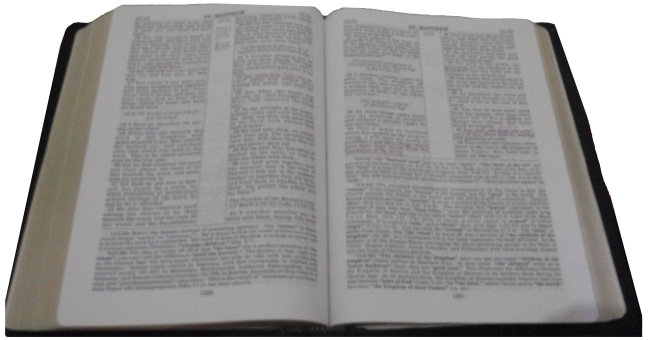
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Romans
3

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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3:1- This verse continues the thought of **Rom. 2:28-29**

- The question is "If a Jew is only a Jew if he is one inwardly, then what is the use of circumcision?

- The Answer- There is no advantage to the Jew from having the law if they didn't obey it.

- But- God gave the scriptures to the Jews in **3:2**

3:2- Since God gave the Jews the scriptures (that's truth & light) then they had an advantage over the Gentiles who only had nature (that has been cursed by sin) and conscience (which can be seared).

- The scriptures give people an advantage.

- Why are they asking?

- The Jews are trying here to dimiss Paul's argument that both Jews and Gentiles are viewed exactly the same by God.

3:3- Just because we have unbelievers, this does not make God's revelation of faith alone in Jesus Christ without effect.

- Truth is still true whether you believe it or not.

- Faith is not effective just because it is sincere

- ILL- Gravity, fire, etc.

- Jesus Christ is the Saviour and Messiah no matter if any believe it or not.

3:4- God Forbid- referring back to 3:3

- God is truth - and every man is a liar.

- Anything a man says that contradicts the Word of God is a lie.

3:4- That thou - God

3:4- When thou art judged

- Ps. 51:4

- Men are going to judge God at the judgment and say he is unfair to try and get out of their judgment.

- God will answer everyman until he has no more words to say.

- Mt. 22:46

3:5- God's righteousness is shown in the perspective of man's sin.

- Calvanism- Don't fault me for being the sinner

  - I am providing the sin so God can show his goodness, grace, forgiveness and bring him the most glory.-- NO

- The Jew's argument is that since I am not responsible for my sins, then God has no right to judge me for my sins.

- The Jews could not handle the fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ allowed for the forgiveness of everybody's sin.

- Even the heathen Gentiles.

- God is not saying that you should sin so he gets the glory

- We bring glory to God by or obedience, not our disobedience.

- A Christian who lives his life as a changed manl, a clean life, has a much better testimony than those who don't.

- We don't need to sin to show God's goodness and forgiveness.

- Rom. 6:1-2

- Jer. 7:8-10

3:5-6- God Forbid

- God can never be unrighteous for taking vengeance in punishing the lost for their sins.

- God never made any man to sin.

- Jam. 1:13-15

- If God is ultimately responsible for the unrighteousness of man and all his sins.

- Then God cannot be fit to judge the world.

3:7-8- These verses are saying

- Why judge me a sinner if through my lying and wickedness I am bringing more glory to God?

- If evil brings about goodness from God, why shouldn't we maximize our sinning?

- Salvation is no license to sin

- God's judgment and damnation of the lost will be acknowledged as just

3:8- Religious people slandered Paul by saying

- Let us do evil, that good may come

- We must have Christ righteousness to do what we cannot do ourselves.

- Acts 13:37-39

- We cannot depend at all on any good works to gain favor with God.

- Rom. 4:5

3:29- The perfect atonement of Jesus Christ is for the whole world

- 1Jh. 2:2

- Gal. 3:23-29

3:30- Faith alone is the means or medium thorough which we can be saved

- The Jews are justified by faith and the Gintiles are justified through faith.

