

FOLLOW ME

Romans 3:23-26

- Matthew 4:18-23, Matthew 9:9, Luke 9:9, Luke 18:22, John 10:27, John 12:26, Luke 9:23-24

The chief point, the very central place of the epistle to the Romans and of the whole Bible. ~Martin Luther, The Most Important Paragraph in Human History. February 6, 2023 blog post on crossway.org

To progress in the Christian life is always to begin again. ~attributed to Martin Luther

HOW TO BECOME A DISCIPLE

1. I must know and admit I am a SINNER.

- Romans 6:23 NASB, Ezekiel 18:20

We should define sin by the middle letter: S - "I" - N. because it is all about "I". ~J. D. Greear, January 14, 2024 sermon

2. I must be JUSTIFIED.

Justification: Just as if I had NEVER sinned. Just as if I had ALWAYS obeyed. Just as if I had ALWAYS lived a life of perfect righteousness.

A. Justification is FREE.

B. Justification is by GOD'S grace.

C. Justification means, God's WRATH has been satisfied.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. I must be REDEEMED.

A. I am redeemed from the PENALTY of sin.

- Colossians 2:13-14, Romans 8:1-2 ESV

B. I am redeemed from the POWER of sin.

- Romans 6:19, Romans 6:11-12

Don't live the rest of your life the way you used to live. You have been set free from that. ~Anonymous

[N]ow it is always possible for us not to sin. ... We may choose to sin ... but we do not have to sin. ~Jerry Bridges, Who Am I? Page 59

I am dead to that! ~James MacDonald, Lord Change Me, Chapter 6, Pages 121-135

C. I am redeemed TO and FOR God.

- Genesis 1:26-27, Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 1:12, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 4:11, 1 Peter 1:18-19

Am I a Disciple? Am I following Jesus?

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