



## **Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline**

Pastor Philip Thomas, August 8, 2021

Romans 3:1-31 – Sin, Righteousness & Judgment - Part 4

### **We Learn:**

Romans 3 reads like the transcript of a Question & Answer session. Paul states the questions that the Jewish believers in Rome would have raised and then answers the questions. Even as he reiterates that there is value in knowing and keeping the law, he explains that the righteousness of God is given by God through Jesus Christ and received by faith. Righteousness, our right legal standing before God, is not because of our good works but because of the sacrifice of atonement of Jesus.

- What does Paul mean when he states in Romans 3:23 that *all* have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God?
- What does it mean for all human beings to be equally lost, that there is no degree of lostness, even though there are differences in our sinfulness?
- How is the righteousness of God expressed?
- How is the righteousness of God received?
- Why is it important to understand that our good works and our faith do not merit God's righteousness? What happens if we think that they do merit God's righteousness?

### **We Respond & Apply:**

- How can we receive the righteousness of God?
- How can we remain in righteousness, in right legal standing, before God? What does it mean to continually reapply the gospel to ourselves?