

# A Commentary on the Book of Romans – Chapter 2



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# Romans Lesson #11

## Romans 2:1-4

Romans 1:29: ***“Being filled with all unrighteousness...”***

Verse 30-31: Twenty-three sins mentioned.

Verse 32: ***“Who knowing the judgment of God...”***

That is key word: judgment. You will see why. The people who do those sins know. They have a sneaking suspicion. There is something under their skin that they are not doing right. Am I going to be held accountable? If I am going to give an account to a holy God someday.

Romans 1:32: ***“They that commit such things are worthy of death...”*** The Bible says, ***“The souls that sinneth it shall die.”***

Romans 6:23: ***“The wages of sin is death...”*** Does it say the wages of great big sins is death? It says, ***“The wages of sin (singular) is death.” “It is appointed unto man once to die and after it the judgment.”*** The Bible says, ***“Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”*** You ask, “If I die, it will end all my problems.” No, that is when your problems begin. People commit suicide and think they end their problems. What happens is, they go straight to hell and cannot get out. The devil has people tricked and duped into thinking death ends all. The Bible says, ***“Death and Hell are cast into the lake of fire...”*** When

you kill yourself, that is not helping the situation. It complicates matters to the point of no return. You are in a mess.

### **Romans 6:23**

Everybody would like to live forever in the right place. Everybody wants to live together in heaven.

**Romans 1:32: “Not only do the same...”** Not only do they do the same but also have pleasure in them that do them. They get somebody else involved. They think, *Surely God would not put us all in hell.* The Bible says, ***“Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.”***

What is the first word in **chapter 2**?

**Romans 2:1: “Therefore”** That connects **chapter 1** with **chapter 2**. We do not like to think about judgment especially when we are unprepared. Especially if you have not had your sins forgiven. Especially if you have not accepted the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. If you are not saved, you will start thinking, *I know someone who is not as good as I am. They are worse than me.*

**Romans 2:1: “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest...”**

Those who are not Christians are professional judges. They are professional critics. They know how to shift the blame. They know how to point fingers.

## **Romans 2:1**

That proves an unsaved man, a man that is not a Christian, knows what is right and wrong: because he is judging other people. An unsaved person has a conscience. God says you are inexcusable.

We try to pretend that things are not in our life, but then we are really hard on people for those very sins. The things that irritate me the most are the things I am guilty of. That is a self-righteous, holier-than-thou attitude. The unsaved is admitting he knows right and wrong.

**Genesis 38:** Remember the story of Judah? Judah gets himself a harlot, and he goes in unto her. He gives her such and such for her services. He goes in unto her, and she gets pregnant by him. She had a veil on her face. He never sees her face. Three or five months later, a messenger comes up and says, "Judah, did you hear that your daughter-in-law got pregnant?" He says, "They need to be burnt with fire." Judah knew what was right and wrong. He was really quick to judge that sin in her life. You ask, "Was his son still married to her?" No, his son had died. She was single at the time. He went into her to gratify his flesh. He pays the price; he goes out in his own way and starts conducting business. Somebody says, "Your daughter-in-law is pregnant." He says, "Let her be burnt with fire." They dragged her up in front of him. He says, "I cannot believe you did this. You shamed the family!" She says, "By this signet and this bracelet am I pregnant. Recognize them." It was his bracelet, his staff, and his ring. He gave her a pledge until he could give her a kid from the flock. She saved that

to prove it was his.

He was quick to judge. When he found out she was pregnant, he said, "Burn her with fire!" He realized for adultery and fornication, she was worthy of death.

### **Romans 2:1**

### **Genesis 38:24**

He was quick to know how she should get what she deserved, but he was slow in condemning himself of the same thing.

### **2 Samuel 12**

David goes into Bathsheba. He is on top of the house, looking over the wall and sees this beautiful woman washing herself in the next property. He looked upon her and said, "Get her for me." They said, "She belongs to another man." He comes up, and he is with her. He gets a report that she is pregnant. What does he do? He gets her husband killed in battle. Uriah is so patriotic that he does not want to lose the vision for the battle. David wanted to make it look like it was Uriah's child. David has him killed on the battlefield. David is trying to cover it up. What David did displeased the Lord.

### **2 Samuel 12:1-4**

That traveler is David's old nature. That is his lust.

### **Verse 5**

The Bible says, ***“Who knowing the judgment of God, he that commit such things is worthy of death. Not only do the same but have pleasure in them that do them.”***

#### **Verses 6-7**

***“Thou are inexcusable, O Man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.”***

That is not saying we should never judge. **1 Corinthians 2:15: *“He that is spiritual judgesth all things.”*** You have to make judgments every day. If you do not judge, you would not know when to stop at a traffic light or to put your brakes on. Be careful when you do that; you do not have the same things in your life.

There are others in **John 8 & 1 Kings 20.**

**Romans 2:** The Bible says, ***“They that compare themselves by themselves, and they measuring themselves by themselves is not wise.”***

It is easier to look at somebody and say, “I am better than she is, or I am better than he is.” That is not the question. Looking horizontally. The question is, if Jesus Christ is here, and you are here, are you as good as Him? If you are not as good as Jesus Christ, you need Him as your Savior.

#### **Romans 2:1**

The Bible says, ***“Vengeance is mine I will repay sayeth the Lord.”*** You can count on it. ***“The wages of sin is death.”*** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. You say, “God is too good to damn anybody.” What about on the cross? What did God allow to happen to His only begotten Son on the cross? He had a crown of thorns crammed into His brow. His hands and feet were pierced. His back was whipped. He was spit upon. His beard pulled out of his face. You say, “God is too good to damn anybody.” If you could get to heaven by good works, then why did Christ have to die? “God is too good to damn anybody.” “He, Who spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.” If God spared not his own Son, do you think He will spare you in the day of judgment?

God says, ***“you are inexcusable, O man...”*** Romans 2:1-2

***Verse 2: “But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to Truth...”***

It is not fair. Do not worry about it. It will be fair.

**Romans 2:2**

God is not going to judge you unfairly. You will get what you have coming. God will bring thee into judgment.

The judgment of God is according to truth.

***Acts 17:30: “God commandeth all men everywhere to repent...”***

You need to change your mind about God and repent. If ye repent, you shall in all likewise perish. Why repent?

### **Acts 17:31**

God said the judgment of God is according to truth. What is the rule or the standard by which he will judge this world?

**Verse 31: “...by that man...”** That is the absolute standard He will use. He will put you in one scale and put Jesus on the other. If you are not as good as Jesus Christ, then you need to get saved. **Verse 31.** The fact that Jesus Christ came up from the dead guarantees there will be a future judgment. **Verse 31**

**John 12: “The judgment of God will be according to truth.”** In **Acts** it says it will be according to righteousness.

What else is God going to use to judge me?

### **John 12:48**

Do you realize I am going to die one day? I am going to run smack dab into the judgment of God. I would like to know how to be prepared before I run into God Almighty.

Notice: **“He that rejected me...”** Did he say baptism? No. Do you know what salvation really is? Salvation is not in things. Salvation is in a Person. **“He that hath the Son hath life, he that hath not the Son hath not life.”** It is in Jesus Christ.



### **John 12:48**

God is not going to say, "Well, tell me about it! You had a rough time. You were raised in a bad neighborhood. You were sexually abused when you were young." He is not going to take any of that into an account. He is going to judge you according to truth. Everybody has skeletons in their closet. Everybody can make excuses a kilometer long.

### **John 12:48**

God will judge according to truth and righteousness. God will judge you according to the words in this Book.

### **Romans 2:2-3: *"Thinketh thou this, O Man..."***

Man is always trying to weasel his way around what God has to say. Man plays games with God to try to circumvent and concoct his own ways of salvation. God says, *"Thinketh thou this O Man..."*

### **Romans 2:3**

He says, "The fact you know the way people should be living proves you know what is right and what is wrong. The fact you know what is right and wrong and you can say, 'I am not as bad as so and so.' If you say, 'If anybody deserves to go to hell it is him,'" you know right from wrong."

### **Romans 2:3**

Have you ever seen a fire escape? When you get into

a big place, it is always good to see where the fire escape is.

