

## Romans Chapter 3

### Review

- Pagan Man – condemned before God (chapter 1)
- Moral Man – condemned before God (chapter 2)
- Religious Man – condemned before God (chapter 2)

### So what about the Jew?

- Chosen Nation
- Received Law of God thru Moses
- Were Nation through who the Messiah was born
- Were to bear witness to the nations

Vs 3:1-8

### Barclay's Commentary on Romans

- Objector – are you saying there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles
- Paul – no, the Jews were given the oracles of God
- Objector – but some Jews disobeyed the commandments and thereby allow God to demonstrate His righteousness
- Paul – no, it demonstrates that God shows no partiality. He punishes sin, He does not give special consideration to the Jews and over look them
- Objector – so my sin is actually a good thing because it gives God an opportunity to show us how good He is.
- Paul – that is an absurd argument that only justifies your sin

### Key Points

1. To Paul the Jews were given special RESPONSIBILITY, not special PRIVILEGE.
2. As special people they were to live special lives
3. Their disobedience justifies God's judgment and wrath
4. The root of all sin is rebellion towards God
5. Pride wants to justify sin

**VS 9-18 – What the world looks like with out Christ** – Paul quotes six scriptures to prove it.

- Character: ignorance, indifference, crookedness, unprofitableness
- Tongue – destructive, deceitful, malignant
- Conduct – oppression injuriousness, implacability, disregard of God

### VS 19-26 God's Solution to our Problem

Through the works of **the law**, no flesh shall be justified

## Why the Law?

1. To show us the disease of sin
2. To show us we are unable to obtain righteousness in our own efforts
3. To foretell and foreshow the savior/Messiah - (Exodus 12 – Passover lamb)
4. To be our tutor to lead us to Christ (Gal 3:24)
5. To keep the nation of Israel separate and shut up to keep them able to bring forth Messiah. (Gal 3:23) – distinguishing mark of separation is the sabbath.
6. Provide humanity with a pattern of a nation governed by just laws derived from God himself
7. To provide an inexhaustible resource (the bible) for meditation (Psalm 1)

## VS 23 – all have sinned

- Sin (*Hamartia*) – missing the mark
- Trespass – crossing a clearly defined barrier – willing breaking a know law of God
- Iniquity – internal rebellion in ones heart, an inner disposition to disobey

## VS 24 – Justification,

- Acquitted in the courts of heaven
- Declared not guilty
- Reckoned righteous
- Just as if I had never sinned

**Grace** – that which can not be earned, deserved, purchased through ones efforts

**Redemption** – the mercy seat of God in tabernacle – law was broken/mercy seat covers the sin

VS 25, 26 – God demonstrated His answer publicly for all to see. He justifies all who come in faith believing in and on Jesus Christ as savior.

VS 27 – no one can boast

VS 28 – justification is only by faith

VS 29, 30 – universal – for all, both Jew and Greek

VS 31 – God’s law is a permanent record in scripture. It is not ended or removed. Jesus fulfilled the law for us and it is not the love of God that motivates us to live new lives filled with the Holy Spirit.