

# The Book of Romans

## SECTION TWO

### Chapter's 3 Through 5

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*OUR GREAT*  
**SALVATION**

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In This Section of Romans, we will see the following Truths:

**There is No Difference between Jew or Greek; Religious or Non-Religious**  
**Our Faith is the most important part of us to develop**  
**The Benefits of Salvation are Incalculable!**

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## Chapter Three - *There Is No Difference*

### I. Introduction - The Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!
- B. In Chapter 1, the apostle Paul has described the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (To be ruined utterly in character or quality: stained, corrupted, perverted, debased), and therefore lost!
- C. In Chapter 2, Paul outlined the Judgment of God against man's condition, and how God is righteous in judging.
  1. **Qualifications** (2:11) - How Is God Qualified to Judge You?
  2. **Basis** (2:12-16) - The Law of God
  3. **Focus** (2:16-29) - The Destruction of a Religious Man's Confidence
- D. We now turn to Chapter 3, and deal first of all with four questions that are expected after reading the previous 3 chapters
- E. It turns out that these four questions have haunted man for the past 2,000 years, and without the Bible, they would be enough to confound the wisest person alive!

### II. Focus Verse: Romans 3:28

### III. The Expected Questions (3:1-10)

- A. QUESTION #1 (3:1,2) - **If it doesn't matter if a person is Jew or Gentile, What good is it being a Jew?**  
The question deals with whether the Jews really were God's "special" people (Dt 14:2), and if so, what good was it then?
  1. Contrast with 2:28,29
  2. Two Jews here:
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Spiritual Jew
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - Fleshly/Physical Jew
  3. The question has to do with whether God is all through with the Jews as a race or not
  4. The answer is NO NO NO! That would erase 3/4 of your Bible which was written to literal, physical JEWS! More later on in Chapters 9-11
- B. QUESTION #2 (3:3,4) - **If the Jews don't believe in Christ, hasn't God failed?**
  1. Christ came to Israel - not to Ireland
  2. Jesus was born a Jew, and preached to Jews
  3. And yet, the Jews rejected Him, and crucified Him - So what?
  4. The fact stands - God still is TRUE, and EVERY man is a liar. It demonstrates that no one can count upon a human for ANYTHING spiritual - but you CAN count always upon GOD!
  5. God never fails - it is WE who fail, and God who comes and puts everything back together - demonstrating God's abilities and righteousness
- C. QUESTION #3 (3:5-8) - **If sin demonstrates God's holiness, can't sin be considered good?** University professors delight in "redefining values," and instructing in "values clarification." All of which only means making good into evil, and evil into good!!!
  1. Just because God's plans cannot be defeated by sin, and...
  2. Just because even SIN is an opportunity for God to show His greatness, and righteousness doesn't mean that sin is in any way good or beneficial - It would imply that it was not right for God to judge it if it turned out to be helpful - WHO NEEDS THAT KIND OF HELP? It just demonstrates God's ability, NOT sin's benefit!
  3. It is referred to as "Mental Reservation" where you LIE so that someone else benefits - politician - no one thinks it is wrong now!

4. Note: the people who believe this deserve \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8)! Because all they are trying to do is 'justify themselves, and their sins!'

D. QUESTION #4 (3:9,10) - **Aren't those who at least TRY to live by the Law better than those people who don't?**

1. NO WAY! Why? Because BOTH are PROVED (Chapters 1 and 2) to be "under sin"

- a. As in "under its power and authority"
- b. As in "under its curse"
- c. As in "trapped," and being "forced to serve SIN and not God"

2. God declares that "there is NONE righteous, no not one."

3. The need then is not to get under a church roof, but rather UNDER the BLOOD of Jesus Christ! Saved!

E. The effect of sin is that since Adam, sin has tainted and stained just about every aspect of our lives - like a dye injected into a body for an x-ray, or like cancer spreading - sin has permeated us, and **condemned** us!

II. The Indictment/Charge - "     Under Sin" (3:9)

A. No exceptions

B. No excuses

C. The best thing is to approach the bench and accept the evaluation!

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Against the Human Race (3:10-18) - **Observable Proof!** Note that it is "written" evidence that is given, as in any court of law (Ps 14,53; Isa 59)

A. **Sin affects every person's \_\_\_\_\_** (3:10-12) - his or her value! 'Character' defines WHAT THEY ARE.

1. No one is righteous - without sin! No one is perfectly right.
2. No one fully understands God - all of us conclude using finite reasoning
3. No one wholly seeks after God - all seek for their own reasons and benefits
4. No one stays "on track" 100% of the time - they waver and wander from time to time off the "narrow way"
5. No one is profitable to God - no one impresses God!
6. No one does good 100% of the time! NO ONE! people do single acts of 'goodness' but never 100% throughout entire life!

B. **Sin affects everyone's \_\_\_\_\_** (3:13-14) - their speech! WHAT THEY SAY.

1. Their mouth is like a putrid open tomb to God (James 3:8-12)
2. Their tongues are only used for deceit - they LIE for gain!
3. Their purpose in conversation is to hurt, poison and kill with the tongue like an asp/deadly snake!
4. Their mouth is FULL of cursings and bitterness! Their foul-mouth may be 'hidden' or suppressed, but it is still full, and saturated. Just hit a moral man, or make him mad, and watch his language!