### **Romans 2:3**

Is escape done slowly, thoughtfully? An escape is something serious, if you know there is danger, if you do not act immediately, you are going down. If you are on a boat, and that thing has been torpedoed, you had better get a life jacket before you jump.

He says, ***“How do we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”*** It is not just rejecting. You know, you could leave here and say, “What that preacher said made more sense than anything I have heard for a long time. I am going to do that.” You can neglect that; you can procrastinate; you can delay; you can put it off. How can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? There is a lot of people who will go to hell who knew the way of salvation, who planned on doing it. The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Some say, “Well, I planned on it. I know what you said is right. I know I need to get ready.” If you neglect it, it can sneak up on you just that fast.

### **Matthew 23:33**

Jesus says, “You need an escape.” Jesus is the fire escape. He is the only way.

How many have read the story of the man with the burnt hands? There was a building, and it was engulfed in flames. Everybody escaped, but one boy was left on the sixth story. The building was about seven stories high. They ran the ladder up. However, it would only go up five and a

half stories. The boy tried to get down, and he could not get over where the fireman was. The fireman was saying, "Come on." The fireman ran up to the very last step of the ladder, standing on top of the ladder. He reached up and grabbed the ledge. He told the boy, "Scramble over my body. Use my body as a ladder." The boy crawled over that fireman's body. Meanwhile, the fire blew through that room and burned that man's hands. The boy went over the fireman's body and down the ladder. The fireman balanced and somehow got down the ladder and got to safety. That fireman had his hands all bandaged up.

Jesus Christ has the nail prints in his hands, and if you want to get out and escape, you will have to go through Jesus Christ.

How can you escape the damnation of hell?

### **Romans 2:3**

The Bible says, ***"God will not at all acquit the wicked."*** God is not going to dismiss your case.

**Nahum 1:3: *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."*** You cannot get away with your sin.

### **Romans 2:4**

God is anticipating man's excuse to put it off. Do you know when most people get saved? Most people get saved when there is a tragedy. They have reached a low; they have hit bottom. They are sick; they are almost ready to die. They have lost all their friends. When somebody has hit bottom,

they are humble. You cannot get saved if you are proud.  
***“God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble.”***

### **Romans 2:4**

Forbearance and longsuffering is God holding back what you deserve. It is God up in heaven patiently up in heaven waiting for you to get saved. Do you know God has forbearance towards a lost person? He has longsuffering.

### **Romans 2:4**

God lets the rain fall on the just and the unjust. God lets the sunshine on the just and the unjust.

### **Romans 3:22: *“Where there is no difference...”***

There is no difference to the guy who has sinned more than you. “I am not bad as so and so.”

### **Romans 3:22-24**

Salvation is a free gift. You do not have to do anything to pay for it.

### **Verses 24 & 28**

If you try to take good works plus faith, God does not accept your faith. Faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect.

### **Romans 4:14**

You can believe on Jesus Christ plus something, but

that verse teaches you will go to hell. It says your faith is made void. It is like somebody on the election ballots voting for two presidents. You throw it out! Why? You cannot vote for both of them, and hope that squeaks by.

**Romans 2:4: “...to *despise*...”** To despise means to turn your nose up at it. That is religion. Religion says, “Do!” Christianity says, “Done!”

How many have heard somebody say, “If there was a God, He would not let these things happen”?

That means there is something worse than suffering in this life. You say, “If there was really a God, he would not let all these things happen.” While all this is happening, He is showing you something that there is something worse. There is a God, and He is offering Salvation. There is something worse: eternal hell.

#### **Romans 2:4**

Do not despise his goodness. Accept Him and ask Him to come into your heart. ***“...not knowing the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”***

Repentance is a change of mind. That means I need to get saved God's way.

## Lesson 11 Questions

1. What is the key word in Romans 1:32?
  - a. Death
  - b. Pleasure
  - c. Judgment
  - d. Knowing
2. Who was the “harlot” in the story in Genesis 38?
  - a. Judah’s wife
  - b. Judah’s daughter
  - c. Judah’s daughter-in-law
  - d. A stranger
3. What sins are we quickest to judge harshly in others?
  - a. Ones we ourselves are guilty of
  - b. Ones our family are guilty of
  - c. Big sins
  - d. Small sins
4. The judgment of God is according to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Righteousness
  - b. Grace
  - c. Mercy
  - d. Truth
5. We need to treat salvation as a/an what?
  - a. Door
  - b. Escape
  - c. Path
  - d. Trap
6. What makes your faith void or of none effect?
  - a. Sinning
  - b. Adding works to it
  - c. Being unfaithful
  - d. None of the above

7. What is worse than suffering in this life?
8. Repentance is a change of what?
  - a. Mind
  - b. Love
  - c. Lifestyle
  - d. All of the above
9. God has no forbearance or longsuffering toward the lost.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. God accepts man's excuses for sins.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Romans Lesson #12

### Romans 2:5-16

#### Romans 2:4

It is possible for a human being to despise the riches of His goodness. **John 3:16**. It is possible for a human being not to appreciate what God gave and reject that gift of eternal life.

He said, ***“Or despiseth thou...”*** Are you turning up your nose up at spiritual things? ***“Or to despise thou the riches of his goodness...”*** The Bible says in **Ephesians 1:7**: ***“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”***

God gave, out of His riches, salvation for us.

#### Romans 2:4: ***“forbearance”***

Do you realize that, when God forbears, it means He is putting up with someone?

#### Romans 2:4

God will allow things in your life to funnel you to make that decision. He may allow a catastrophe in your health or your family, job, or maybe in your mind. God will allow these different things to bring you down. Notice: ***“...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”*** Remember, never in the Bible does it say “penitence.” Penitence is doing good works. Repentance is a change of mind. It is, “God, you are right; I am wrong.” It is repentance of your own self-righteousness.



## Romans 2:4-5

***“But after thy hardness and impenitent heart...”***

That is a heart that refuses to repent. Repentance is not works; it has to do with a change of heart. What is that lost person doing? Notice, they are ***“treasuring up unto thyself wrath...”*** He is going to hell. The longer they put off Jesus Christ, the more the wrath of God is piling up. “Well, I will do it someday, preacher.” When you do not repent, you are making matters worse. You do not get softer the longer you wait you get harder the longer you wait.

**Romans 2:5: “...the righteous judgment of God.”**

When God puts somebody in hell, it is the righteous judgment of God. You say, “I do not believe a loving God will put you in hell.”

**Romans 2:5:** There is the wrong kind of treasure. You see, your situation is not getting any better by waiting. When God's judgment comes, it will be absolute justice. The Bible says, ***“By my words you will be justified, and by my words ye shall be condemned.” “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”*** The Bible says, ***“Every idle word that men shall speak he will give an account thereof in the day of judgment.”*** If God is going to have you give an account of your idle words, what will you do because of your lies and your proud boasting?

So, he is talking about the judgment of God. ***“God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”***

**Romans 2:6: “Who”** – a pronoun referring back to

God. Notice, ***“...will render to every man according to his deeds.”***

It means you will get what you have coming. Do you want what you have coming, or do you want mercy? **Romans 2:6-7: *“...who by patient continuance in well doing...”***

Continuance is doing it all the time.

### **Romans 2:7**

You know what he just said?

He picked you up and took you into the Old Testament before Christ died on the cross. Notice, ***“...patient continuance and well doing...”*** That means they are trying to live a good life. **Verse 8: *“But unto them that are contentious...”***

They are argumentative.

Notice, ***“...do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon ever souls of man, that doeth evil.”***

### **Verses 10-11**

How do you know the context of what he is saying?

**Romans 2:12: *“For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law.”***

### **Verse 13**

Do you realize how they had it back then? Do you

know what happens to a person that does not get saved now?

### **Acts 10:1-2**

Was he a pretty good guy? Yes or no? **Acts 10:34**

Peter is preaching to this guy. Notice what Peter says to this good man. **Verse 34** shows up in **Romans 2**.

### **Acts 10:35**

What is Peter preaching to Cornelius? He is preaching good works for salvation. Why? Because he does not know the gospel of the grace of God yet. How do you know that? **Verses 43-44**

Peter was not done with his message.

