

God's Plan A, Our Plan B

Part 5 – Make-up Test

Intro/Review

Our culture: we decide what is “good” for ourselves.
Now armed with self-determination, we tend to relate to God through RULES.

We focus on outward appearance & performance.
Our flesh/body is weak and adapted to life here that leads toward death
I STILL ask, “Am I getting this right?”

Results Received

Romans 5:1-11

Starting point: JUSTIFIED
made righteous, debt paid, credit applied
A completed work

Results

v.1 – peace with God
v.2 – we receive grace – stand there
v.3-5 – we handle tough things differently-they drive us back into Him
(this is not a statement of you gaining some new ability!!)

6-8 Jesus Did It

not because I deserved, but because He loves me
9- so now saved from wrath

10-11 AGAIN: God Acted while you were against

Yeah!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We exult!!

12-18 Recap: 2 Adams

Jesus obeyed FOR us

21 now Grace rules

Application

We often feel pressure & obligation
God & godliness becomes a burden

This is a lie & deception of Satan
We feel this because we focus on:
the outward actions/appearance
Our work - “I Should...”

There is No Joy in “I should..”

The Gospel is “He did.”
Jesus didn't come to “fix” your outside, He came to FILL your inside.

You feel like you can't do it because YOU CAN'T!
Jesus Did It.
It. Is. Finished.

God offers me free life, love, holiness
but I cling to self-effort, self-improvement, “I can do this!”

Connect/Receive/Accept/Open up to
His sacrifice
His work
His love
His salvation

The Result is JOY

Humbled, overwhelmed, pride-crushing JOY!