RTS Women’s Study: The Book of Romans

#22: Welcome and Intro to Year Two of Romans

I. Introduction to the RTS Women’s Bible Study

A. Why Start a RTS Women’s Bible Study?

B. Overview of Daily and Yearly Schedule (see handout in folder)

C. Why Are We Studying the Book of Romans?

II. What Did We Learn Last Year (Chapters 1-7)?

A. Sin

1. The Person “out there” is under God’s wrath

2. Even religious people are Under God’s wrath

3. We are more sinful than we think: Actions, Will, Mind

B. Justification

1. God declares sinners to be righteous through faith based on the righteousness of Christ
   - It is a legal declaration—not a change in our action or behavior
   - Christ’s death on the cross pays the penalty we deserve
   - Christ’s righteousness is “imputed” to us; it’s the positive merit we need.

2. Abraham is the Classic Example
C. Grace

1. Grace is a reference to the favor of God that comes through Christ.

2. What was our two word definition of God’s grace?

D. Sanctification

1. Some people misunderstand grace and they think we are now free to live however we want

2. We have new identities as “slaves of God” with a new desire and ability to keep God’s law. We DIED to sin!

III. Where Are We Headed This Year (Chapters 8-16)?

A. We Will Finish Examining Objections to Justification by Faith Alone

1. Is this salvation certain? Can I lose it? (8:1-39)

2. What about the nation of Israel? (9:1-11:36)

B. We Will Apply Justification by Faith Alone to Every Day Life

1. Living by the Spirit (12:1-21)

2. Submission to Authorities (13:1-14)


Discussion Groups

1. Tell us about yourself and your family. How did you hear about the RTS women’s Bible study?

2. What makes you excited about studying the book of Romans? What do you hope to get out of this time together?

3. If you could only have one book of the Bible (besides Romans) which one would you choose? Why?