

Romans 3:1-31 • “Hopelessness Is A Precursor To Hope”

- All are under sin.
- God is going to judge the world.
- Condemnation is just.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the **Jew** first and also to the **Greek**.

Romans 1:17 For in it the **righteousness of God is revealed** from faith for faith, as it is written, “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”

Romans 2:25 For circumcision indeed is of value **if you obey the law**, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes **uncircumcision**.

Romans 2:27 Then he who is **physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law**.

Romans 2:28 For no one is a Jew who is **merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical**.

Romans 2:29 But a **Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter**. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 3:1 **Then what advantage has the Jew?** Or what is the value of circumcision?

Romans 3:2 **Much in every way**. To begin with, the Jews were **entrusted with the oracles of God**.

Romans 3:9 What then? **Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all**. For we have already charged that **all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin**,

Romans 3:3 **What if *SOME* (Jews) were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?**

Romans 3:4 **By no means!** Let God be true though *every one* were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Psalms 51:4 Against you, you only, have **I sinned** and **done what is evil in your sight**, so that **you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Romans 3:5 **But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God**, what shall we say? **That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us?** (I speak in a human way.)

“If our sin glorifies God's righteousness in judgment, then we are not really sinners but God-glorifiers, and so safe from his wrath.”

Romans 3:6 **By no means! For then how could God judge the world?**

Romans 3:7 **But if through my (Paul) lie** God's truth abounds to his glory, **why am I (Paul) still being condemned as a sinner?**

Romans 3:8 **And why not do evil that good may come?**—as some people slanderously **charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.**

*People who play word games with the oracles of God,
their condemnation is just.*

Romans 3:9 **What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all.** For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are **under sin**,

Romans 3:10 as it is written: **“None is righteous, no, not one;**

Romans 3:11 **no one understands; no one seeks for God.**

Romans 3:12 **All have turned aside**; together they have become worthless; **no one does good, not even one.**”

Romans 3:13 “Their throat is an open grave; **they use their tongues to deceive.**”
“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

Romans 3:14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

Romans 3:15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Romans 3:16 in their paths are **ruin and misery**,

Romans 3:17 and the **way of peace they have not known.**”

Romans 3:18 “There is **no fear of God before their eyes.**”

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are **under the law**, so that **every mouth may be stopped**, and the **whole world may be held accountable to God.**

Romans 3:20 For **by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight**, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Romans 3:21 But now **the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law**, although **the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—**

1Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about **the grace that was to be yours** searched and inquired carefully,

1Peter 1:11 inquiring what person or time the **Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

1Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have **now been announced to you** through those who preached

the **good news to you by the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Romans 3:22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all **who believe**. For there is no distinction:

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**,

Romans 3:25 whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood**, to be **received by faith**. This was to show **God's righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Romans 3:26 It was to show **his righteousness at the present time**, so that he might be **just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

Romans 3:27 Then what becomes of our boasting? **It is excluded**. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:28 For we hold that **one is justified by faith apart from works of the law**.

Romans 3:29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Romans 3:30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised **by faith** and the uncircumcised **through faith**.

Romans 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith (in Jesus Christ finished work)? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law**.