

FOUNDATIONS IN Romans

Romans 3:1-31

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Alta Vista Baptist Church



“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”
– Romans 3:23-24

❑ What do people need?



What do people need *SPIRITUALLY*?

1) _____ **before God for our sin** (vs. 1-20)

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” - Hebrews 4:12-13
(Romans 14:10-13)

2) _____ **of our sin through Jesus** (vs. 21-26)

● *“But now...”* (vs. 21) – Romans 1:18-3:19

“For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.” - Hebrews 2:17

3) _____ **God’s grace through faith** (vs. 27-31)

“...But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”
- James 1:22-25

***“You are faithful and You are gracious, And I’m just grateful
To think You don’t need a single thing, And still You want my heart.”*** – **As You Find Me** (Hillsong)



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: How do you feel about Maslow’s Hierarchy? What would you change or add to it?

Q2: Share about a time you were held accountable for your actions. How did that make you feel? How did that change your future actions?

Q3: Read Romans 14:10-13. Do you have any stumbling blocks in your life? Have you created any for other people? What do you need to change?

Q4: How does Romans 1:18-3:20 prepare us for 3:21-26?

Q5: Think about your largest financial debt. How would you feel if your creditor said, “Someone paid your bill, you own nothing!” How would that change your life?

Q6: Consider your personal testimony. How has Jesus changed you?

Q7: Romans 3:24 says that we are “justified freely by His grace.” What day-to-day impact does this have on you?

Q8: Who is one person you can pray for that they would accept God’s grace through faith? Pray for them now!