

Snack Club Devotion – October

Read: Romans 3:19-28 Righteousness Through Faith

²¹ 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^[a] 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,^[b] 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.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Devotional Thoughts: October ends with Reformation Sunday, the day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ – the Good News – that makes us free. We pray the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism, we are made one body...take time and consider how our church can be a part of welcoming all God's people the Lord's Table.

Pray: Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace. Amen.