

Walking Through Romans to Christ

Romans chapter 3 “From Sinful to Faithful”

Righteousness by Faith Series

REVIEW: We’ve seen how the gospel message of Romans has been following the outline of the 1st Angel’s message of **Revelation 14:6,7**. In chapter 1, we had the Everlasting Gospel* worship the Creator*a message to all peoples*give glory to God (honor His plan). In chapter two, we saw the Judgment (of God’s people and the gentiles). In chapter 3, we will find what happens when men do not have “**the Fear of God.**” (compare w/Rev. 14:7). We’ll learn to understanding Righteousness in the Judgment.

1. Knowledge, Judgment, and works (v.1-8)

- a. V.3—Truth is the Truth even if some aren’t following it.
- b. The fact that we desperately **need** the Grace of God and know it is **our Plea (v.5, 6)**
 - i. “Christ came...to save sinners...of whom I’m chief” (1 Timothy 1:15).
 - ii. “To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little” (Luke 7:47)
 - iii. “I will have mercy and not sacrifice” to get right w/God (whipping or \$) (Hos.6:6)
 - iv. **Don’t let sin keep you from Jesus. Come, and let Jesus keep you from sin.**
 - v. “My righteous servant shall justify many” (Is. 53:11)
 - vi. **So, our unrighteousness (NAKEDNESS) commends God’s Righteousness (see Genesis 3:7, 8, 21)**
- c. **(v.5, 6) Is God unrighteous? NO!!—Payment for sin is Absolutely necessary. Judgment must happen. BLOOD must be spilled.**
- d. (v.8)—Don’t you dare think that the Gospel encourages sin. (Grace is no license to sin)
- e. **What you need to UNDERSTAND is HOW the Judgment works:**
 - i. There are Records or Books used in the Judgment. (see **Daniel 7:10**)
 - ii. How does it all work? **Book of life: (Luke 10:20; Revelation 3:5)**
 - iii. **Record of Sins: “every idle word...” (Matthew 12:36)**
 - iv. Good deeds and bad deeds “every work into...” (**Ecclesiastes 12:14**)
 - v. **Only confessed and forsaken sin is covered by Jesus blood:**
 1. “confess...shall have mercy” (**Proverbs 28:13**)(**1 John 2:1**)
 2. **1 John 1:9**—Record of evil blotted out (will not stand against you)
 - a. **Covered by Christ’s SPOTLESS RIGHTEOUSNESS.** (yours will never cover you)
 - b. Same as the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:20, 21)
 3. **Ezekiel 18:24**—Record of good blotted out (choose evil)—Name blotted out. (Revelation 3:5)—**CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NOT COVER.** (**Hebrews 10:26**)

2. No Fear of God before their eyes (v.9-20)

- a. Fear of God (**Job 1:1; Exodus 20:20,21**)
- b. Way of Peace not known (**Isaiah 57:20, 21**)

- c. **Guilt is a Good thing** ,contrary to popular opinion (**when you're guilty**)
 - i. Don't try to put it off yourself, let Christ do it.
- 3. **True Righteousness that can save (v.21-31)**
 - a. All have sinned—broke **Law**.
 - b. God is “just” and the “Justifier” because the sin is paid for. The punishment was met by Jesus Christ, so He may give the pardon to us for our sins.
 - c. **(v.25)—Faith in “His Blood”**
 - d. **“Mercy Seat”** Atoning Sacrifice.—He paid the price of our Sins.
 - e. **“His righteousness” (Spotless LAMB)**
 - f. **(v.28) “Justified” by Faith w/out deeds of the Law.**
 - i. And Sanctification takes places—Process of God Writing His law in the Heart.
 - ii. We must surrender to His work.

Today's Appeal: Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ and the work He wants to do?_____
(Accepting Jesus and His Righteousness)