### **Verses 45-48**

How did Cornelius get saved?

By hearing the Word and believing on Jesus Christ. What is amazing is that the thing is not settled until **Acts 15** where everybody gets saved the same way, Jew and Gentile. It is settled how everybody gets saved from there on out. He is showing where it is changing from the O.T. to the N.T.

**Acts 13:48: “...as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”**

Some say, “That is predestination and election.” That is not what it is talking about, though. **Verse 48**. Brother, that is people like Cornelius. He feared God with all

his house and gave alms to the people when the gospel came along how that Christ died for our sins and was buried and arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. Then it says here, ***“...as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”***

I am showing you the change between the Old Testament and the New Testament He was doing it like it was back then, and when the gospel was presented to him. He got saved. He was living this kind of life, and then he was shown the gospel. He was found out that salvation was a free gift.

**Romans 10:1-3:** They are ***“...going about to establish their own righteousness...”*** What did the Jews do? They were going about as they always had. They had established their own righteousness and have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. He tells you what God’s righteousness is:

#### **Verse 4**

You do not have to live a good life to go to heaven. He is the end of the law.

**Verses 5-6.** Notice the contrast between **Verses 5-6:** ***“But...”***

**Verses 7-13:** That does not need interpreted—it needs believed. **Verse 17:** Salvation is a free gift, and the Gentile under conscious. Then, he would follow his conscience. So, it was works in the Old Testament.

Because of the confusion, let’s look at **Romans 3.**

**Romans 3:24: “Being justified freely...”** Romans 2:13. Doing is not free. He says, “...*the doers of the law shall be justified.*” Romans 3:24 is the opposite.

#### **Romans 4:4**

If you are trying to work your way to heaven, then salvation is not by grace; but rather, you are trying to pay off a sin debt.

#### **Romans 4:4-5**

God will count your faith for righteousness and accept your faith in Christ as enough to go to heaven.

**Verse 6: “God will impute righteousness to your account without works.”**

#### **Romans 5:1: “Justified by faith...”**

Not by joining a church and being baptized.

**Verses 8-9:** Not justified by our good works, like chapter 2.

**Romans 6:23: “The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

#### **Romans 2:8-13, 14**

Notice, “*For when the Gentiles, which have not the law...*”

#### **Verse 15**

They did not have a copy of the scriptures. He said they did not need it. God programmed them with the law

written in their hearts. God created you. He gave you a conscience. They knew stealing was wrong, and they knew adultery was wrong. You knew that before you ever went to church or read a Bible. You go to the heathen countries in South America, and they bury people up to their neck and killing their people because they committed adultery. They were asked, "How did you know that is wrong?" They had never seen a Bible, been to church.

### **Verse 14**

That is not inherited memory. The evolutionist will tell you that is nature, but nature is not inherited memory. Nature is imparted wisdom.

### **Verses 14-15: "*Conscience*"**

When you came into the world you had a conscience. **Verse 15: "*...their conscience also bearing witness...*"** Your conscience says your lying. Notice, "***...their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;***")

So many times, we make excuses for what we have done, and notice, your conscience will accuse.

There are many who do not have a conscience anymore. They are totally unreliable. This happens when the danger light has come to you, and you have disregarded it so long that the light went out.

The conscience is a built-in mechanism. You are morally conscious. You can defile your conscience, and you can sear your conscience. Your conscience can be passed feeling. Your conscience can either accuse or excuse; or, in

other words, you justify yourself.

### **Genesis 20**

If you have anything in your conscience, you know Jesus is not your Savior. You are to believe on Him. Call on Him to save you while your conscience bears witness to the truth.

### **Genesis 20:1-3**

God is telling Abimelech who has never seen a copy of a Bible, “You are about to commit adultery.”

**Verses 4-7.** Abraham, the prophet, lied. It amazes me how preachers lie. They lie about attendance. They lie about what they have going on in the church. They lie to one another. God said, “You are dead if you do not return her.”

### **Verse 8**

You see, even in the Old Testament, these heathens recognized the sin of adultery.

### **Jonah & Psalms**

Jonah was told by God to go preach in Ninevah, a heathen, Gentile country.

God says, “Go to Ninevah,” and Jonah says, “I am not going to do it.”

### **Jonah 1:4-13**

Jonah says, “The reason this is happened to me is all my fault.”

**Jonah 3.** Look at what Jonah preaches.

**Jonah 3:1-5**

Did he preach Christ died for your sins and was buried and arose again on the third day? Did he say that?

They believed and put off all their silk clothing and put on burlap bags.

**Verses 6 &10**

That king humbled himself and got down in ashes.

**Verses 7-10:** Notice **verse 10** ***“God saw their works...”***

How did Nineveh believe. They had to believe and do good works.

**Romans 2:14:** ***“For when the Gentiles...”*** That is the people in Jonah's day. That is Abimelech is king of Gerar.

**Verses 14-15**

The lost that never come to church know how a Christian is supposed to live.

**Romans 2:16**

Someday, every secret sin you have will be judged by Jesus Christ. Everything you think is hidden, that you even forgot about, God has not forgotten about it.

**Romans 2:16:** ***“In that day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my...”*** Good works? No, ***“...according to my gospel.”*** Not according to my works, it will be according to my gospel.



### **Romans 3:19**

The law was given that our mouth might be stopped, and that the whole world may be guilty.

### **Romans 3:20**

He says, "By doing good works, no person shall be justified in God's sight."

***"By the law is the knowledge of salvation..." No! By the law is the knowledge of sin."***

The law reveals the sin in your life. It points you or funnels you to Jesus Christ. The law says, "You have to live a good life in order to go to heaven." You cannot do it unless you come to Jesus Christ.

### **Romans 3:21-22**

## Lesson 12 Questions

1. When God forbears, it means He is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Losing patience with someone
  - b. Putting up with someone
  - c. Bearing someone's burdens
  - d. Waiting for someone to mess up
2. The longer you wait to repent, the \_\_\_\_\_ your heart becomes.
  - a. Softer
  - b. Harder
3. Why did Peter preach good works for salvation?
  - a. The Gentiles and Jews got saved different ways back then
  - b. He received another gospel
  - c. He did not believe the truth
  - d. He did not know grace yet
4. What kind of salvation did Peter preach to Cornelius?
  - a. Grace through faith
  - b. Good works
  - c. Baptism
  - d. None of the above
5. Cornelius accepted God through faith, as a free gift.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. We are justified by:  
Faith
7. We can know wrong from right without the Bible.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. According to the text, nature is:
  - a. Inherited Memory

- b. Imparted Wisdom
  - c. Instinct
  - d. Learned Behavior
9. What did Jonah preach?
- a. Faith
  - b. Good works
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
10. The law was given to:
- a. Prove our guilt
  - b. Prove our innocence

## Romans Lesson #13

### Romans 2:16

If you get what I have for you the cults will not be able to touch you with a ten-foot pole. How many know somebody who use to be a Baptist and now is a member of a cult? If you get a hold of this, this will never happen to you.

I want to talk a little while on judgment.

**Romans 2:16: “In the day when God shall judge...”**

He is going to put you on one side and put Jesus Christ on the other. His rule, His measure is Christ. if you do not measure up to him. Your in trouble.

**John 5:22:** So, it is not enough to believe in God. You have to believe in Jesus Christ.

### John 5:22

You cannot just believe in a God.

**John 14:1: “...believe also in me.”**

Who did not believe in God before you got saved? Brother, I believed in God before I got saved. I was going to hell. I had to come to the knowledge that Jesus Christ is God and by believing on Him, I will have life through his name.

### John 14:6

The only way you can get to the Father is through

the Lord Jesus Christ. All judgment has been committed unto the son. The Bible says, ***“When God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my Gospel.”***

So, Christ will judge our secrets. Christ will be your Judge. He will judge the thoughts and intents of your heart. He knows your thoughts—every one of them.

Hold **Romans 2 & 1 Corinthians 4**. It will get down to the nitty gritty that no one else knows. God knows.

