



Week's Aim: The "Coup de Grâce"

Webster's definition for "Coup de Grâce" from *Old French*, literal meaning: "*stroke of mercy*"

Topic for Day 1: Overview - Read Romans 3:9-31

1. From a cursory read, what would you say people's problem is according to Paul's choice of words?
2. What does Paul say God can do for people?
3. What good news/hope did you see in this passage?

Application 1: What did you learn from the sermon and how might you apply it to your life this week?

Topic for Day 2: The problem: All are unrighteous and need God's mercy - 3:9-20

1. In **verses 9-20**, how many times do you see the word(s):
"no one" (); "their/they" (); "righteous" ()
What does that tell you about the importance of these words?

2. List the things unrighteous people do:

3. Paul quotes **Psalm 36:1** in **verse 3:18** to identify the reason people are this way. What is the reason?

4. What are Paul's conclusions in **verses 3:19-20**?

Application 2: How might you demonstrate your respect (fear) of God throughout this day? Everyday?
(you might write them on a note and keep it with you)

Topic for Day 3: God's solution: His mercy is through Him making His righteousness available. - 21-23

1. Using a dictionary (Bible dictionary best) write the definitions for righteous and righteousness:

2. First things first, according to **3:20** who will be declared righteous by following the law?

3. What has God done according to **verse 21**?

4. How does a person receive this righteousness (**verse 22**)?

5. List the process of acquiring a belief in Jesus Christ as recorded in **Romans 1:5, 10:9-10, 14:**

Application 3: What have you learned about God in this lesson?

Topic for Day 4: Jesus' accomplishment: His mercy and justification offered through Jesus. - 24-26

1. Again, using your dictionary, write the definitions for justice, justification, redemption, and atonement:

2. How does redemption come (**vs. 24**)?

3. His atonement is achieved by faith in what (**vs. 25**)?

4. What attributes (character traits) of God do you find in **verses 24-26**?

Application 4: What is something you have learned, or been reminded of, that you can apply to your life?

Topic for Day 5: Our response: Don't boast, but by faith, accept His mercy and believe in Jesus. - 27-31

1. How many times is the word *faith* used in these five verses? What does that say to you about faith?

2. After reading **Hebrews 11:1**, in your own words write a definition of faith:

3. We sometimes hear others boasting about their faith and relationship with God, but what does Paul say about boasting?

4. How would you define self-righteousness and how do you avoid it?

5. Find two principles Paul identifies in **verses 27-28**:

6. From **verse 31**, how does faith uphold the law?

Application 5: After all this study, what will your response be? Have you believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior and committed your life to Him? If not, will you pray for His guidance?

If you have, how would you explain coming to Christ to a stranger (writing it down is good)