

Message Notes | Mastermind

Part 2: I Must Be Perfect

Romans 3:21-26

- wanting to be who we were created to be
- a universal frustration - **Romans 2:14-15**

#1 Battle the lie that your _____ determines your _____.

- three variations of living this lie - **Romans 3:19**

#2 Your "solution" is _____ you _____ perfection.

- a solution that doesn't involve you - **Romans 3:21-24**

#3 Jesus _____ what your best efforts couldn't _____.

- how God set your worth - **Romans 3:25-26**

#4 Rather than trying to prove your worth, _____ what you're _____.

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1. Agree or disagree: In one way or another, everybody struggles with some variation of the lie "I must be perfect."
2. What are some of the obvious signs that someone is believing this lie? What are some less obvious signs?
3. **Read Romans 3:19-20.** The "law" refers to the commands given by God that demonstrate what righteousness looks like. What was God's purpose in giving the law to us, and how should a follower of Jesus use the law today?
4. **Read Romans 3:21-24.** These verses spell out the truth that God considers you righteous because of what Jesus did on your behalf. Why is it hard to live out this truth in everyday life?

(What would it look like if you actually lived as if your worth has been determined by what Jesus paid for you?)
5. How might you help someone else (such as a child or a co-worker) when you sense that they are connecting their worth to their performance?
6. Some people might be in a career that is hyper-focused on achievement. How might a person navigate an environment like that while remembering that their worth comes from what Jesus finished for them?
7. What truth(s) do you need to repeat this week as you battle the lie that "I must be perfect"? A truth could be a personalized statement that you declare to yourself, or it could be a section of scripture that you meditate on.

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- how this truth will set you free

#4 Rather than trying to prove your worth, show what you're worth to God.

Bible Reading for Today

Romans 3:21-26

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.