

ROMANS – CHAPTER 3

- VS 1 If Rom 2:13-29 is true, and it is, what advantage did the Jew then have?
What benefit was circumcision to the Jew, which was a sign of his Covenant Relationship with God?
By Application: What benefit does Christian Baptism give to the Believer? (it signifying entrance into a Grace-relationship with God)
- Vs 2 Great “in every respect”
○ They were entrusted with (that from where God speaks)
Acts 7:37-38 “living oracles to pass on”
The Book of Prophecy spoken by God 2 Pet 1:20-21
○ The Jews had many advantages Eph 2:11-12
- Vs 3 The fact that Israel (partial) did not benefit from her advantages in no way reflects on the faithfulness of God 2 Tim 2:11-13
- Vs 4 “Perish the thought”. Let every human that has ever lived be found a liar; God is True.
Might all humans express the truth stated by King David
Ps 51:4
And they will Phil 2:9-11
- Vs 5 Our unrighteousness (history of the Jewish Nation) does demonstrate the righteousness of God Rom 11:11-12ff.
What conclusion can be made from this?
Not that it is wrong for God to inflict wrath on Israel.
God has made everything for its own purpose Prov 16:4.
God works all things after the counsel of His own will
Eph 1:11.
God is righteous in judging the wicked for the wicked acts of His creature are not done to fulfill His desires Isa 10:5-7.

- Vs 6 Perish the thought. No one will be able to question God when He judges the world. God is righteous in all His ways.
- Vs 7-8 A depraved conclusion built upon the truth that God works all things for good, even our sin.
- Vs 9-20 Paul's conclusion of this matter: "All men are rightfully condemned. The Jews are no better than the Gentiles. No person is better than another. All are under sin i.e. CONDEMNED Gal 3:22; Rom 11:32
- Vs 10-18 God's Right Description of Humanity – THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS
- Vs 10 (NOTE: Ps 14:2-3) Job 9:2-3; Eccl 7:20
Even Adam was NEVER RIGHTEOUS, ONLY INNOCENT.
Righteousness is an attribute of God, not of man.
God imputes righteousness to those who believe, when they believe.
NOTE THE WORDS used over and over:
"NONE", "NOTE EVEN ONE"
- Vs 11 Humanity, by nature, understands nothing of God.
1 Cor 1:18-31; Lk 10: 22
NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD
- Man's attempt to find and worship God is no more than creating a "god" and then worshipping it.
Rom 1:23-25; 1 Cor 10:20
 - As soon as Adam sinned, he fled from God. From that time forward God is seeking man; man is not seeking God.
Gen 3:6-9; Lk 19:10
 - Lost man's motivation is self-serving when he is seeking God
Jn 6:2 contrast to Jn 2:11; also Jn 6:26-27
 - The bottom line – "not that we loved God, but that He loved us" 1 Jn 4:10
- Vs 12 "All have turned aside" – All have left the way Isa 53:6
The world has turned away from God as completely as we are commanded to turn away from sin. 1 Pet 3:10-12, esp vs 11
Together they (mankind) have become useless (rotten, unprofitable).
The human race, in its present form, is useless to God.

NOT ONE WHO DOES GOOD

- Corruption rather than Holiness
- Selfishness rather than Goodness
- Cruelty rather than Kindness
- This is what the Judge sees when He looks down on Lost Humanity.
- Our “good works” turn out to be FILTHY RAGS Isa 64:6

Vs 13 A doctor always starts his examination by looking at our throat and tongue. They are windows to our health.
Lost humanity looks and smells like a grave.
They keep deceiving – the habitual practice of the human race.
They have (snake) fangs which lie out of sight,
waiting to strike Jas 3:2-10.

Vs 14 Cursing: It comes easily – Believers are commanded against it.
Eph 4:29
Bitterness: Defiles Heb 12:15

Vs 15 Check the newspaper; watch the evening news; or read
Jas 4:1-2

Vs 16 The history of man is a history of destruction.
Archeologists dig layer upon layer, finding one city built
on top of another which was destroyed. The history of
mankind is not a history of progression but rather a
history of weapons development.

Vs 17 Isaiah 59:1-8

Vs 18 This is the basis for all that has preceded. This is the root
problem of man. Prov 1:7 Professing to be wise, man has
become a race of fools. Rom 1:22

Vs 19 Paul returns to the Jew.
The Law did not save the Jew. Gal 2:15-21
It increased his guilt. Heb 10:1-18
The Jew and the Gentile, both, are under condemnation.
Rom 3:9

Vs 20 Because no one is saved by human effort, knowing the right thing to do does not cause anyone to do it. At this point in Paul's discussion the whole world faces a hopeless situation.