- Faith is the medium

3:31- Does the righteiousness that comes through faith make the Law void

- NO- Just the opposite, the Law is established

- Mt. 5:17-18

- the Law serves to convict sinners and show how hopeless and helpless we are and show him the only possible solution is faith in Christ

- Rom. 11:6

- It' not faith or the Law it is faith in Jesus who perfectly fulfilled and completed the requirements of the Law on our behalf, faith in Jesus builds upon the Law.

- People say the samething today to Christians who believe in eternal life.

-You say you have eternal life and you can live any way you want.

- No we have never said that.

- These people don't understand the difference between the new man and the old man.

- That is a dicussion for a different time.

- Rom. 6:6, chapter 7

- Eph. 4:22

- Col. 3:9

- Tit. 2:11-12

3:9- All the facts are in and the verdict is clear

- Guilty as charged

3:9- We = Jews, They = Gentiles

- Question - Are the Jews better than the Gentiles?

- NO- they are just as bad as the people who twist the scripture to think the more you sin the more God is glorified.

- Rom. 5:20-6:2

- Are us Christians any different about or personel sin knowing our sins have been paid for?

3:10-12- that they are all under sin - Jew & Gentiles

- Chapter 1- Gentiles

- Chapter 2- Jews

- Ps. 14:1-3

- Ps. 53:1-3

- Ps. 39:5

- Vanity- empty, void, useless, worth nothing

- Ecc. 7:20

- Rom. 3:23

- Isa. 64:6

- Even men who are trying to do good are doing it for selfish gain.

- There is a gap between men and God and the only way to fill that gap is the Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

3:11- Lack of understanding is not a lack of information or truth it is the rejection or failure to act upon the truth God has shown to every man.

- Rom. 1:18-20

- Willful Blindness

- Ph. 2:21

- An old preacher said - " When I pray I sin, When I preach I sin, My very repentance needs to be repented of and my tears need to be washed in the blood of Christ.

- God did this by sending Jesus to the earth to live a sinless life, to become our perfectly sinless blood sacrifice on the cross to pay our sin debt, then resurrecting him from the dead

3:26- which believeth in Jesus

- When we believe in Jesus by faith, we are granted Jesus perfect righteousness and become a child of God- Imputation

- Jesus Christ has met every demand of God's Law on our behalf.

3:27- No room to boast of any self righteousness or worthiness of Salvation.

- 1Cor. 4:7

- True Christians can only boast in the worthiness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Rev. 5:9-13

- 1Cor. 1:29-31

- The Law of faith excludes any bragging or selfish pride. We depend 100% on Jesus for our salvation

- The Law of works can only be fulfilled by Jesus Christ

- Rom. 3:31

3:28- Conclusion of the argument

- Man is justified by faith alone.

- Gal. 2:16

- Gal. 3:11

- Heb. 10:4

- Heb. 9:15

- "for the remission of sins"- 5 times in the bible

- Mt. 26:28

- Mk. 1:4

- Lk. 3:3

- Acts 2:38

- Rom. 3:25

- In Acts 2:38, Cambellites: wrongly believe "repent and be baptized" means "in order to get" forgiveness of sins this belief will damn your soul to hell.

- 4 seperate things are taking place

1- Repentance

2- Baptism to give testimony on their genuine repentance

3- The sins had been forgiven when they repented

4- After this they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3:26- Jesus Christ righteousness declared for NT saints.

- The question is how can God justly declare man perfectly righteous- when he is not- and still retain His own perfect and holy justice.

- Only one way - through Jesus Christ

- We all are guilty of thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.

- Pr. 3:7

- When a man is following the Holy Ghaost it will first show him how low down of a person he really is.

- Lost people and many Christians are looking for a God who will approve our own sinful lifestyle and bad habits.

- It's the Lord who seeks after man.

- Lk. 19:10

3:12- Despite man's best efforts, he can never produce - anything good in God's eyes.

- Ecc. 7:20

- Isa. 53:6

- Ps. 39:4-5

3:13-18- Description of the wicked, (and antichrist) and lost world.

- Also how sin affects the different parts of the body (and the local church body)

- Pr. 6:16-19

- Acts 28:27

- Isa. 59:6-7

- Acts 2:23

3:13- Our throat is a graceyard for dead things, pigs, cows, fish etc.

