

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 3:19-20

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

A Moment Of Silence

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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Many times, we have seen a politician or community leader on TV say “let’s pause for a moment of silence “

But have you noticed how uncomfortable that always seems to come across? It’s not only vague, but it’s very uncomfortable because of the brevity of it. It’s almost painful, it certainly seems to be insincere. And yet it’s a man’s attempt to in some way “go deep” regarding his own soul – but he just can’t seem to get there.

The Issue of Silence

How often do you get a chance to hear silence? For some people silence is terrifying and they’ll do anything they can to make sure that their world has “noise.”

We have conditioned ourselves to live in the noise.

It’s no exaggeration to say that as of today, there is more noise in our world than at any other time since creation.

We’re constantly being bombarded with news broadcast, radio programs, entertainment, podcast, notifications, streaming, video on demand, music on demand - - it’s constant. But to find silence or to experience silence is almost to feel as though something is wrong if you do!

The Apostles Opening & Closing Arguments

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Bookend The Gospel Message He Has Sent Us.

Psalm 46:10a

Be still, and know that I am God;

There is a direct correlation between {slowing down} and {meditating upon} God and His word.

Scientist / Physicians Tell Us;
that the effect of calm, nature & silence upon the human soul and mind has a profound physiology effect upon our person.
There are now apps {pray.com} that help us to calm down and to come to a place of rest or peace.

Romans 3:19-20

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A Sneak Preview of Next Week

Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophet 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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19a = the law is speaking, always speaking.

19b = the law is speaking to those who are under its jurisdiction

19c = the law never promised you salvation, but it did promise you punishment

20a = the law will never be satisfied with your good deeds.

20b = You and the law agree – you're not right with God not even now.

20c = the law is doing one thing only – the only thing it can do, call you out.

A Moment Of Silence

For All Of Those

1.) Lost in the noise of a misguided faith

vs. 19

What's the big idea Here?

To confirm and make absolutely certain that your faith is a true biblical faith approved of by Scripture.

A Moment Of Silence

For All Those Lost In The Noise Of A Misguided Faith

1a.) A misguided faith clings to tradition

vs. 19a

Verse 19a

Now we know that whatever the law says... (is saying)

The Bible Speaks and It Is Speaking...

Psalms 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Tradition has traditionally inserted itself between God and man.

Traditions, good or bad, great or strange are often used to manipulate people or to keep people ignorant regarding the real reason or point to what it represents.

Throughout world history this has been the mode of abuse –

Create a Religious oligarchy or a Religious Ruling Class to Control the People.

But God says His Law is Given to Guide and Point You to the goal, to the answer, to a Relationship with Him.

Mark 7:5-9

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?” :6 He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men - the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” :9 And Jesus said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

Jesus used the Law as it was Intended to be Understood

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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For All Those Lost In The Noise Of A Misguided Faith

1b.) A misguided faith elevates morality

vs. 19b

Verse 19b

it says to those who are under the law

You Must Agree;

We are all moral beings. We all determine what is right or wrong. We decide that this is or is not acceptable. The reality of this is obvious, and we prove it every time someone makes a judgement call on us, or we upon them.

Romans 2:1

Therefore, you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Under

grk: en.

the position you're in, not one you hope to be or wish to be, but where you actually are right now. the reality of your actual existence, a place, address or location of where you reside – 91709. beneath, at, besides, or between.

Galatians 4:21

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

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For All Those Lost In The Noise Of A Misguided Faith

1c.) A misguided faith makes excuses

vs. 19c

Verse 19c

that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Have you personally ever come to the point of having to surrender to silence?
All of your angles, arguments, reasons and excuses fall flat. = silence.

...And you're alone with God?

In times of suffering or grief when there are no words.

SILENCE is all that is left.

Mouth

grk: stoma

to be brought face to face with another, to be lip to lip in testimony.
utterance, voice, words.

Stopped

grk: phrasso

to shut the gate or to close the door, to stop the flow or the
running of words.

“What right or resource or privilege are you planning on,
using that God will let you into His heaven?”