**1 Corinthians 4:5:** ***“Therefore judge nothing before the time...”*** Why? There is a time coming. ***“...until the Lord come...”*** There is the second coming. Man’s judgment means nothing. When Jesus Christ comes back, He is God. That is the judgment that will count. Not somebody else’s standard that they made up or your standard. ***“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness...”***

Everything you ever did in the darkness He will bring to light: the hidden things of darkness: ***“...and will manifest the counsels of the hearts...”*** That means your thought processes. The reason why you did what you did. Your schemes and how you plotted, justified, and made excuses.

**1 Corinthians 4:5:** ***“...and then shall every man have praise of God.”***

Can you imagine God praising us some day?

**Romans 2:16:** ***“...according to my gospel.”***

That is strange language. Why did Paul do that? Is it

because he trusted Christ as his Savior? You see, the gospel that was given to Paul was particular. Nobody had ever preached what the Apostle Paul preached. There was a particular Gospel revealed to the apostle Paul that was not preached by Jesus Christ while Jesus Christ was on this earth.

What did Jesus Christ preach on this earth?

**Matthew 4:17**

He was preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." That is the millennial reign. That is the 1,000-year reign. It was legitimately offered to the Jews. They rejected the offer of the kingdom. So, God postponed His offer of the kingdom to the Jews, and went to the Gentiles. God will yet offer that kingdom to the Jews.

**Matthew 4:23: *"the gospel of the kingdom..."***

Notice what accompanied the gospel of the kingdom.

**Verse 24**

Every one of them was healed. Signs, miracles, and wonders accompany the gospel of the kingdom.

**Matthew 10:** He picks His disciples.

**Matthew 10:5, 6**

What does He say to them after He dies on the cross?

**Matthew 29:19-20: *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, son, and the Holy Ghost."***

While He is on earth, Jesus says, “Do not go into all the earth.” He told them not to go in the way of the Gentiles, but rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Is it a contradiction? No! He is expanding the ministry. Salvation is of the Jews. He is telling them first he is committing himself first to the Jews, and he is sending them out.

**Verse 7: “And as ye go, preach, saying, Christ died for your sins...”** No, he said, **“preach the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**

The Kingdom of heaven is the 1,000-year-millennial reign.

What accompanies the gospel of the Kingdom?

**Matthew 10:8**

**Matthew 16.** Between **Matthew 10** and **16** do you think they preached the gospel of the kingdom? Yes, they did!

**Matthew 16:21: “From that time forth Began...** (circle it)”

Did Peter say, “Oh! You have talked about that all along.” Why did he not say that? Because he was preaching the gospel of the kingdom. What was Peter’s response?

**Matthew 16:22-23** He is addressing Satan in Simon Peter.

**Matthew 16:21.** Peter gets bent out of shape, and says, “No, Lord, we have been preaching the gospel of the

kingdom. You are supposed to sit on the throne. How are you going to sit on the throne and take over and conquer these Roman soldiers if you are on the cross?" Peter did not understand it at all because Peter is preaching the gospel on the Kingdom.

**Mark 1:15:** What Gospel was he preaching in his early ministry?

He was preaching, "Repent. For the kingdom of heaven is at hand." When we hear the gospel, we see death, burial, and resurrection; but that is not what the twelve disciples were preaching."

**Mark 9:30-31, 32: *"They understood not..."***

Were they preaching the gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection?

No! They did not have a clue what it was. They did not understand anything about it. Preachers say all the time that people in the Old Testament look forward to the cross, and now that we are in the New Testament, we look back to the cross. People in the Old Testament were not looking forward to the cross to get saved, they did not understand it at all.

**Mark 16:9-10, 11:** They did not believe her that he arose from the grave. There is a woman saying He is alive.

The Bible says, ***"They believed not."***

**Verse 12-13: *"Neither believed they them."*** Now it is not a woman, it is two or three men.

**Verse 14: *"Upbraided"*** In other words, he bailed



them out.

**Luke 18:31-34; 9:44-45** It was hid. The reason it was hid:

**John 20:1-8, 9** What have they been preaching? The Gospel of the Kingdom. I will show you what we are preaching today.

**Acts 20:24:** Notice, not the gospel of the Kingdom, but the gospel of the grace of God.

**Acts 18:27:** “...believed through grace.”

God gave me the ability to believe on his son. he gave me grace to believe.

**Acts 20:24**

Salvation is a free gift. Salvation is the grace of God.

**Romans 11:6**

You cannot say you are saved by grace and saved by works. Paul says, “***In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.***” There was a certain gospel given to the apostle Paul that we are saved by today.

**Galatians 1:11:** “***I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.***” What does that mean? **Verse 12:** “***For I neither received it*** (Pronoun referring back to the antecedent gospel)...” God supernaturally revealed to Paul the gospel of the grace of God.

## Verses 11-12

Jesus Christ revealed the gospel to Paul. That is why Paul calls it my gospel.

**Ephesians 3:1-2: “If ye heard of the dispensation of the grace of God...” Verse 3: “How that by revelation...”**

## Verses 4-5

That is why back there in **Luke 9 and 18** it said those sayings were hid from them. He told them he would die, be buried, and rise again. They did not understand because it was hidden from them. Because God knew He was going to give it to Paul.

## Verses 5-7

**Colossians 1:13-14, 25, 26, 27: “Christ in you...”** I received Christ as my personal Savior. **“He that hath the son hath life. He that hath not the son, hath not life, but the wrath of God abideth on you.”** I asked Christ to come in and live inside of me.

**Verse 27.** Do you have Jesus Christ living in you? If not, you are not going to heaven.

## 2 Timothy 2:8

The grace of God in other ages was not made known. It is now revealed. So, Paul can because it his Gospel. God supernaturally saved Paul. God gave him the Gospel of the grace of God, not the gospel of the Kingdom.

Back when Christ was preaching, “Repent, for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand.” That gospel will be preached again in the tribulation. When the Christians get raptured out, the world will try to explain what happened. Then they will resume where they left off preaching, “Repent! For the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Will there be miracles signs and wonders? Yes, there will! In the tribulation, there will be miracles, signs, and wonders because it accompanies the gospel of the kingdom.

I want to show you how not to get messed up.

**Matthew 24:13:** Does that sound like how you want to go to heaven? Enduring, holding out, and hanging on? **Verse 14** (Circle end in **verse 13** and the end in **verse 14.**) You ask, “Why?”

It is talking about the end of the tribulation. You have got to endure and not take the mark of the beast. Notice the gospel of the kingdom. It will pick up where it left off. Christ was crucified at the 69th week of Daniel. It will be the 70th week of Daniel, the 7 years tribulation. The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world. **Verse 14.** Notice, “...*the end.*” In other words, the end of the tribulation.

### **Verse 15**

That is when the antichrist makes an image of himself and puts it in the temple of God. He puts it in there and says, “If you do not fall down and worship the golden image I have set up, you will get your head cut off.”

### **Verses 15-16, 21**

**Verse 20:** Why does he say flight? No airplane flights going out on the sabbath. The sabbath will be observed again in the tribulation.

When Jesus was on this earth, He was a pork-abstaining, sabbath-observing Jew.

Have you ever had a church call themselves the “Kingdom Hall”? What are the Jehovah’s Witnesses preaching? They are preaching the gospel of the kingdom, how to make this world a better place to live. How are they teaching salvation? By works. They are teaching true doctrine in the wrong dispensation which makes them cult!

**Revelation 14:6:** Did angels appear to any one in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Sure, they did! In the tribulation, miracles, signs, and wonders will resume. Angels will show up.

**Revelation 14:6:** What is the everlasting gospel?

In the tribulation, you have to believe God is the Creator, fear God, and keep His commandments.

**Verse 12**

That is faith plus works.

**Revelation 12:17**

That is not the gospel I am preaching today. I am to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ***“If by grace, it is no more works, by His grace it is no more grace, if it's of works it's no longer grace, because work is no more work.” (Romans 11:6)***

Paul says, ***“In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”***

You had better make sure you believe the right thing. Salvation is a free gift. Salvation has been purchased at a great price. Jesus Christ was laughed at, mocked, spit on, scourge. They put a sack over His head and beat His face and said, “Prophecy who is it that smote thee.” They wagged their heads, saying, “He saved others, Himself He cannot save.” He could have saved Himself. He could have come down, but He stayed on that cross.

