



THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 1 - 4

Sermon Series Study Guide

A 5-week video series by Dr. John Neufeld



Week 3: WE NEED A SAVIOUR

What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the message of the Gospel? What is the heart of the Christian message? Sometimes people stumble and have no idea whatsoever, but I believe the book of Romans can clear the fog. When you strip everything back, culture, politics, entertainment, no book better describes what it means to be a follower of Christ. The Book of Romans is a discovery of the heart of the Christian message, the Good News, the Gospel. It is Christianity 101... four chapters that lay bare the very foundation of our faith.



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Week 3:



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Romans 2 invites us to take an uncomfortable look at ourselves, a contrast between the external and the internal condition of our lives. We are often quick to look at the sinfulness of others, in fact to pass judgment on others, and yet we are less likely to compare ourselves to the same standard. And yet, Paul says that in passing judgment on others we condemn ourselves because we practice the very same things.

In this message, Dr. Neufeld confronts the heart condition of the Christian. Is our heart one that seeks the praise of God, not people? Do we recognize our need for a Saviour?

"And I'll tell you who Jesus is, He's the Savior. You see, until we recognize how deeply sinful we are, and that we're unable to help ourselves, we'll never look for a savior. The good news for everyone who recognizes how black their inner condition is, is that there is a Savior to come to rescue you."

- DR. JOHN NEUFELD

**READ:
Romans 2**

My Notes:

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“The Heart of the Gospel” Week 3 Study Questions:

REFLECT:

- Given what we’ve learned, how do we understand the universality of sin? And what is the answer to that sinfulness that is every person’s present condition?

- There is an expression, “Let your conscience be your guide”. Is this always a safe guide to what is right and what is wrong? Why?

- Dr. Neufeld suggests that we “love the external signs”, that identify us as something. And yet, is the external the intended purpose or outcome?

RESPOND:

- This message calls us to take close inventory of our heart condition. Do we spend more time concerned about the condition of others, judging their actions, or their walk with Christ? Or are we authentically pursuing a change of heart, with the priority being a heart that seeks praise from God?



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Prayer Point:

Dear Lord, I recognize my need for you, my need to have your Spirit convict, convince and empower me to live a life that pleases You. Lord, change my heart, and my attitudes towards others. May your truth guide how I live my life and love others.

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Check out Dr. Neufeld's expanded audio series, *The Heart of the Gospel: Romans 1-4*

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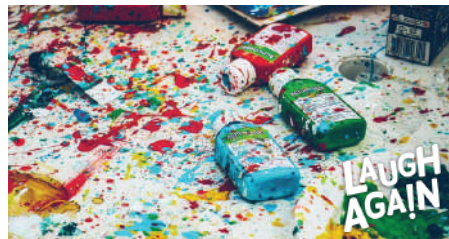


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