

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: UNashamed

Title: But Now...

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Text: Romans 3

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Discussion

Read Romans 3 together. If you want bonus points, start reading from Romans 2:17 in order to get a better feel for context and flow. Read reflectively, paying attention to any words or ideas that the Holy Spirit highlights as you go through the text.

- What does Romans 3 reveal about God?
- What does Romans 3 reveal about people?
- What does Romans 3 say that helps guide our daily living?

In the teaching this weekend, Matt referenced the underlying sense that, in the church of Rome, the Jewish and Gentile Christians were almost treating one another as second class Christians. How easy it is for a Christian—or group of Christians—to elevate themselves (in their own view) over other followers of Jesus?

- Do you see this going on in Christendom today?
- Do you witness this in Abbotsford?
- Do you recognize this attitude in your own life?
- Is it possible for believers to maintain a high degree of conviction with regards to theological beliefs while at the same time having strong relationship and walking in humility towards followers of Jesus who come from different traditions or hold somewhat different views? If so, how does one practically do that?

In the teaching this weekend, Matt suggested that Paul's description of being "under sin" (v. 9) gives the picture of sin being a power over people, from which they are helpless to free themselves, rather than merely being the sum total of the bad things people do.

- When you watch people "living in sin" in it's various forms, what emotion(s) do you feel? Anger? Sadness? Frustration? Compassion? Disgust? _____?
- Does that emotional response move you to come alongside people in sin, or does it move you to avoid or walk away from people in sin?
- Read Matthew 9:9-13. How can we live today, such that we follow the pattern Jesus set for relating to those who are under the power of sin?