**John 3:16**

## Lesson 13 Questions

1. What is God's measure for judgment?
  - a. Us
  - b. Others
  - c. The Law
  - d. Jesus
2. Believing in God is enough for salvation.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Why did Paul say "my gospel" in Romans 2:16?
  - a. It was applicable only to followers of Paul
  - b. Only Jews could receive it
  - c. God revealed it to Paul
  - d. Paul wanted all the credit
4. God will never again offer a kingdom to the Jews
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. What gospel did Jesus preach during His early ministry?
  - a. Gospel of grace
  - b. Gospel of the kingdom
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
6. Did the disciples preach the death, burial, and resurrection while Jesus was on Earth?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
7. Why didn't the disciples understand the death, burial, and resurrection?
  - a. It was hidden from them
  - b. They did not want to listen
  - c. They were stupid

- d. Jesus did not tell them about it
- 8. In the tribulation, there will be signs, miracles, and wonders.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 9. What makes Jehovah's Witnesses a cult?
  - a. Performing strange ceremonies
  - b. Speaking in tongues
  - c. Preaching the truth in the correct dispensation
  - d. Preaching right doctrine in the wrong dispensation
- 10. In the tribulation, salvation is still only by faith.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## Romans Lesson #14

### Romans 2:17-24

**Verse 17: “Behold thou art called a Jew...”** The Jews in the Old Testament were committed the oracles of God. They were a chosen people. A holy nation. God spent His time with His people.

**Romans 2:17-18: “And knowest his will...”** Can a Christian know His will? A Christian knows God is not willing that any should perish but that all might come to repentance. God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Look at the description that should fit a Christian also.

**“Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God.”**

Should not a Christian brag on God? We are to brag that God gave salvation. I am to boast that He saved me, and that I am going to heaven to be with the Lord. The Lord is my salvation.

**“And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent...”** That has to do with decision-making. Being able to tell what is good and not good. What is safe and what is not safe. What is right and what is not right. What right and what is wrong. The things more excellent means your judging. You should make decisions for your children.

There are things which are good, but there are some things that are better.



**Romans 2:18: "...being instructed out of the law;"**

You need to have the Bible taught to you, and you need to approve of the things more excellent. You need to be making spiritual decisions for God.

**Romans 2:19: "And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light to them which are in darkness."**

The Bible says, "***Ye are the light of the world.***" "***Let your light so shine before men that they shall see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.***"

**Romans 2:19: "And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness."** Verse 20: "***An instructor of the foolish...***" Notice, "***blind***" (verse 19) and "***foolish***" (Verse 20). Notice, "***...a teacher of babes...***" I marked the ministry. The ministry is about dealing with the blind, the fools, and the babes. We want to train and help people who are faithful, tithing, Bible readers, and prayer warriors. That is not the ministry. Those are the mature Christians that should become a teacher themselves in helping others. You are either in one of two categories. You could be a blind, foolish babe. Do you realize you can be a ten-year-old or twenty-year-old Christian baby? You have not been taught by anybody. You have been spoon-fed all your life. You need to get out of that stage and get into the next stage.

**Romans 2:19: "And art confident that thou thyself are a guide of the blind, a light..."** You need to be a light. "***A light of them which are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher...***"

So, we are guides, we are lights, we are instructors, and we are a teachers of babes.

**Romans 2:20:** Do you know he is setting us up for the kill?

We are saved. We make our boast of God. We know His will. We are supposed to be a teacher. We are to be a light. Notice **verse 21:** ***“Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal dost thou steal?”***

You see, once you have left this category of being a blind, foolish babe. Then you go into the category of a guide, instructor, teacher. Once you have become a guide, instructor, teacher you have not arrived. How do you know you have not arrived?

#### **Romans 2:21-22**

You know it is wrong to commit adultery. Do you commit adultery? You know it is wrong to steal do you steal the Lord's tithe. You would not steal this way, but you steal in another way?

**Verse 22:** ***“...thou that abhorrest idols, doest thou commit sacrilege?”*** You do not see an icon in the wall here. That is idolatry. We can pat ourselves on the back and say “our church is clean of idols.”

*Sacrilege* means *fake, phony*. How many of heard of saccharin? It is a fake sweetener. Sacrilege is being fake in religion. We might not have any idols in here, but you could have an idol of self. You can put self ahead of God. While we do not have any idols. We could be men-pleasers. We

could be lovers of self more than lovers of God. We could be a guide, a light, and instructor. We had better remember when we are trying to help others that we need to check ourselves. You need to pray I preach myself under conviction. You have to pray God blesses the preaching so much. That you just do not get something, but that God shows up.

**Romans 2:21-22.** What happens when we do not live what we preach? It is possible to be a guide, a light, a teacher, and an instructor; yet still be a hypocrite privately, secretly to be inconsistent in our own lives.

### **Romans 2:23**

We boast of the law—we have a perfect Bible. What is the answer to your question? Yes. Just because you know the Bible, does not give you license to live any way you please.

### **Romans 2:23**

You dishonor God when you break the law.

### **Romans 2:24**

That means, when we do not live what we preach, we give occasions to the enemy of the Lord to blaspheme. That means they look at you and say, “You hypocrite.” You preachers ought to live this way. You are a light, you are a guide, a teacher, and instructor, and you are trying to teach us.

### **Romans 2:24**

When we become inconsistent hypocrites, we bring

shame and reproach to the ministry, to God, to the church, to the Bible, and to our witness.

### **Romans 2:17-18**

We are talking about the moral do-gooders, respectable sinners.

### **Romans 2:17**

Notice, “rest...” This Bible can either be a goad or a couch. We have eternal security. You can read this Bible and find all the reasons why you can sit down on your blessed assurance. You can rest in the law, but what you end up doing is rusting. A rester becomes a rustier after a while. If you sit there long enough, you will start to rust.

The Bible says, “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion.”

### **Romans 2:17-18**

That means we have discernment.

**Ezekiel 44:23: “And they shall teach my people the difference...”**

Notice, “*between holy and profane...*”

I am supposed to give you the distinction between what is holy and what is not. I am to teach you how to approve the things that are excellent.

**Ezekiel 44:23: “...and cause them to discern between the unclean and clean.”**

I am supposed to help you know this Book so that

you can take a Bible and know what is right and what is wrong. The job of the preacher is to cause you to discern what is clean and what is not clean.

**Ezekiel 36:20: “*When they* (the Jews) *entered unto the heathen...*”**

Do you know what has happened when you leave the church, quit going to the church, and stay away from God’s people and the preaching of the Word? The unsaved people have been watching you saying, “Let’s see how long this will last.”

**Ezekiel 36:20**

Yeah! There is a Christian that quit going to church. They profaned God’s holy Name.

**Malachi 2:6**

The preacher’s job is to turn you away from iniquity.

**Verses 7-8: “*But ye* (the preachers) *are departed out of the way: ye* (preachers) *have caused many to stumble...*”** The preacher will turn many away from iniquity, or the preacher is going to back slide and cause many to stumble.

**Malachi 2:8-9**

You know God will get rid of a preacher who begins to be selfish. The job of the preacher is to turn you away from iniquity. If I am not doing what I am supposed to do, I am going to cause you to stumble. God says when that happens:

## Verse 9

That means picking, choosing, and taking the pliable things. Taking the sweet and good and positive things. Just preaching that to the people. God says, "That preacher has been partial in My law." When you do not preach it, you will become contemptible, base; and it will cause you to stumble at the law.

**2 Samuel 12:** Is it possible for the heathen, Gentile, or lost person to blaspheme God because of a hypocritical Christian?

Have you ever blown your testimony or lied to a lost person?

## 2 Samuel 12:14

Do you know when you sin and mess up, you give great occasion or opportunity for the enemy to blaspheme? That is why, when you claim to be a Christian, they will put you under a magnifying glass, saying, "I do not like that!"

## 2 Samuel 12:14

"You know, I am not hurting anybody but myself! Preacher, do not tell me how to live. I will live the way I want." The Bible says, "***No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.***" Whether we live therefore or die. Listen, it does matter how you live. It does matter what other people think.