NOTE: The purpose of the Law was to bring the sin that dwells within us out, so that we realize a solution from outside ourselves must be found.

GOD'S SOLUTION

ANSWER FOR SIN AND SINS :THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST
JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Vs 21 But now – something has changed – apart from the Law the
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD HAS BEEN MANIFESTED
(Remember Rom 1:16-17)
The way in which God has dealt with sin is a clear demonstration of
His Righteousness:

- ◆ God has said that the soul that sins shall die.
(Perish) Rom 2:9-12
- ◆ God has said that the wages of sin is death. Rom 6:23
- ◆ Jesus died for the sins of the world. 1 Jn 2:2; Isa 53:4-11
- ◆ God remains just (righteous) in His dealings with man.
Rom 3:26; 1 Cor 5:21
- ◆ As the slain Lamb of God, He shows the Holiness of God
and God's Righteousness, fully satisfied,
being confirmed by the Law Heb 10:1-4,
and the prophets. 1 Pet 1:10-11

Vs 22 Even the righteousness which comes on the basis of faith
IN JESUS CHRIST Heb 7:18-19,
for all those who believe 1 Jn 5:9-13
for there is no distinction 1 Cor 1:18-24; Gal 2:15-16

- If it were man's righteousness, it would be through something man accomplished. But it is God's righteousness; it is apart from our own right-doing or law-keeping. Rom 4:4-5
- Justification is God's reckoning a man righteous, who has no righteousness.
How can God do this? Because He is operating upon another basis, even the finished work of Christ!
- Faith is not a good human work.
It is simply giving God the credit for speaking the truth about what Jesus Christ accomplished.
- Gal 6:14-16 esp vs 15; Col 2:13-14...this being the case, Col 2:20ff; Gal 4: 9-11

Vs 23 FACT: All Are Guilty! Rom 1:18 – 3:20 ALL MEANS ALL!
"All sinned (past tense) falling short (present tense)
Adam fell short in the Garden of Eden and he and his offspring
have continually fallen short outside of Eden.
Falling short means:
bearing fruit with our members Rom 6:12-13
as the outgrowth of our state Rom 6:6
All are dead in sin Eph 2:1-3

Vs 24 Being Declared (Accounted):

- Righteous – justified
(the word never means to make one righteous, or holy; but to account one righteous)
Justification is not a change brought about by God in us, but a change of our relation to God.
- This Change is a Gift (given freely)

NOTE: To Be Granted “Freely”

Matt 10:8 “Freely you received, freely give”

Rev 21:6 “I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost (freely)”

Rev 22:17 “Let the one who wishes take the water of life Without cost (freely)”

John 15:25 “They hated ME without a cause”
The cause of the hatred was in them, not in Christ.
The cause of our justification is in God, not in us!

We are justified freely, gratis, gratuitously, without a cause in us!

- By His Grace
Infinite Love operating by an infinite means:
The sacrifice of Christ in infinite freedom,
unhindered now, by the temporary
restrictions of the Law.
- Through the Redemption that is In Christ Jesus
Christ’s atoning work was the procuring cause
Of all eternal benefit to us.
Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Heb 9:15

Vs 25 Pictured in Lev 16:1-22
Propitiation – Satisfaction – Mercy Seat 1 Jn 2:2

NOTE: For WHOM did Christ die? Is God satisfied concerning the sins of the Lost? These questions have Biblical answers but cannot be considered in this study.

(Insert: For Whom Did Christ Die?)

Vs 26 God PASSED OVER the sins previously committed, not satisfying His Holy Requirements because of His planned public display of His Righteousness in the death of Jesus Christ (at the present time) Acts 17:30

The crucifixion of Christ was God's public judgment day for human sin, displaying His absolute righteousness in not sparing His own Son.

In that one act, He enabled Himself to be just and at the same time provide Himself the basis to justify the ungodly.
Rom 4:5
Faith is the only requirement.

Vs 27 This saving work of God EXCLUDES any kind of human merit. No obedience on man's part is included.
Salvation is not based on human works.
It is accomplished by the "natural law" of faith.

Vs 28 This verse is not a conclusion arrived at, but a reason given why boasting (vs 27) is excluded.

Vs 29-30 He shall justify the Circumcision (Jewish believers) out of simple faith (and not by their keeping Moses' Law);
and the Uncircumcision (Gentiles who had nothing) through their faith (with no help from Moses' Law)

Vs 31 We establish the Law of Moses by belief in the Gospel
Because the Law was given to cause man to look for
Another way.

IT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO IMPART LIFE ONLY DEATH!