

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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## Review

**The Hands** Romans 2:12-16

OBEDIENCE is the secret of success.

- These acts of obedience are the DOS as well as the do nots.

## The Heart

1. A good thing (ritual) elevated to the main thing leads to DECEPTION & MISPLACED HOPE.

2. Reaching your HEART is, & has always been, God's intention.

**The Head** Romans 3:1-9

Engagement Questions

1. What thoughts come to you when you hear the term "God's law?"

2. What do you think is the purpose of God's law?

3. What do you think those outside the Christian faith think when they hear about "God's law," for example the Ten Commandments?

## Big Thought

It is ADVANTAGEOUS to be entrusted with the very words of God. Romans 3:1-4

- Words - sayings, divine oracles, compilation of teachings

I. God's law IDENTIFIES your basic problem of sin. Galatians 3:19a, Romans 7:7, Romans 3:23

II. God's law is a SERVANT that leads you to Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:24

III. As a Christian you should LOVE God's law & see it as a PROTECTIVE boundary.

Galatians 3:25, Psalm 1

## Application

Do you see God's law as a loving fence of protection?

## Wrong Thinking

Looking for "LOOHOLES" in God's law. Romans 3:5-8

## Conclusion

Don't play games with God. Give Him your HEAD, your HANDS & your HEART.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read Romans 3:1-8, 3:23, 7:7, Galatians 3:19-25 & Psalm 1. What do these sections of the Bible tell you about the purpose of the law? What does the law do for the one far from God? How should the follower of God embrace the law? Why is it advantageous to have the words of God?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## NOMINATIONS

GracePoint is currently accepting nominations for the 2016/2017 church year.

Positions include:

Member at large - local board of administration (must be a covenant member)

Treasurer - local board of administration (must be a covenant member)

Secretary - local board of administration (must be a covenant member)

Trustee - local board of administration (must be a covenant member)

Delegate to the District Conference - June 29 (must be a covenant member)

Orchard Drive Preschool Board (member or non-member)

Nominating forms are located at the Info Center & will be accepted until Sunday, March

6. To nominate someone, you must be a member (either community or covenant). Please turn in nominations at the Info Center or in the church office.

## BABY DEDICATIONS

We would like to try having baby dedications quarterly here at GracePoint. On Sunday, February 28 at 10 a.m. in the Activity Center, Pastor Steve will lead a dedication class for those interested in dedicating a child(ren) on Sunday, March 13. If unable to attend, Pastor Steve will meet with you individually.

The dates for dedication this year are March 13, June 19 (Father's Day & VBS Sunday), September 25, & December 4.

## BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, March 6

12:15 p.m.

On Sunday, March 6 in Room 220, Pastor Steve will lead a Baptism Class (lunch will be provided). If you'd like to be baptized by immersion during the baptism service on Palm Sunday, March 20, please plan to attend the class. You can sign-up at the Info Center or contact the church office at 692-6671 or info@gracepointwesleyan.org.



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