

## GOSPEL SELF-ACCEPTANCE

Romans 5:8, Romans 6:1, Romans 7:18. Greg Alderman, Director, One Voice Board

*"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."*  
– C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*

### THREE APPROACHES TO WALKING A GODLY ROAD AMID ANY STRUGGLE:

1. I can fall into the self - \_\_\_\_\_ ditch and  
\_\_\_\_\_ myself and/or my behavior. (Romans 7:18)

2. I can fall into the self - \_\_\_\_\_ ditch and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of myself and/or my behavior. (Romans 6:1)

3. I can walk the road of self - \_\_\_\_\_ knowing  
that I'm loved despite my \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:8)

Blanks: (1) condemnation, condemn (2) approval, approve (3) acceptance, struggles

## Romans

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1. Share something from this week's sermon or Reading Plan.
2. Share a time when you grew spiritually. What made you grow so well?
3. Read Romans 6:1-2. What does it look like when Christians rely too much on grace?
  - How is this making light of the grace of God?
4. Read Romans 7:15-20. What does it look like when Christians focus too much on their sinfulness?
  - How does trusting Christ's forgiveness help us apply the grace of God properly?
5. Read Romans 5:8. What is the message of this verse?
  - How does this make you feel?
  - How does this verse challenge us to neither overemphasize grace nor sin?
6. The Apostle Paul gives us the proper balance for dealing with sin in our lives. Answer the questions with the following verses.
  - What are the hard truths in these verses?
    - Romans 3:23
    - Romans 6:23
  - What is the good news in these verses?
    - Romans 6:23
    - Romans 10:9
7. How do these verses teach us to help one another effectively deal with sin?
  - Galatians 6:1-2
  - James 5:16
8. This week, ask the Lord how you might avoid overemphasizing grace or sin, as well as, allow brothers/sisters to support you.

*Let's pray for each other.*