

SCCC – HOW COULD BE POSSIBLE

S - Scriptures

“Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.” Romans 3: 27

C – Consideration

Paul was explaining the gospel to the church in Rome. He developed in the first three chapters the spiritual condition of humanity, and in one verse he concluded, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The murderers and depraved heathens, the Greeks philosophers, the Romans moralists and, the religious Jews, no matter gender, race, or color all had sinned. Some of them, looking for forgiveness, thought to gain it by worshiping gods they made themselves, sacrificing animals and sometimes humans on their altars to appease, they thought, their gods. The Jews believed they were doing well with God, therefore, being justified by the ceremonial works. However, the sentence was the same to all: guilty! Then, he gave the answers that we all wanted to know. How are we forgiven? How can we be right with God? How can we escape the inevitable sentence of the judge of the universe? He responded, “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile.” As we are all condemned, we also, “and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.”

C – Commitment

Yesterday I spoke to two young men that I met close to my home. As soon as I asked their names and told them my name, they stated to me their religion. One of them said that he had just finished praying at the moment of my arrival as part of their religious daily duty. Eventually, I asked both: you told me about all the daily works you have to do as part of your religion’s duties, however, are you sure when you die that you are going to be with your God? They looked at me, and answered, “We don’t know, just he knows.” I shared to both about the gospel, how our God loved us and sent His perfect Son to do what we could not do. After sharing the gospel, I gave each one gospel literature and since yesterday I have been praying for them. In our Bible study Thursday evening, one of the participants had reminded us that on the earth we think of thousands of religions, but in fact, there are only two, the religion of works and the one of faith. Righteously said, as affirmed by Paul, “For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.”

C – Call

My God, I am so thankful for the gospel. The blessing news that can set anyone who believes free from the bondage of guilt, of sin, of fear, of despair, bringing hope, life, joy, and healing for our wounded souls. Lord, I pray that You would send works to let the world know what You had given them. I keep praying for the two young men I met yesterday, that the Holy Spirit would open their understanding and they might receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. In His name, I pray. Amen!