

## Romans

### Chapter 3

So then, is there an advantage to being a Jew? Yes. They had the Revelation of God and the prophets. Through the Torah, they are called His special people and special possession. They have the Covenant (the circumcision). The Gentiles have the Way in, but the Jews had all the previous advantages. They had the Scripture. If some do not believe, that does not change the truth of the Scriptures. Does not change the Truth of Messiah.

God will preserve His Honor and Glory despite what men do. Isaiah 49:5. Even if Israel is not gathered. Even though every man is a liar. His judgment is true. His promises always stand and are true. Judgment is clear. Psalm 51. God judges according to His Law. Our unrighteousness makes His Righteousness more evident. The standard is perfection.

But we are not to do wrong in order to increase God's Glory and Grace. That is not what He means. Judgment will still come. Sin of presumption.

V9: Jews and Gentiles are both under sin. Bondage of sin. Jews not better off than the Gentiles. All are transgressors of the Law and are under condemnation. Are Christians so much more deserving of Grace? There is none holy.

V 10-12 quoted from Psalm 14: 1-3 and Psalm 53:1-3.

V 13- Psalm 5:9; and Psalm 140:3.

V 14: Psalm 10:7

V15-17 : Isaiah 59: 1-13

V 18: Psalm 36:1

Every mouth is stopped under the Law. Everyone is guilty. This is a plain thing; everyone knows this. Those that are under the Law are bound to follow it. Jews had the Law. They based their justification on their observance of the Law. Paul writes that the Law condemns them. But he writes that all the world is guilty; Gentiles, too. There is silence. They can say nothing about

the charges against them. Problem with justification. We are children of wrath- Eph 2:3. I John 5:19. How to gain acceptance with God.

Therefore, the Law gives us the knowledge of sin. It shows us that we are guilty before God. Inward and outward conviction. Justification is a judicial act. Declares someone as just. Different than pardoning. Declaring a sinner to be just; not just pardoned. No grounds for condemnation and the demands of justice are satisfied.

After proving that justification and salvation by following the Law is impossible, states what the Plan of Salvation actually is.

Righteousness apart from the Law. Pre-figured in the Torah and the prophets.

1. It is **revealed** – made plain. We don't have to grope for it or search for it. We have to present the Cross to everyone. The Bronze Serpent was plain to everyone in the camp. Salvation comes apart from the Law. Paul gets upset about the Judaizers in Galatians. Shouldn't impose the Law of Moses on Gentile converts. It is through faith for all that believe. The Righteousness of Christ is **complete** Righteousness. The Law and the prophets point to Him. **He** paid for it.
2. It is for all who believe- Jew and Gentile. They are on the same level. He had pointed out that they all stand condemned. There is no difference. It is for all who believe. ALL have sinned and fallen short (Greek means like an archer) of the Glory of God. We have **all** violated the Law. Justification could come through the Law if we had never broken it. They are all justified by grace. Justified **freely** by His Grace. Freely, not by some merit or something is us that causes the grace to come upon us. Put on us like a robe. Robes of righteousness. It is through **Jesus**. It is through **His Blood**. He is the Mercy Seat.
3. He is therefore both just and justifier. Passes over the sins to show His Mercy, Grace, Righteousness. Put over us and into us. He is the Source of Righteousness.

There is NO boasting. Humbles Man. Paul wanted to know only Christ and Him crucified. Shows the Mercy of God. Shows the magnitude of Grace. Shows His forbearance. Because the basis is faith, not earning by merit. I Cor 1:29-31. If we were saved by our own works then we could boast. We are justified for His Glory. We cast our crowns at His feet.

There is no difference; Jews and Gentiles are saved the same way. God of infinite Grace and Mercy would NOT give that only to one people. Covenant people and non-Covenant people.

The Law pointed to Messiah - He is the Substance. The Gospel does not contradict any of the Law; it fulfills it. The Law accomplished its purposes. The Law is established – Abraham, David. Law is NOT destroyed - the moral law is still in effect. The Law is **fulfilled** in its substance.

### Summary

It is manifested . Made plain. We can see it. We must present the Cross to everyone. Like the Bronze Serpent. We don't have to grope around and wonder what the Way is.

It is apart from the Law - no Judiazing. The righteous is Christ NOT the Law!

It was foreshadowed by the Law and the prophets. All the types and shadows were there.

It is through faith - recognizing Him as Savior. Not just an intellectual knowledge.

It is to all who believe. Paul has been talking about Jew and Gentile. Now there is no difference. The righteousness is from God. No one is excluded. ALL have fallen short; no one can follow the Law.

PUT on them- like a robe. White garments of righteousness. The Grace comes freely . Without any merit in us. Undeserved.

It is because Christ paid for it - innocent Victim pre-figured in the Torah. Propitiation by His Blood. Also pre-figured. The mercy Seat. Blood of bulls and calves in Hebrews. Mercy seat and Throne of Grace.

He is Priest, Sacrifice, Altar. ALL. Reconciles the world in Himself. Covers all sins committed. Planned from before time. God acts to save us. He is just and justifier.

His Righteousness - repeated twice. The sacrifice of Christ is the ultimate act. Lays iniquities of us all on Him. Ultimate act of grace and mercy.