Sermon notes: February 13, 2022

Why People Wear Ripped Jeans

Passage: Romans 3:1-20

3 What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? ² Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God. ³ What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? ⁴ Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge." ⁵ But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) ⁶ Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world? ⁷ Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?" ⁸ Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say—"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is just!

No One Is Righteous

⁹ What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." ¹³ "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." ¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

We Are All Fatally Flawed Isaiah 64:6 ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Our Flaws Keep Us From One Of Our Biggest Needs

Implications

Sing Wherever I Go

Chorus

All my life
All I know
God's been good
Good to my soul
Mountain high
Valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

Verse 1

God is for me
He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken
He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Verse 2

He's my heartsong
In my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
When the storms rise
All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Bridge

I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul

I will sing sing sing Wherever I go

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me You have been so so good to me Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me You have been so so good to me When I felt no worth You paid it all for me You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me There's no wall You won't kick down Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

Foundation

Verse 1

There's a ground unshaken by the fiercest of storms High above every tempest that roars There's a Word unbroken by the enemy's lies Speaking love casting all fear aside

Chorus

Jesus foundation My fortress never failing Jesus rock of ages My foundation always

Verse 2

There's a cross where mercy overcomes every sin Holy ground where the healing begins There's a grave now empty where the victory's won What is finished will not be undone

Bridge

Safe on Your promises
Firm on Your faithfulness
Strong on Your truth I will stand
I will stand

Tag

Jesus Rock of Ages My foundation always

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am