- Ps. 5:9

- Ps. 140:3

- Jam. 3:5-10

- Sins of the tongue are mentioned more times in the Bible than any other sin except idolatry.

- The tongue and lips are used to spew out deceit, and poison.

- Gossip, slander, lies, backbiting, flattery, critcisms, bribery, conspiracy to do evil, exaggeration, destruction of other people's character, disobedience, unfaithfulness, attempts to make ourselves look good, bitterness hatred, haughtiness and to reveal a heart that is darkened, dead, and lost in sin.

3:14- Cursing - case study from tribe of Dan

- Ps. 10:7

- Ex. 20:7

- Lev. 24:11-16, 24:17- same punishment as for murder

- Why is God so serious about it?

- Cursing is assigning or asking God to damn or curse something or somebody.

- Cursing is also indicative of being ignorant, hot tempered, harsh, dishonest, a plotter of deception, and no fear of God

- Ps. 10:1-7- characteristics of a wicked man.

- What people say reveals their wicked heart.

- Bitterness- spirit of guile or malice: grievous' trying to hurt others.

3:25- Jesus Christ's righteousness declared for OT saints.

- Propitiation- The payment that pleases and satisfies

- Is. 53:10-11

- Rather than the sinner trying unsuccessfully to pay the sin debt for himself, God pays the debt owed through the sacrifice of Himself - Jesus Christ

- Heb. 9:26

- the propitiation is through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, rather than the faith in the blood of animals. The distinguishing factor between the saved and lost.

- Col. 1:14

- Heb. 10:1-4

- The righteousness of God is declared for the "remission of sins that are past" meaning the sins of those who were dead and in Abraham's bosom (between Gen.3 & Rom. 3) not the past sins of believers.

- These past sins were remitted "through the forbearance of God"

- In the OT, God restrained his righteous judgment on sinners and forgave their sins when they did what He asked them to do in offering animal sacrifices **until** such time of the **One perfect sacrifice in Jesus Christ** was applied to actually **remove the sin** completely and finally.

- No OT sin, although forgiven, was ever taken away until Jesus Christ paid for them at the cross.

- To change your mind/heart and direction about **anything**

- Repentance is not to be tied to just “sin”

- verb intransitive- An action word not used with an object to complete its meaning.

- Mt. 21:28-30- A simple definition of repentance

1- To repent is to change your mind by turning from something and turning to something.

- Attitudes, beliefs, actions, thoughts, doctirnes words etc.

2- The Bible say God repented or lacked repentance 39 times therefore repentance does not necessarily have to do with sin.

- Jer. 18:8-10, 20:16, 26:1

3- Repentance is **not** (although these things can lead to repentance)

- A desire or willingness to change your mind or directin

- Being sorrowful, being sorry, or regretting something

- Sincerely and diligently seeking to turn

- A change of mind as separate from a change in action or direction.

- We must understand what we are repenting from when we are discussing salvation:

- Unbelief, wrong belief, rejecting Jesus, self-righteousness, false gods, good works, baptism, church membership, taking sacraments, etc.

3:15- Feet are badly affected by sin.

- Pr. 6:18

- Is. 59:7

- The Lord hates those who pursue sin and evil and will pour out His righteous judgment.

- Any sin or evil, includes abortion, merhandising of body parts, etc.

3:16- Wherever there is wickedness, dstruction, and misery follow.

- Pr. 13:14, 29:2

- Ps. 9:17, 50:22

- Isa. 59:7

- The ways of the world and lost men are not right

- Pr. 14:12

- Sin is bondage

- Gal. 4:1-3, 5:1

3:17- The wicked have no peace

- Isa. 59:8, 49:22, 57:21

- Only the Lord Jesus Christ can give perfect peace

- Ph. 4:7

- Isa. 26:3

- Rom. 5:1

3:18- No fear of God is the root problem and worst condemnation in this whole passage.

