

MINING THE MESSAGE



<i>Title:</i>	<i>Sin: Light Piercing the Darkness</i>	<i>Scripture:</i>	<i>Romans 3:21-31</i>
<i>Speaker:</i>	<i>Jeff Terrell</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>4/27/2025</i>
<i>Big Idea:</i>	<i>The vast darkness of our sin is pierced by the light of freedom offered through Christ.</i>		

OUTLINE

1. Seek the Source of Light (21-22a)
2. Seize the Significance of Light (22b-23)
3. Submit to the Solution of Light (24-25a)
4. Steward the Scope of Light (25b-31)

SEARCH

1. Read Romans 3:21-22a. Why does Paul say the righteousness of God is “apart from the law” but “attested by the Laws and Prophets” or scriptures? Read Acts 17:1-3; Luke 24:26-27, and 2 Corinthians 1:19-20. How do these passages show Christ is the fulfillment of God’s light and righteousness?
2. Read Romans 3:22b-23. According to the sermon, what is the “chief end of man,” and how does sin keep us from it? How did Pastor Jeff define sin? What is involved in the pursuit of glorifying God and enjoying Him?

REFINE

1. Read Romans 3:24-25a and Hebrews 9:5. What is significant about the word “propitiation”? How does the imagery of the mercy seat provide a biblical understanding of propitiation and God’s forgiveness?
2. Read Romans 3:25b-31 and Ephesians 2:8-10. How did Pastor Jeff define stewardship? Why is it important to start with a heart disposition that values God before we consider the activity of stewardship in our faith?

LIVE

1. Where are you tempted to trust in your efforts or religion instead of faith in Christ? What do you need to do to address personal sin and spiritual growth with a faith-based mindset in Christ’s finished work in salvation?
2. What specific and measurable step will you take to cultivate a passion for God’s glory? List 5 ways you can express worship to God this week by giving thanks to Him for providing the necessary righteousness to you to have a relationship with Him.