



#NothingWill "Romans 9"

Announcements:

- In lieu of Growth Track over the summer we are offering **"ASK ANYTHING"**. If you are new to Shift and have questions about who we are or what we believe this is a time for you to ask anything! Directly after both services we will meet at the front of the stage for 10 minutes for you to ask your questions. If your questions need more we can schedule a time to talk that week. We want to give you space to be able to take your next steps in faith and at Shift.
- **Second Shift Float Trip** We are launching our student ministry and our first event ever is floating the Ichetuknee River on June 28th. Click the link: [Second Shift Float Trip](#), fill out the form and check out the FAQ sheet for all the info.
- **Baptism Sunday** Sunday June 28th is our next Baptism Sunday. If you have been thinking about taking this next step of faith just click this link: [Baptism Sunday](#)

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? ***Remember to bring your Update from the weekend to refresh your memory.
- Anyone ever suffered from the "man-flu" or been victim to someone who's had it?
- Joe talked the idea of being spiritually sick. Have you ever thought about the idea of your spirit being sick? Share some thoughts about what this might look or feel like.
- Romans 9 can be greatly misunderstood when taken out of context. But taken within the overall theme of the letter Romans and specifically chapters 9-11 Paul is talking about the nation of Israel and not individuals. Why is reading passages like Romans 9 in context so important?
- Read Romans 9:30-31. In what ways do you try to achieve righteousness by pursuing "the law"? How does trying to earn your salvation usually work out for you?
- Luke 19:10 says that Jesus came for the purpose of seeking the lost. In Romans 9:3 Paul said that if it would save his brothers and sisters he would be willing to be cut off from God. Why is this attitude so crucial to fight off spiritual sickness?
- Joe came up with a list of a few symptoms of spiritual sickness:
 1. Unmerciful and angry (What did they think would happen?)
 2. Lives in disharmony with others
 3. Stuck in their preferences
 4. Is not a friend with "sinners" (Jesus called a friend of sinners)
 5. Bible Thumper (uses to abuse others, not people that read scripture and speak truth in love)

What did you think about them? Ever experience them personally or from another person/church? What would you add or take away?

- Joe then had a few simple suggestions to combat the sickness:
 1. Reading Scripture?
 2. Praying for others?
 3. Serving Others? (Through week + Sundays- needs to help reach Gainesville)

Why do we find it so hard to do something that seems so simple? How can we be better at this together? What next steps do you need to take to accomplish this list?

- What else has God put on your heart to share with the group? This can be about this week's teaching or anything else going on in your life. Now is the time to share with those who care about you and love you.