

Romans 3 Study Notes • Righteousness Through Faith

Review: We've covered the first two chapters of Romans...in which the Apostle Paul established the GUILT of mankind. He divided mankind into three categories:

- The godless
- The Moralist, and
- The Religionist (which he personified in the Jews of his time)

And Paul established that all are equally under god's wrath.

- Why is Paul asking this question in **verse 1**?
- What are some of the benefits that he lists of being a Jew?
- Read **verse 3**. Israel has had a constant past of backsliding. According to this verse, and in view of their backsliding, how should we look at all that God did and said to them?
- Why do people naturally equate the validity of God's message with the respectability of those who receive it?
- **Note:** Paul is making the point even though Israel's history is one of unfaithfulness, that doesn't negate the faithful way God used the Jews and spoke through them.
- Read **verses 5-8**. Paul is echoing the statements of some who were accusing him of saying things he had never said. What are those false statements?
- In **verse 9 through 12** Paul establishes that the Jews are under the curse of sin just like any other people group. Why is that an important conclusion?
- **Verses 19 and 20** are incredibly important. What is the conclusion of **verse 20**?
- The Bible clearly tells us here that NO ONE will be justified before God through a law of good works or keeping of moral rules. Since this message is not hard to understand why do you feel so many people still believe that heaven is for "good people?"
- What role does the Law play for us? (This was brought out in the teaching.)
- Note: Here are the points Paul has been making:
 - The wrath of God is coming
 - The entire world is condemned as sinful
 - The Law was given to show us how sinful we are
 - Good works will not help us avoid God's wrath and judgment
- The previous points are considered the "**bad news.**"
- **Read 21-24** and explain why the Apostle is giving the GOOD NEWS.
- What does the word "**propitiation**" in **verse 25** mean?
- According to **verse 25** how is salvation to be received?
- How did the death of Jesus on the cross show God's righteousness and justice? (**v25-26**)
- **Read :27-31** How does the Good News eliminate boasting in a person's personal goodness?