing how lost we are without Him. We then celebrate that Christ has made a way for us to find victory and freedom from the power of sin and death to instead be bonded to Christ's power of life and righteousness.

Braving the Climb

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Exchange is at the heart of the human condition.
We all made an exchange.
We all need an exchange.
We cannot re-exchange.



Vs 24-25: The consequence of idolatry. God yields to our willful disobedience.

Vs 26-27: Sin is not temptation or orientation (James 1:14-15) but what is acted on or “committed”. “Unnatural”: anything contrary to the pattern of male and female relations of Genesis 1-2 (Matthew 19:4).

We believe that male-female marriage is the consistent biblical-theological vision from creation to future redemption and the only life-giving context for sexual intimacy. We recognize two options as faithfulness to this biblical understanding: celibate singleness and faithful marriage between a man and a woman. The New Testament does not see sexual intimacy as a human right or necessary for experiencing a full life, true humanness, rich community, or ultimate joy. Jesus himself is an example of this.

Vs 28-32: An indictment of all sins. Paul’s focus is the overall predicament, the result of sin’s hold on us, which leads to death.

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Reflect + Apply

For further reading: People to be Loved by Preston Sprinkle

How can the church do a better job to honor and support singleness, to be places of deep friendship, security, and care for all people?

In what areas of my life is God inviting me to trust that He IS good, to trust Him more than my own understanding? Is there an exchange that the Holy Spirit is prompting in your life?

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