David gave great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

**Psalm 50:** We are to go into all the whole world and

preach the gospel. We are to be witnesses. We are to be a light, a guide, instructor, a teacher. When you do that, you know why people do not witness— they know their life is going to be an open book. Remember witnessing will produce clean living.

**Psalm 50:16:** *“But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes...”*

What are you doing? You do not live the clean life! He says, “We need to clean up our act.”

**1 John 1:9:** Do you realize it is hard to witness because of unconfessed sin in your life?

**Psalm 50:16**

He asks, “What are doing being a teacher a guide, a light?”

**Psalm 50:18**

It says, “When you saw a thief, you did not turn them in. You did not do anything about it. Thou that teach that a man should not steal, dost thou steal.”

**Psalms 50:18:** “Thou that preachest a man shall not commit adultery dost thou commit adultery.”

Do you realize the worse hell you will receive as a Christian is from the pulpit?

**1 Timothy 6:** It does matter how you live.

**1 Timothy 6:1**

That means at work, you are to put in an honest

day's work. We should expect more from Christians.

## **Verse 2**

This is a Christian boss. You know when you work for Christians, you take advantage of Christians? They think, "Oh, he will cut me some slack." A lot of times Christians cannot work together: ***"These things teach and exhort."***

Whether you have a lost boss or a saved boss, you have to be careful that the doctrine be not blasphemed. You need to be the best worker at the workplace. You need to be on time. You need to give him your best that the name of God be not blasphemed.

## **Titus 2:4-5**

The Word of God gets blasphemed when a woman is not doing what she is supposed to. You can give great occasions to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme the Word of God.

## **Romans 2:24**

I do not want somebody to go to hell because Paul Hamilton.

**1 Corinthians 9:27: *"But I keep under my body, and bring in into subjection..."*** He says, "I am going to control my body." He says, "I am going to tell my body what to do."

**1 Corinthians 9:27: *"...lest that by any means, when I preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."***

He is talking about a castaway, or in other words, being a hypocrite, inconsistent. They put me on the shelf



and say, "You are out of commission." You preach, then you become a castaway. ***"...lest by any means, when I preached (I became a light, guide, teacher) to others I myself should be a castaway."***

You know the devil will be sitting there and saying to you, "That is why you are not preaching. That is why you are not a teacher." You know what I would do? I would not let this be a reason for me to be on the couch. I would let it be a goad and pinch me to clean up my life, witnessing so I can live the kind of life that is consistent with my talk.

**Romans 2:18-20: *"...which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law."***

You might have the form of religion. You may have the form of godliness but denying the power thereof. You may just be formalistic. You may look like a Christian but be a hypocrite. ***"...which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law" (Verse 21).***

**Matthew 23:1-2:** Pharisees (The light, guides, and instructors)

**Verse 3: *"All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe..."*** Were these Pharisees and scribes good guys or bad guys? Bad guys.

### **Verse 3**

You know what you could say? The devil is always sitting on your shoulder trying to find some inconsistency in my life (of the messenger, so you can discredit the message).

All the devil has got to do is get you peeved at me, and it will cut off the truth to you.

### **Matthew 23:3**

How to characterize the last days.

### **Ezekiel 33:30-31**

They may bad mouth the preacher, but they still attend church. **Verse 32.** Here is the real attitude. **Verse 33.**

In the last days there is music, music, music. Churches being entertained by music. Some come to our church, and say, "I surely like the singing." God says the trouble is with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after covetousness.

### **Romans 2:19-21**

- Thou that preaches a man shall live by faith, do you live by faith?
- Thou that preach a man shall expect Christ coming back, are you waiting for Christ to come back?
- Thou that preachest a man should pray, dost thou pray?
- Thou that teachest a man should confess sins, dost thou confess sin?
- Thou that preachest a man shall witness, dost thou witness?
- Thou that sayeth a man shall not lie, dost thou lie?
- Thou that preachest a man shall be filled

with the Holy Ghost, are you filled with the Holy Ghost?

- Thou that preachest a man shall love his wife, dost thou love your wife?
- Dost thou preachest a man shall tithe, dost thou tithe?
- Thou that preachest a man shall not gossip, dost thou gossip?
- Thou that teachest a man shall be able to take a rebuke, dost thou take a rebuke?
- Thou that preachest a man shall be thankful, art thou thankful?
- Thou that preachest a man shall be separated, art thou separated?

**Romans 2:21-22.** Sometimes, we create straw dummies.

You create a straw dummy to draw away attention from yourself. All of the sudden, you start taking a hard stand against some sin you have victory over.

### **Verses 23-24**

We need to pray for each other that we would live a consistent life—holy, non- hypocritical. You need to be a witness so you can be put under the magnifying glass. When we start opening our mouth up for Jesus Christ, people will start watching our lives, and we have to live consistently by what we say. Some of us keep our mouths shut because we do not want to be under the magnifying glass.

If you are afraid to tell others about Jesus Christ, it

is because you are either blind, foolish, or a baby.

Are you a baby, fool, blind, or are you a guide,  
instructor, teacher and light?

Where are you today?

## Lesson 14 Questions

1. Can a Christian know God's will?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
2. After you leave the category of blind, foolish babe, what is the next category?
  - a. Instructor
  - b. Teacher
  - c. Guide
  - d. All of the above
3. Sacrilege is what kind of religion?
  - a. Authentic
  - b. Silly
  - c. Current
  - d. Fake
4. Since we have a perfect Bible, we can live any way we choose.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. When we live hypocritically, we give occasion for the enemy to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Rejoice
  - b. Fall
  - c. Blaspheme
  - d. Mock
6. God will get rid of a preacher who is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Who is an example of someone in the Bible who gave occasion to the enemy to blaspheme?
  - a. Moses
  - b. Daniel
  - c. Samuel

- d. David
- 8. We are to keep our body \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. Doing what it wants
  - b. Under subjection
  - c. Separated from everyone
  - d. Over everyone
- 9. "Lest by any means, when I preached to others, I myself should be a \_\_\_\_\_."
- 10. God says that many churches show love with their mouths, but their hearts go after:
  - a. Lasciviousness
  - b. Fornication
  - c. Covetousness
  - d. Idolatry

## Romans Lesson #15

### Romans 2:25-29

**Verse 25: “For circumcision verily profiteth, if...”**

Based on a condition. Notice: ***“If thou keep the law:”*** If you are planning on going to heaven by good works, you have to keep all the law. There is so much emphasis on circumcision in the Old Testament. Israel had the promises of God because they were God's chosen people, because they practiced and carried it out on the eighth day which was given to Abraham. It was given to Abraham before the law. He said, ***“It profiteth if thou keep the law:” “...but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.”***

He is saying that it does not count. He said that it was as if it had never taken place.

### James 2:10

**Romans 2:26: “Therefore if the uncircumcision...”**

He is referring to Gentiles that way. Notice, ***“Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law...”*** If a Gentile keeps the law.

**Romans 2:26:** The implied answer to the question is: Yes!

**Romans 2:27: “And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature...”** That is how a person comes into the world. You are born uncircumcised. It is natural for a boy child to be born that way. If circumcision had anything to do with salvation, what do the females do?

## **Romans 2:27**

In zeal, for men to have short hair. They will say, "Jesus Christ had short hair." He did not have short hair.

**1 Corinthians 11:14:** "How could long hair be a shame for a man?" If you are a fisherman out there trying to pull fish in with a net, and your hair gets caught in it, you are going to get your hair jerked out. You will get hurt badly. A man is supposed to sweat.

**1 Corinthians 11:14:** Yes, it is a shame. **Verse 15**

**Verse 14.** It says that it is a shame to have long hair.

**Leviticus 19:** If you are saying Christ had long hair, and it is a shame to have long hair. So, it was a shame for Christ to have long hair.

## **Leviticus 19:26-27**

A Jew was to have long hair. This is talking to a Jew under the law. They were not to eat any pork nor catfish. You are not to round the corners of the head or mar the corners of thy beard.

Jesus Christ had long hair because He was to bear the reproach.

The Jews grew their hair contrary to nature bearing reproach. They also did circumcision that was contrary to nature. Why they were to be peculiar people, they were to bear the reproach of the Lord God.