Donald Grey Barnhouse

Luke 18:9-14

And Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, “God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Catholic Reformer Martin Luther

“The principal point of the law is to make men not better but worse; that is to say, to show them their sin, that by the knowledge thereof they may be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken, and by this means may be driven to seek grace, and so come to the blessed Christ.”

Chuck Swindoll

“If sin were blue, we’d be blue all over.”

The Law of God tells and shows us how bad we are so that we might get up and run to the goodness of the Gospel.

Like the physician’s MRI. The imagery produced by the MRI reveals what’s going on – on the inside you. What’s infected, and what’s diseased, what’s cancerous and where it’s at.

“What would you say if your doctor told you that you only had five malignant tumors just near your brain? (4,3,2,1...)”

Revelation 8:1

When Jesus opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

A Moment Of Silence

For All Of Those

2.) Lost in the noise of an elusive hope

vs. 20

What’s the big idea?

To be certain that the hope that you have is 100% Guaranteed, Protected, Held, and Insured by the hands of Almighty God.

A Moment Of Silence

For All Those Lost In The Noise Of An Elusive Hope

2a.) An elusive hope deceives us

vs. 20a

Verse 20a

20a Therefore by the deeds of the law

Deed grk: ergon
actions, behavior, labors, efforts, works, good deeds, (often reserved for the praiseworthy acts of human effort)

This is a Hard Saying – and it will hurt some of you – it does sting

Galatians 3:22-24

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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For All Those Lost In The Noise Of An Elusive Hope

2b.) An elusive hope fails us

vs. 20b

Verse 20b

20b no flesh will be justified in His sight,

Some Flesh? Just a Little? - No Flesh!

Psalm 14:2-3

The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. 3 They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.

Justified grk: dikaios
shall (-) be made to be righteous, (-) acquitted, (-) freed, (-) released from debtors' jail, (-) vindicated.

Psalm 143:2

Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

But There Is a Firm Hope Friend...

Philippines 3:9

Being found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

A Moment Of Silence
For All Those Lost In The Noise Of An Elusive Hope

2c.) An elusive hope condemns us

vs. 20c

Verse 20c

for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Psa. 43:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God;

The Great Companion Verse to Romans 3:20

Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

“So, the truth of the matter is your life can be filled with noisy activity busyness, productivity, and success. It is equally true that your life can be filled with fear, sadness, grief, and hopelessness. In either case the noise of it all has caused you to become deaf to the voice of God.

“Jack, I don’t need this nor your God.” Yes, you really do if you want to enter into His heaven – But you’re not able.

The Deodorant Fail of 2021

It was at or about 25,000 feet aboard Southwest Airlines flight #1140 from ONT to SAC (that’s only 390 nm. and a 1:10 minute flight) that suddenly, I was shocked to discover that someone on our flight was eating an onion. Who would do such a thing? My nose was cringing, others nearby, they’re looking at each other – their noses are cringing, each of us shrugging it off on someone else.

I thought to myself “it’s someone close to me who’s really stinking up this plane.”

-- It was as though everyone around me stunk. -- even Covid couldn’t survive this!

So I decided to drown the stink by taking a drink of coffee but suddenly it got worse. “This coffee smells like onions!” I thought. But wait, it’s the cup! They must have cut up onions in my cup – wait, my hand smells like onions! This entire airline stinks!

Now, I will have you know that, in all my life I have never forgotten to put on deodorant and to this day I cannot figure it out - - did I forget to put deodorant on or did I experience A Deodorant Fail.

Was I sold a bad batch of deodorant? - - Then, like the scales being lifted from eyes, but it was my nose – nothing mattered anymore because it was me. I turned out to be the onion-stinker in seat 27A.

Carefully I retreated to the lavatory and applied hand sanitizer to my body – but there was no getting rid of it. I was guilty. I stunk and I knew it. I was the last person I wanted to be around, and it turned out that 135 other passengers felt the exact same way about me.

(I was Quick to Condemn The Others – When I was the one Condemned)

Dr. J Vernon McGee

“Imagine a man having to jump out of a burning airplane with only two choices to make. One is to jump out wearing his own backpack, the other option is to take the parachute being held out to him by a fellow passenger. After the man ponders his options - he decides to jump out of the airplane wearing his own backpack instead of the parachute

End of Study

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