

WORD OF GRACE

Part 3: Religion | Text: Romans 3

Righteousness • Justified • Redemption • Sacrifice

The first three chapters of Romans define sin and identify the problem that sin causes.

Chapter 1 - the pagan who does not know God

Chapter 2 - the moral person who tries to get right by his own effort

Chapter 3 - the religious man who tries to justify himself through rules

Romans 3:1-8

Paul uses the Jews as a picture of the _____ person to show us that religion (*man's attempt to get right with God*) will never put us into right standing with God.

1. The Jews have a special place and a special assignment. Protect the Word and reflect the Word.
2. Man's unfaithfulness will not cancel out God's faithfulness.
(2 Kings 7:2 | Matthew 13:58 | John 3:11 | John 8:24)
3. The remnant carries the promise.
4. When we violate the law, we are not just law-breakers—we are breaking the heart of God.

Romans 3:9-20

- No one righteous (Isaiah 64:6)
- No one who understands (Hebrews 5:11)
- No one who seeks God (Jeremiah 17:9)
- No one is good (Psalm 53:1-3)
- Evil speech (Psalm 5:9)
- Mouth full of cursing (Psalm 10:7)
- No fear of God (Psalm 36:1)

We all are under the death of sin and only the _____ of Christ can bring us into the family of God. (Galatians 3:19, 24)

Galatians 3:24 (NLT) Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Romans 3:21-26 (NLT)

Sacrifice: Propitiation - Righteousness - Remission

- Propitiation: The removal of the wrath of God (John 3:36)
- Righteousness: Right standing by being made right (2 Cor 5:21)
- Remission: Sin being separated from me because of the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 9:22)

Court Room: Just - Justified - Redemption

- Just: God always does what is right
- Justified: Being liberated from my sentence of death; pronounces us righteous at the beginning of the race
- Redemption: Being purchased out of the dominion of sin

Redemption:

- Galatians 3:24 curse of the law
- Titus 2:14 wickedness
- 1 Peter 1:18 empty way of life
- Revelation 5:9 purchased for God

Romans 3:27-31

The _____ of God is the only way we now can keep the law. We are motivated by His great Love for us which equips us to walk in a righteous way toward others.

- The law shows us our sin which shows us we need a savior.
- We cannot keep the law with our own effort.
- The Lord puts His love in our heart which allows us to walk in love which is the totality of the law. (Romans 5:5)

Summary: Love of God is the replacement of the law which allows us to keep the law.

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the words under *sacrifice* and find other scriptures to paint a picture of the words.
2. Discuss the words under *court room* and find scriptures to amplify the words.
3. Read Romans 3:21-26 verse by verse.
4. Read Romans 3:27-31 and pick out what speaks to you.