**Romans 2** The Jews did two things that are contrary to nature.



1. Circumcision

2. They let their hair grow long

**Romans 2:27**

I will show you an instance where the Gentiles will judge the Jews.

**Matthew 12:41:** Were the men of Ninevah Jews or Gentiles? Gentile. That is why Jonah did not want to go. Jonah knew God was merciful and that God might save them Gentiles. He did not want them to have the chance.

**Verse 42**

**Romans 2:27**

**Galatians 5; Acts 15:1.** In **Acts 15**, is that mixing faith and works? Yes. They had a little bit of a problem. What has that got to do with half the women in the congregation? If you read the rest of the thing, you do not have to get circumcised to get saved. These men were preaching that you had to be circumcised in order to be saved. Which is false doctrine.

**Galatians 5:** I am going to read it like it says, then I am going to substitute a word.

**Galatians 5:2**

What did he mean? Does it mean a circumcised man could not be saved? No, he is saying that if you are counting on that for salvation, it shall profit you nothing. He says your circumcision is made uncircumcision

**Verse 3:** If you are planning on works getting you to

heaven, then you need to keep the whole law. People say, "Well, I think!" You think you go to heaven by good works? You have to live a perfect life and never sin. They say, "Nobody is perfect!" Yes, someone was. Jesus Christ. That perfect, sinless Savior will come into your heart. You can have His righteousness by faith that you could not earn.

Let me substitute some words for fun!

***"Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised*** (baptized, church member, tithing, taking the Lord's supper, etc.) ***Christ shall profit you nothing."***

The problem today in Christianity is not circumcision. They say baptism is a part of you being saved.

### **Galatians 5:2**

If you are counting on baptism, your faith in Christ does not count.

### **Verse 3**

What Christ did on the cross was a finished work.

### **Galatians 5:6**

Once you are in Christ, baptism does not avail anything.

**Galatians 6:12: *"As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh..."*** These are people who are religious do-gooders.

### **Galatians 6:12**

Do you know that nobody who believes in good

works suffers persecution? If you believe in any kind of good works, you never suffer persecution.

### **Galatians 6:12-13**

They want you to be circumcised, but they do not even keep the law.

They will brag and say, "There is one of my converts. I talked him out of the Baptist church." Cults are filled with people who used to be Baptist.

### **Galatians 6:15**

He is talking about a new creature. He is talking about being born again. Circumcision is outward.

### **Romans 2:28-29**

He says that all this outward formalistic, all this outward is show. He says, "It is down in the heart where nobody can see." ***"Man look on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart."*** It does not matter if men approve of what you do for your soul. It does not matter what the world thinks. It matters what God thinks.

Do you know you could be called a Christian and not be a true Christian? You could be born in a Christian family and not be saved yourself.

### **Romans 9:6-7**

You be a Christian on the outside but not be a Christian in your heart.

### **John 8:33-41**

They are accusing Jesus of being born of fornication. They were claiming to be saved but they were not saved.

**Verse 42-44:** Jesus said, ***“...ye are of your father which is the devil.”***

**Romans 3:1:** What is the advantage of being a Jew?

**Verse 2:** Every writer of this Bible was a Jew.

**Romans 2:28-29:** ***“But He is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart...”*** The heart has wax and fat. It has grown thick, and your heart is hard. A lady can get circumcised—spiritually. Her heart circumcised. That is what he is trying to say.

**Deuteronomy 30:6:** ***“And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed...”*** Why would God do that? Notice, ***“... to love the Lord thine God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.”***

You know, if God circumcises your heart: Have you ever noticed a person that drinks? Their heart is larger. It is larger because it has to over work to get the job done. How many have ever seen a real heart?

**Deuteronomy 30:6**

Could you pray Lord circumcise my son's heart? Circumcise my daughter's heart. We need our heart touched by God. We need Him to take our heart and use it. How do you circumcise? With a sharp knife or instrument. ***“The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than***

***any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."***

We need the sword of God's Word to cut away the hardness of our heart. Why? So that we would love God more with our heart. We need God to somehow touch our heart.

***Jeremiah 9:25: "I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised"***

All through the Old Testament He tells you, "You need to be circumcised in the heart." Circumcision did not put an umbrella of protection because God says He will punish the circumcision with the uncircumcised.

### **Verse 26**

God was putting his finger on them in the Old Testament. God says, "I do not care what you have done outwardly." God says, "I want the heart." God desires truth in the inward part. You might read your Bible and pray, you may tithe. When you come to church, God wants your heart. God does not want mere religion which is an outward show with formalities. God wants the heart.

### **Philippians 3:3**

We are the circumcision. We do not have any confidence on the outward circumcision. When he spoke of circumcision, he meant the heart.

### **Philippians 3:3**

You must worship God in Spirit and in truth. He said,

“The flesh profiteth nothing.”

**Colossians 2:** How do I get circumcised in the heart?

There is an operation that takes place. It took place when you got saved. However, sometimes we grow fat, and our heart grows thick and waxen fat.

**Colossians 2:10-11:** “...***the circumcision made without hands***...”

When you got saved you were circumcised with the circumcision made without hands. That is not the case at the hospital where operations are made with hands. They may use hands, but hands are made with those instruments.

**Verse 11**

Doctor Christ performs the surgery.

**Verse 12:** “...***the operation of God***.”

**Verse 13**

So, it is the operation of God, and He will do it if you let Him.

**Romans 2:**

I was born a Gentile according to the Bible. When I got saved, I became a spiritual Jew. You are still a Gentile physically. I was born a Gentile physically. When I got saved, I became a spiritual Jew. Am I now a physical Jew? No, I am not. When you start saying you are a physical Jew. Some start teaching God is all through with Israel, and they take

the promises of the Old Testament and apply them to the Christian. That Christian then thinks he is a Jew.

Remember, God is not through with the Jew because blindness in part happened to the Jews until the fulness of the Gentiles come in.

As it is written, all Israel shall be saved. So, you cannot go through there and say, "I am a Jew physically." I am a Jew spiritually because I have been circumcised in the heart.

I am a Gentile physically; I am a Jew spiritually. You had better get that because churches all over the world are messed up in the Old Testament and thinking the promises now. Thinking, *how could God keep his integrity?* God is all through with Israel and has dumped the Jews. They think, the only way to maintain the integrity of God is to transfer those promises to us now. Three-fourths of people believe they are physical Jews. You get over there.

**Revelation 2:9; 3:9:** Who is he writing to in **chapter 2**? The church at Smyrna. They were Gentiles, and they were saying they were physical Jews. They were stealing the promises of the Jews in the Old Testament and applying them to themselves in order to uphold and maintain. God does not need our help.

God is not all through with the Jews. He will bring them back into play. The 69 weeks of Daniel has not taken place yet. There is a gap; there is an interlude; and then the 70th week (the tribulation) that is called "the times of Jacobs trouble." We are not going to be here; we are going to be raptured out.

## Lesson 15 Questions

1. It is a shame for a man to have long hair.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. What do the Jews do that is contrary to nature?
  - a. Circumcision
  - b. Grow long hair
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
3. Nobody has been/is perfect.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. What is one advantage of being a Jew?
  - a. Every Jew gets saved
  - b. The Jews can grow long hair
  - c. The Jews have been promised more
  - d. Every writer in the Bible was a Jew
5. Circumcision is a picture of:
  - a. The cutting away of hardness in the heart
  - b. Salvation of the soul
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
6. God will not punish the circumcised.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. When we get saved, we become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Spiritual Gentiles
  - b. Physical Jews
  - c. Physical Gentiles
  - d. Spiritual Jews
8. Three-fourths of people believe they are \_\_\_\_\_.



- a. Spiritual Gentiles
  - b. Physical Jews
  - c. Physical Gentiles
  - d. Spiritual Jews
9. What is the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel called?
- a. Millennium
  - b. Second-Coming
  - c. Church Age
  - d. Tribulation
10. The problem today in Christianity is circumcision.
- a. True
  - b. False

# Romans Lesson #16

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Romans 3:1-8

Notice **verse 1**: ***“What advantage then hath the Jew?”*** Because back there in the preceding verses, Paul makes a statement. **Romans 2:28**: ***“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;”*** Did you know that every physical descendent of Abraham thinks he is a bonified, legitimate Jew? Here he flip-flops the thinking. You know, when you come to church, you always hear something contrary to the normal way you think in the world.

