

The Making of a Good Life

Romans 9:30-10:13

The most important quality of...
...being a Christian:

What to watch for...

Righteousness = welcomed by God

By law = Human effort

By faith = Gift of God in Jesus

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The Big Idea

The most important quality of a Christian
is trusting in Jesus
in prayer and action

What determines the outcome when you...

Flip a light switch:

Cook:

Call a dog:

What determines the outcome of prayer?

What determines the outcome of my day?



What should we do?

Trust in Jesus

Prayer

For salvation

For life

Action: "Prayer with boots on"

Following His instructions by faith

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. In Romans 9:30-10:13, what are the two ways to righteousness that Paul describes? What is the difference in people that he describes? What is the difference in outcomes?
2. Where in life are you especially aware of your need for God's merciful help? Where in life does it seem that you don't really need so much help from God? How does that affect your prayers?
3. What are you genuinely thanking God for? Are there good things in life that haven't been prompting to give heartfelt thanks to God? Why might that be? How might that reveal a belief about what determines the outcome in that area?
4. What does "prayer with boots on" mean? In other words, what might it mean to do an action in a way that is very much like a prayer? And what might it mean to join what we ask God to do?
5. What might be a place in life where you should put prayer into action? What might be a place in life where you should do actions more like prayer?
6. How might sending a storm in life be a kind action of God?
7. **Growing in prayer:** Do you want to grow in prayer? In Luke 11, Jesus' disciples made their one request of Jesus to teach them to do something. They said, "Lord, teach us to pray." This is a great model for a first step in growing in prayer. And then Jesus told them ways to put into action their desire to grow in prayer (see Luke 11:1-13). What is a next step for you in growing in prayer?

Conversation starters

Do you pray? If so, why? If not, why not?