

Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cures
Chapter 2: The True Foundation

1. What ploy of Satan does Lloyd-Jones indicate in this chapter?
2. What is the general definition of a Christian by those who really do not understand salvation?
3. What is the first principle about which we must be clear?
4. "Ultimately, the only thing which is going to drive a man to Christ and make him rely upon Christ alone is _____."
5. What did John Wesley see in the Moravians that led to his own conversion?
6. What is the chief element of conviction of sin according to Lloyd-Jones?
7. What is the essence of eternal life according to John 17:3?
8. What did God make us to be as stated on p. 31?
9. "... if you do not realize that you are unworthy before God, and that you are utterly condemned and a complete failure before God, pay attention to nothing else until you have it, until you come this realization, because you will never find joy, you will never get rid of your depression until you are right about that. Conviction of sin is an essential preliminary to a true experience of salvation." What is your assessment of yourself at this time in light of Lloyd-Jones statement above?
10. What is revealed in the gospel according to Romans 1:16,17?

11. *Defining the damage of sin in Romans 1:18-3:20:*

Why are men without excuse?

What 3 ways do men turn from God in verses 1:23-27?

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- 2.
- 3.

What 3 things does God do in response to men's deeds?

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- 2.
- 3.

Chapter 2 addresses the Jew. What is the primary sin of the Jew according this chapter?

What internal revelation of God will also leave men without excuse according v. 15, 16?

Who is the "true Jew"?

According to 3:9, what has been Paul's main purpose so far in the book?

Summarize Romans 3:10-18.

How does Paul describe the hope of mankind in judgment before God in light of the Law?

12. *The True Foundation: Justification by faith in Jesus Christ*

What is revealed through faith in Jesus Christ according to 3:21,22?

What secures our justification (3:24)?

William Hendriksen defines "propitiation" as a wrath quenching sacrifice. How often to you think of Jesus Christ in terms of Him being the propitiation of your sins? What should be your response to this truth?

What is Paul's summary statement of this section of his teaching (3:28)?

What are certain enemies to your trusting in the righteousness of Christ?

The "true foundation" is discussed by Paul in Romans 4. Compare grace and works as presented in verses 4:1-5.

Paul uses Abraham as an illustration that the Lord justifies both the Jew and the gentile through faith in Jesus Christ (4:9-25). What shall be imputed to us if we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What blessing does justification afford the Christian according to 5:1-5?

Paul begins teaching about our sanctification beginning in chapter 6? What importance should we ascribe the order of this teaching, justification first, sanctification second?

How can a sound, balanced understanding of justification be used to battle depression?

What dangers lie ahead for a Christian who dwells only upon his justification without consideration of sanctification?