- Ps. 36:1-4 - To forsake the fear of God is to forsake all wisdom and understanding

- Job 28:28

- Ps. 111:10

- Pr. 1:7, 24-33; 9:10, 10:27, 16:6, 19:23, 22:4

- Is. 33:6

- Acts 9:31

- Heb. 12:28-29

- Acts 5:11

- Not fearing God is to make yourself your own God

- Eze. 28:1-19

3:19- Purpose of the OT Law - shows all men are quilty before God.

- The Law was speaking to the Jews and the Law caused them to stop bragging **2:17** about their own percieved self righteousness, and misuse of the Law to condemn Gentiles.

- The Law-breaking Jews stand guilty without excuse before God.

- The Gentiles as well- all the world is guilty before God.

- Jews are guilty of failing to keep the Law, and their conscience and we Gentiles are guilty of failing to keep the light God has written on our conscience.

- The Law will show to understand and recognize we need a Saviour.

Sanctification

- Upon salvation, the act where God sets the new Christian apart for God's service, at which point he is dealt with as a son rather than a stranger.

- 1Cor. 1:30

- 1Th. 4:3-4

- 2Th. 2:13

- 1Pet. 1:2

Glorification

- The ultimate end of a saved sinner where he is made completely like Jesus Christ and given an inheritance in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

- At salvation, all Christians are predestinated to glorification.

- Col. 3:1-4

- 1Th. 2:9-12

- 2Th. 2:13-14

- 1Pet. 5:1-4, 10

- 2Pet. 1:1-3

Repent/Repentance

- Probably the most misunderstood term in the Bible.

- The devil abuses this term to decptively bring works into the true gospel.

- Within the sinner, a new spirit is created, which is capable of responding to the Holy Spirit

- Tit. 3:5

Reconciliation

- A action where two enemies (man and God) are brought back together in a perfect and eternal spiritual relationship whereby there is peace with God.

- To be restored to right relationship with God.

- 2Cor. 5:18-19

- Heb. 2:17

Spiritual Circumcision

- The act of the Holy Spirit to divide the new spiritual nature in the Christian from the sinner's old nature of sinful flesh.

- It is then up to the Christian to consciously surrender moment to the new nature if he is to grow and mature spiritually

- Rom. 2:28-29

- Ph. 3:3

- Col. 2:8-12

Adoption

- Upon salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, the act where God takes a sinner and puts him into the family of God.

- Gal. 4:4-7

- Eph. 1:3-7

- We must **A**gree with God that we are sinners, then **B**elieve by faith, and **C**all on Jesus

3:20- Purpose of the OT Law- To show, prove; all men are under comdenmation as sinners.

- The Law was not given to save anybody, but to give us the knowledge of our sinfulness and hopeless condition before God.

- The Law reveals but cannot cure the problem.

- Broken Laws demand justice, condemnation and punishment.

- The Law brings about a curse on mankind, but Jesus redeems us from that curse.

- Gal. 3:13-14

- Eph. 2:11-13

- Rom. 3:21-22

- The Law shows us where we stand with God.

- Rom. 7:7-14

- Gal. 3:24-25

- We must be justified in his sight (God), not in the sight of our fellow man.

- No man can be justified by the deeds of the Law (works), but believing by faith

- Rom. 3:28, 5:1

- Acts 13:37-39

- Rom. 10:3-4

3:21- The core of the Gospel "The righteousness of God **is Jesus Christ**

- 1Cor. 1:30

- The righteousness of God is manifested in Jesus Christ.

- Rom. 8:2-4

- This term is not our attaining a higher level of righteousness that God will finally accept.

- Nor is it a new righteousness we attain with God's assiatance.

- It is a term that can only be used to describe "the righteousenss of God" and nobody else.

- Jesus Christ fulfilled the requirements of God's law.

- It is His righteousness that is required in order to be saved and go to heaven.

- God's righteousness is Imputed (ascribed, attributed, regarded accounted, recongnized as, or made to be)

- 2Cor. 5:21

- God made Jesus sin who was actually sinless and then upon believing in Jesus Christ by faith God made us perfectly righteous in God's sight when we possessed no righteousenss of our own.

