

ROMANS GROWTH PATH – SPRING #2

1. Read Genesis 14:14-20, Who was Melchizedek (verse 18)?

What did Abraham do to honor God and His priest (verse 20)?

Now read Hebrews 7:1-10. What did the Law require the Levites to do (verse 5)?

Was Melchizedek a descendant of Levi (verse 6)?

What is the irony which the writer of Hebrews pictures regarding the tithe (verse 9-10)?

Since Levi was a descendant of Abraham, how is it possible that Levi was paying tithes to Melchizedek when Abraham did?

What parallel can you find between a descendant of Abraham (Levi) getting “credit” for what Abraham did (paying tithes), and a descendant of Adam (you) getting “credit” for what Adam did (sinning against God)?

How does the analogy of Melchizedek help you in understanding Romans 5:18?

2. Read Genesis 1:26-27 and 5:3. Using Christ as a human example of the image of God, what would you say are the main differences between someone created in the image of God and in the image of Adam?

Is there any vestige of the image of God in sinful man (Gen 9:6)? Where in society do you see the image of Adam most?

In which parts of your own life do you see the image of Adam, where do you see remaking of the image of God through Christ in you.

3. Before you became a Christian, what evidence was there in your life that you lost your strength, your godliness and peace? What evidence do you see that, through Christ, there has been a return of these aspects of God's image in your life?

4. How do you feel about the biblical statement that “whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Romans 14:23)?

List several types of “good things” done by people or groups in our society which, though beneficial, are not done to the glory of God. What does the bible call these works?

In what way do they constitute sin compared to acts such as murder, stealing and lying?

Can you identify any “good things” that you have done for your glory instead of God's?

If our very best works appear as “filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6), how do you think our very worst and most heinous acts appear before Him?

How does this help your understanding of God's Grace?