

Sermon Study Guide – February 26th, 2023

Today's Focus: "The Gift of a Good Lawyer"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Although lawyers sometimes get a bad rap, how can a “good lawyer” be a “gift”?
- ◆ What charges are you up against under God’s law? What is God’s verdict for your sin? His punishment for it?
- ◆ How is Jesus like a defense attorney? How does he help us with all of this?

2) Today’s Message: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.—¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today’s sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What’s the law?)

How does today’s sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What’s the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. How is Jesus better than your typical lawyer (even a good one)?
2. Paul wrote a lot about justification. What does it mean?
3. How does our “day in (God’s) court” play out?
4. How does Jesus “get us off” our obvious crime?
5. Why can *anybody* sure that Jesus’ defense will work for them?
6. How are we “justified” or “not guilty” of sin, even though it is clear we have it?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *review* Gen. 3:1-15, Matt. 4:1-11

Thursday: Romans 3

Tuesday: Galatians 3

Friday: Romans 4

Wednesday: Hebrews 4

Saturday: *read/review* Romans 5