

The Life and Letters of Paul

Romans 3

As we go through this chapter Paul will use the term ‘The Law’ for reference this is the Whole Old Testament.

- 1. Coming off the previous chapter where Paul emphasizes that the mark of a true Jew is “who’s heart is right with God” (Rom 2:29) So the next question may be “So what if any advantage is it to be a Jew?” – See Paul’s answer**

Romans 2:29-True Mark/ Romans 3:1-2/ Exodus 20- God building a foundation in the 10 commandments/Titus 2:7-8-because you know first you are the example

- 2. The fact that we have an issue with obedience and misstep in our faith walk does no nullify the covenant God has made with his people, however we must come to a place of repentance**

Romans 3:3-4/Psalm 51:4-David finally see his wrong

- 3. Imagine being so blind in your disobedience that you believe you sin will be excused to show how gracious God is and therefore should not hold wrong against me. (IE the Gentiles made in because the Jews did not obey)**

Romans 3:5-8/Galatians 6:7- God is not mocked, wrong POV/

- 4. Many times, in the church we try to qualify ourselves because we are of a certain group or have been at this longer, the issue is not who you are before God, but what is standing in your way of God. (under the power of sin)**

Romans 3:9-10/ 1 Corinthians 15:56- It became sin because you knew better (Law)

- 5. Paul goes on to list what the characteristic of an unbelieving world looks like, can you see some things that need to be worked on in your personal life on this list. (if we were to look again, this looks like and advisement for reality TV and we crave it)**

Romans 3:11-18/ Matthew 7:23, Matthew 23:28, 1 John 3:4-lawlessness

6. Paul makes a powerful statement that the purpose of the law was not to make us right before God but to show us what was wrong in our lives before God.

Romans 3:19-20/ Ephesians 5:13- exposed by light (God's Word)

7. Yes, it was the law that would guide God's people through the wilderness, but it is only by faith in Jesus that would bring them back to him. Moving forward the phrase "His people" just became a bigger demographic, and all are invited to the party.

Romans 3:21-22/ Hebrews 8:13- upgraded/ Matthew 22:9-10- No RSVP

8. In a world that was far from God there was only one way back to communion with the Father and anyone who accepted this was right standing with God. There is no distinction The gift of righteousness applies to all who have faith in Christ, without any distinction between Jews and Gentiles.

Romans 3:23-26/

9. Many times, in our walk we will aquatic our relationship with God by what we do or do not do when it is simply grace through the work of the cross.

Romans 3:27-28/ Matthew 7:21-23- not known for what we did but what Jesus did on the cross. (I never Knew you- just hits different)

10. Paul ends the chapter with yes we have faith, but let us not disregard the law, *faith* actually enables people to *fulfill the law*. The Holy Spirit is given to those who have faith, and he makes it possible for people to do as they should.

Romans 3:29-31