

Bible Study for October 24 - 30, 2022

Read: Romans 3:19-28

Notes:

October 30 is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. This excerpt from Romans is appointed because it summarizes the biblical gospel so transformative for Martin Luther. It is faith in Christ that saves, not “law,” that is, religious practices stipulated in the Torah, nor by “boasting” in our church either. The church is called perpetually to renew its faith in God’s grace.

Questions to Ponder:

Have you ever broken the rules of the road? What reasons might you have given yourself for speeding, failing to yield, or driving on the wrong side of the road?

How do you feel about Paul’s claim that “all have sinned”? Agree? Disagree? It depends?

What made you come to the realization that perhaps you might have sinned? Why is it difficult for people to accept that?

How would you describe “God’s grace” to someone?

What are some examples of boasting in our churches?

“God does not respond to what *we* do; we respond to what *God* does.” (vs. 28 The Message) Agree or disagree? Why?