C. **Sin affects everyone's \_\_\_\_\_** (3:15-18) - their actions! WHAT THEY DO.

1. They love murder more than life (abortion, TV ratings, videos)
2. Their lives are full of destruction and misery - no real joy - they mock it! Just look at history - full of destruction and misery!
3. They have never known real peace - always chasing after elusive rainbows and pipe-dreams!
4. They have no fear of God - *that is the only thing that restrains sin!*

D. Try and find somebody who does not fit that description - you wont! And if you did, I will show you a liar, and a deceiver! Either God is right, or we are all quite stupid!

E. All that a person IS, SAYS, and DOES is ruined (tainted) affected by sin - totally \_\_\_\_\_ or "ruined."

F. Yes, people are different in 'degree' of sin, yet ALL still are sinners, and ALL have SINNED! Therefore ALL need a Saviour!

IV. The Court's Verdict (3:19) - **Guilty as Charged in 3:9**

A. Condemned, Lost, Guilty, Ungodly, without hope (no getting off on a "technicality")

- B. It is at this point that the “defendant” is going to need a good lawyer - Somebody who will know the way out of this mess (Because the punishment of the above sins is DEATH (Rom 6:23).

**V. Where Can A Sinner Turn (3:19-24)? There are only two choices:**

**A. Can the Sinner Turn to the \_\_\_ for Help? (3:19,20) Insufficient!**

1. Designed to make us *aware* of sin - not cured from it!
2. Designed to shut us up before God!
3. Designed to condemn us! It was the Law that demonstrated our guilt! That would be the WORST place to turn for help! No resolutions accepted!

**B. In Comes the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (3:21-24) into the Courtroom. The sinner does not have to go very far to find an Advocate (1 John 2:1,2)**

1. Right when the sinner is condemned under the authority of the Law, the “righteousness of God” Is Manifested - clearly evident that it is obtainable without the works of the Law
2. This is not something unexpected - It was Prophesied that it would come (Gen 3:15,16; Gal 4:4,5). Thankfully it came at the right time. The righteousness of God rested in a PERSON (Jesus), not in some religion
3. Activated completely by faith - “believe” It is NOT legislated. You could not force sinners to become perfect. Justification (pardoning) occurs only when requesting Mercy and Grace on the basis of Jesus Christ’s full payment made for your sin!
  - a. Mercy - Not getting what you \_\_\_ deserve- punishment for sins
  - b. Grace - Getting what you \_\_\_\_ deserve - forgiveness of sins
4. It is available to ALL (3:22-24) - there is no difference - How?
  - a. There is no difference in their need - all have sinned and come short of God’s standard
  - b. There is no difference in the way Christ deals with each sinner - they ALL must come to the cross!
  - c. There is no difference in how Jesus grants the righteousness of God FREELY to all who believe!
5. What does freedom and forgiveness COST? (3:24) It’s **F.R.E.E.**

**VI. How Is A Sinner Saved Then? By the Work of \_\_\_\_\_ (3:25-31) - Atonement**

**A. The Definition:** Propitiation is part of the process that God went through to save the sinner from the punishment of their sins - hell! If a person falls short of God’s standard, where else will he or she go?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - to make completely innocent
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - to buy back something that was lost
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Full, Satisfactory Payment for Sin by Christ.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - to totally remove the sin account from existence!
5. These definitely are Bible words - real Doctrine

**B. The Need for Propitiation:**

1. ALL are guilty of crimes against God (Rom 1:29-31; 3:23)
2. Sin MUST be judged and punished
3. God’s righteousness MUST be satisfied

**C. The Work of Propitiation - Again, it is a PROCESS**

1. No one of themselves has the ability to atone (pay) for their sins
2. Under the O.T. they had lambs, but only temporary until THE Lamb would come
3. Propitiation required a full, perfect and COMPLETE payment to be made for man’s sin
4. It turns out that God Himself put forward the payment for sin - His very own Son - perfect, righteousness holy, keeper of the Law!
5. Jesus became our substitute
6. Requires faith in His BLOOD as being sufficient to pay - not in your own goodness, or in a religion, but Christ’s blood (Col 1:14)

**D. The Source of Propitiation (3:27-30)**

1. Definitely NOT of our own works (Eph 2:8,9), rather of FAITH
2. Definitely NOT of the O.T. Law (3:28), rather of the N.T.
3. Definitely NOT extended only to the Jews (3:29), but to the WHOLE WORLD!
4. Again, it is ALL by FAITH in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ alone (Rom 1:17)!!!

**E. The Result of Propitiation (3:31)**

1. Establishes the Law as unbeatable by man
2. Establishes the Law as insufficient to save man
3. Establishes the Law as fulfilled completely for man, by faith!

**VII. Study Questions**

- A. **Define Propitiation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. **Define Remission:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. **Why does a person need Propitiation?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. **What was the Old Testament term for propitiation?** \_\_\_\_\_
- E. **Under the Old Testament, how did someone obtain propitiation?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- F. **In the New Testament, what does our faith need to specifically be in?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. **What is the result of propitiation in a person's life?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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