Romans Sermon Series - God's Righteousness Revealed In Christ

The Total Depravity of Man
Romans 1:28-32

Romans 1:18-27, 1 John 3:15, John 7:7

Exposition:

Application:

1. **Believe God's Assessment** Romans 1:28-31
   1 Corinthians 2:1-5

2. **Respond To God's Warning** Romans 1:28-31
   Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

3. **Stand Firm In Testing** Romans 1:32
   John 12:42-43, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Why We Preach Expository Sermons At Grace

First, what is an expository sermon? An expository sermon is simply a sermon that exposes the main point of the passage of Scripture and makes that the main point of the message. Expositional preaching then moves on from exposing the meaning of the passage to then making application of the message to the hearer.

> 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) [15]Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
> Ezra 7:10 (ESV)[10]For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

Second, why do we preach expository sermons? We preach expository messages at Grace because we believe the power in the sermon does not come from the preacher, but through God's Word rightly handled as the Holy Spirit applies Biblical truth to the hearer. The expository preachers aim is to get out of the way and preach God's Word, allow Scripture to speak for itself, and the behold the Spirit demonstrate His power through His Word rightly proclaimed.

> 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (ESV) [1]And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. [2]For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. [3]And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, [4]and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5]so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Third, how do we approach expository preaching? The simplest approach to lead a congregation through an exposition of Scripture every week is to go verse by verse through a book of the Bible Sunday after Sunday. This approach prevents passing over more difficult sections or topics of Scripture but aims to preach the whole council of the Word of God, it builds trust that what is being preached comes directly from the Word, it teaches the gathered body how to study and handle the Scripture in its context, and it allows the body to study along with the coming passage each week knowing where the prior week left off, better enabling them to listen in an expository manner like the Bereans.

> 2 Timothy 4:1–2 (ESV) [1]I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: [2]preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.
> Acts 20:27 (ESV) [27]for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
> Acts 17:10–11 (ESV) [10]The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. [11]Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.