- Imputation of God's righteousness prophesied:

- Is. 54:17, 61:10

- Jer. 23:5-6

- Micah 6:4-5, 7:8-9

- Acts 10:43

- Heb. 9:22, 10:16-18

- Expiation- The act of purging or cleansing of sin.

- This goes beyond sin being merely forgiven.

- It is where sin is completely taken away and removed as far as the east is from the west, based on what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.

- Micah 7:18-19

- Ps. 103:10-12

- Imputation- The act of God where he imputes mankinds sins to be placed of Jesus and where God imputes the righteousness of Jesus Chirst to each believer

- Rom. 4:21-25

- Isa. 61:10

- Zech. 3:1-4

- Phil. 1:17-18

- Regeneration-

- The act of salvation where the Holy Spirit enters the sinner and gives him new life by a new spiritual birth.

- It is to be born again, or converted or saved

- To be justified is to have been given a perfect “positional righteousness” in our legal standing before God.

- Acts 13:39

- Rom. 3:24, 5:1, 5:9

- Gal. 2:16-17

- Redemption- The payment made by Jesus Christ himself to buy sinners back

- Col. 1:14

- Eph. 1:7, 14

- Heb. 9:12, 15

- Propitiation 3:25

- This is where God set forth his own sacrifice by Jesus Christ to make payment (atonement) for mankinds sin.

- It is God’s payment to himself that satisfies God.

- It is God’s full approval and complete acceptance of the price paid by Jesus Christ at the Cross, which favorably and fully satisfies God’s righteous demand from justice against mankinds sin.

- Rom. 3:25

- 1Jh. 2:2, 4:10

- Remission 3:25- The payment by Jesus Christ at the cross where in sinners are forgiven, delivered, pardoned, and completely released from debt and penalty that we owe.

3:22- The righteousness of God is by faith of Jesus Chirst.

- Rom. 10:4

- Ps. 72:1, 89:15-16

- Faith of Christ means faith in Jesus Christ as the complete and entire plan of salvation.

- It is in contrast to any attempt for salvation by works of the law.

- Rom. 4:5

- Gal. 3:21-23

- We must not rely on any self righteousness.

- Ph. 3:9

3:22- The righteousness of God is available as a free gift to **“unto all and upon all them that believe”**

- Rom. 5:18-19

3:22- Believe- God’s only requirement is **believe**

- This means turning from unbelief or wrong belief

3:22- There is no difference

- Acts 15:7-11

- We all need salvation and to witness to all people.

3:23- Memory verse

- A pronouncement of hopelessness

- Isa. 53:6.

3:23- 1Kg. 8:46

- That all are sinners has been proven, therefore all need the same cure- Jesus Christ

3:23- And come short of

- Shows us that man's best efforts have fallen short of God's glory

- Rom. 1:21

- The entire human race has been rejected by God and can only be reconciled by God himself.

- There are only 2 kinds of people: lost sinners & saved sinners

3:24- Being justified freely

- We are justified freely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ

- Rom. 11:5-6

- Gal. 2:21

3:24- Freely- means without any cost to you at all, by God's grace

- Rom. 5:15-18

- Rev. 21:6, 22:17

- It's a free gift

- Eph. 2:7-9

- Rom. 6:23

- The first time God is quoted by a human being, the word **freely** was omitted from what he said

- Ever since that time, the free gift of salvation has been messed up by satan, and accomplices.

- Compare **- Gen. 2:16**

- Gen. 3:2

- Jesus bought and paid for our redemption through his shed blood and death on the cross.

- God paid the demanded price for justice to Himself through Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- Example of Grace

- 2Sam. 9- Mephibosheth

- Undeserved kindness- to a helpless one, for anothers sake.

- 1Jh. 2:12

Words that define Biblical Salvation

- Justified/ Justification

- To be officially declared blameless, guiltless, and innocent by God.

- To be relieved and freed from all guilt of sin.

- It means that by believing (fully trusting by faith) in Jesus Christ's finished work on the cross, and his resurrection, we have been found to be completly righteous and in full conformity to God's law

- We are in fact not righteous and have failed to meet the requirements the Law