

Reformation

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Other Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46

Readings for study

Romans 3:19-28

Before: Paul paraphrases Ecclesiastes saying no one is righteous

- Those who are under the law
 - o Anyone who still adheres to the law of the covenant
- Every mouth may be silenced
- Whole world accountable to God
- Through the law comes the knowledge of sin
- Apart from the law, God's righteousness is disclosed
 - o Not according to reward & punishment logic of the law
- There is no distinction since all have sinned
- Justified by his grace as a gift
- Sacrifice of atonement
- Boasting? It is excluded
- Justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law

After: What we gain from Abraham's example

John 8:31-36

Before: Jesus predicts his death

- Jews who had believed in him
 - o Note that the audience is those who believe – not those already resistant to him
 - o We know that sometimes following Jesus comes with challenges and troubles, not just ones external but internal battles
- Continue in my word
- My disciples
 - o Not just the 12 disciples
- You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free
- Descendants of Abraham
 - o Blood is not a requirement in the new covenant, but following is
- Never been slaves
 - o They are literally at a feast (of tabernacles) dedicated to the Israelites in the wilderness
 - o They have forgotten what was meant to be instilled in them by their faith traditions
- Everyone who commits a sin is a slave to sin
 - o Of note here, slaves cannot just declare themselves to be free from the master
- Slave does not have a permanent place, the son does

After: Whose children are you really?