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LIVE THEN?

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This Week's Sermon:
Implications of our Justification
Romans 5:1-11

“the Apostle speaks as one who is extremely happy
and full of joy”

Martin Luther



“it is now the believer who is speaking – in fact we might almost say, singing”

Franz Leenhardt

The Epistle to
the Romans



Franz J. Leenhardt

Foundations in New Testament Criticism



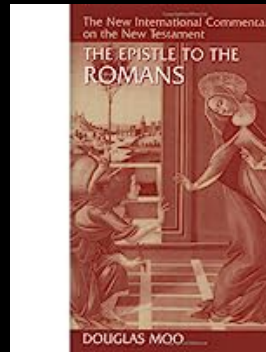
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While Paul has a place for a future aspect of justification, in this context (see esp. v. 9) he focuses on a past definitive declaration of justification. God's initial justifying act confers on the believer a new status. But what are the implications of this status for the believer living "between the times," caught in the "already/not yet" tension of inaugurated eschatology? It is this question that Paul takes up in this section, and in chaps. 5–8 as a whole.

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Paul's Big Question:

How can a Just God allow anyone in his presence?

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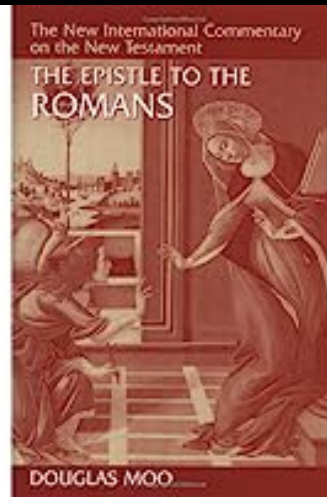
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“the glory of God” is that state of “God-like-ness” which has been lost because of sin, and which will be restored in the last day to every Christian (8:17, 18, 21, 30). A joyful confidence in this prospect, overcoming our frustration at our present failure to be all that God would want us to be, should be the mark of every believer.

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Lamentations 3:1-24

I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;

² he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;

³ surely against me he turns his hand
again and again the whole day long.

⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
he has broken my bones;

⁵ he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;

⁶ he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead of long ago.

Lamentations 3:1-24

- ⁷ He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has made my chains heavy;
- ⁸ though I call and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer;
- ⁹ he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
he has made my paths crooked.
- ¹⁰ He is a bear lying in wait for me,
a lion in hiding;
- ¹¹ he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
he has made me desolate;
- ¹² he bent his bow and set me
as a target for his arrow.

Lamentations 3:1-24

¹³ He drove into my kidneys
the arrows of his quiver;

¹⁴ I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
the object of their taunts all day long.

¹⁵ He has filled me with bitterness;
he has sated me with wormwood.

¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;

¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace;

I have forgotten what happiness is;

¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the Lord."

Lamentations 3:1-24

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

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⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



John 15:12-13

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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#4: Salvation

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Gospel Application

Rejoice in your Peace, Grace, and Salvation