

## Track C Romans—The Power of the Gospel

### Precourse Assignment

From the on-line conference description:

*“We came to Christ because we were weary and heavy laden. Exhausted by our sin and useless efforts to justify ourselves, we hungered for the righteousness He alone could give. We reveled in knowing Him through His Word. We delighted to tell others about Jesus.*

*“Lately though, it hasn't been working like we hoped. We have discovered stubborn sin hidden deep within our hearts. Our eagle's wings don't seem to soar like they should. Why do we still struggle with sin? How can we regain the joy we first had? Come study Romans chp 1--8 with us and be rejuvenated by the power of the gospel!”*

In order for this study about the power of the gospel to have the most impact on your life, please complete this precourse assignment before you come to the conference. Please pray that God will use this time in your life to teach you about your sin and His righteousness that is constantly available to us in the gospel of his Son.

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1) Answer the following questions, in your own words, before reading and completing the study on Romans:

- What is sin?
- What is righteousness?
- What is grace?
- What is the gospel?

2) Read Romans chp 1-8. Particularly notice the repetition of the following words: righteous, righteousness, sin and grace.

3) Reread and study Romans chapters 1-3. You should read it several times to get a better handle on what Paul is trying to say. What does Paul say about sin, righteousness, grace and the gospel in this passage? Where do you see support for your answers (in the passage)?

4) Think and pray honestly (i.e. don't just give the "right" answers) about the following:

- Do you believe that you are as sinful as God says you are in Romans 3:9-18? Are you sorry that your sin affects God and others?
- Are you excited about the gospel on a practical level? Do you sense that God's grace makes a real difference in the way you think and act on a daily basis?

5) *Optional: read Romans chp 1-8 one more time (preferably in one sitting). What did you notice through this reading that you didn't notice before?*