**Romans 2:28-29**

He is saying a real Jew is not one that has been circumcised physically, but one who has been circumcised spiritually in the heart. Have you been circumcised in the heart? The split second you got saved, whether you know it or not, you were circumcised by the Holy Spirit taking the sword of the spirit of God’s Word which cuts your soul loose from your flesh.

**Romans 3:1**

**Romans 9**: I will show you some advantages.

**Romans 9:4**: Paul is making a statement.

Notice, ***“Who are Israelites to whom pertaineth the...”*** What? ***“...adoption...”*** He is talking about the adoption of a nation as a whole. When you get saved, you have been adopted; your name has been written down. We receive the adoption of sons.

**Romans 9:4: “Who are Israelites to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory...”** Remember, God appeared to them, and His glory would be in the tabernacle. God supernaturally appeared to the nation of Israel. **Romans 9:4: “...the covenants...”** That is the Abrahamic covenant **“...and the giving of the law...”** That is Mt. Sinai. **“...then the service of God...”** That would be the tabernacle, the priesthood

**Romans 9:4: “promises”** There were no scriptures written to anybody else on the planet except the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament. **“What advantage hath the Jew?”**

They had a lot of advantages.

**Ephesians 2:12-13**

**Romans 3:1**

**John 4:22**

**Romans 3:1-2: “...unto them were committed the oracles of God.”**

The Bible says, **“Holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”** Do you know that God has given to us Gentiles from a complete different continent other than the nation of Israel? God gave us a copy of God’s Word including the Jewish Old Testament plus the apostle to the Gentiles. He has written books to us. That is a blessing, Christian.

**1 Samuel 3:1** says, **“The word of the lord was precious in those days. There was no open vision.”**

### **Romans 3:2**

Every single writer of the Bible was a Jew. I do not know why some Bible colleges would teach that Luke was a Gentile. He was a Jew.

### **Romans 3:3: “*For what if some did not believe?*”**

Some Jews did not believe.

**Romans 3:3: “...*shall their unbelief make the faith of God without affect?*”** What if some Jews did not believe? What is he saying? That advantage did not profit them because they did not believe in what God said.

**Hebrews 4:2:** The word preached did not profit them because they did not put faith in it. The preached did not profit them because it was not mixed with faith.

Does a person’s unbelief make God unfaithful? No, it does not.

### **Romans 3:3**

No, His promises are still good.

### **Romans 3:3**

God said, “It that settles it!” People in the world will say, “God said it; I believe it. That settles it.” That sounds good. God said it is still settled whether you believe it or not! If a man does not believe in hell, it does not make the temperature one degree cooler. You say, “I do not believe in hell.” It does not matter whether you believe it or not. It is still hot whether you believe it or not!

### **Romans 3:3**

If the Jews failed, does that mean God failed? No, God's promises do not depend on my faithfulness.

### **Romans 3:3**

God's blessing on your life will not work if you do not do it His way.

**Romans 4:14: “For if they which are of the law be heirs...”** In other words, you are trying to get to heaven by good works. Notice, “**...faith is made void...**” Void means of none affect.

### **Romans 4:14**

### **Romans 3:3**

The Bible says, “**...making the word of God of none effect by your traditions...**” Traditions can make the Word of God of none effect. If you try to make traditions equal with the scriptures, the Bible says you can make the Word of God of none effect. That does not mean God's promises are of none effect.

**Romans 3:3-4: “Let God be true and every man a liar...”**

Everyone in this room have lied at one place or time. There are three words I want you to mark. What is the last three words in **verse 2**?

**1. “Oracles of God.”** That has to do with the Bible.

**2. Verse 4: “As it is written...”** That has to do with the Bible.

**3. Verse 7: “The truth of God...”** That has to do with the Bible.

#### **Romans 3:4**

That means when a man messes with the Bible. He is a liar, and God is telling the truth. When you contradict and go against this Book, you are a liar because God does not lie. If you say the virgin birth is a myth, you are a liar.

**Romans 3:4: “...That thou...”** That is referring to God. **“That thou mightest be justified...”** When does God need to be justified? Justified does not mean to make one righteous. It means to declare one to be righteous. You know, a man can be taken to court and be innocent and be justified. That means he is declared righteous.

**Romans 3:4: “...That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings...”** There is the Bible. Notice, **“...and mightest overcome when thou are judged.”** Do you know God is going to get judged? How is He going to come out? He will be exonerated completely. He will not be found guilty.

I will give you an example: Read **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**. Every time somebody asked Jesus Christ a question, He put them in their place. You remember, it says, **“From that time forth no man ask him anymore questions.”** They were trying to tempt Him. They were trying to find how they might accuse Him. They were always putting stumbling blocks and tricky questions. They asked, “Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?” This they did tempting Him. They were always trying to catch Him in His word. He always sacked them. Finally, they said of David whose Son is he? They went through that whole

thing in **Matthew 22**.

That is how the Great White Throne is going to be. Everybody that goes up and stands before God someday. He says, "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." They will say, "Wait a minute, you cannot do that!" They will start throwing out the excuses. God will let them have their say. They can cuss Him out. They can say, "You do not have that right." What is God going to say? "Thus sayeth the word." "Thus sayeth the word!" He is going to go scripture to scripture to scripture. You quote scripture to God, and He will quote it back to you. It will happen at the judgment seat of Christ, and if you quote a Scripture to God, He will straighten you out, explaining how you were thinking incorrectly. How you were arresting the scriptures to your own destruction or handling the Word of God deceitfully. He will tell you how it is.

Are you sure?

Go to **John 12**. Let's see what God will use at the judgment.

**John 12:48: "He that rejected me..."** He that rejected baptism, the Lord's supper. Notice, **"...and recieveth not my words..."** You reject Jesus Christ by not receiving His words. You have to believe the Word to get saved.

**John 12:48**

The Bible says, ***"The books were opened, and the dead were judged of those things that are written in the***

**books.”** God is going to take this word and criss-cross it back and forth from scripture to scripture. Before a man goes into the lake of fire, he will know his damnation is just. Before it is all through, that man will say, “Jesus Christ is God and will be cast into the lake of fire.” No one is going to go, dragging and screaming: “It is not fair! It is not fair!” Everyone will realize their damnation is just.

Now, these scriptures are not going to contradict, you just going to have to put them together.

**Job 34:23: “For he will not lay upon man more than right...”**

If a guy goes to hell, he will not put upon man more than what is right.

### **Job 34:23**

When that man goes to hell, he can say, “I do not deserve to be here.” He will know he got what was coming to him. You will be so convinced.

Remember **Romans 3:4: “...That thou mightest be justified and mightest overcome when thou be judged.”**

Nobody is going to say to God, “I do not deserve to be here.”

**Isaiah 54:17: “No weapon that is formed against thee...”** Thee who? This is talking about the Jews. You know why the Jews will be able condemn any tongue that rises against them? It will be because of the BOOK! Not only is God going to be judged, cross-examined, but also there will be lost people at the Great White Throne



pointing over to Christians, and he said, “They will be able to answer any of the questions they throw at you.”

**Jude 14:** “...*the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints...*” That is the second advent when we come back with Him at the end of the seven-year tribulation.

**Verses 14-15:** “...*to convince all...*” God is not only going to execute judgment, but He will also convince all thoroughly of what they did wrong, and their judgment is coming.

### **Verse 15**

Remember **Romans 2**—he called it the righteous judgment of God. God will be right in what he is going to do. Genesis says, “Shall not all the judge of the earth do right?” Yes, he will. There will be no one who will be able to find iniquity in God. He will mete out a just weight and balance.

Will sinners argue with the Lord?

### **Matthew 7:21**

Do you know when they will be saying that to God?

There will be people wringing their hands.

### **Verses 22-23**

The Lord does not deny that they did many wonderful works. The Lord does not deny their claim. Hey, you can do all kinds of good deeds and still go to hell.

Illustration:

If you had a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill, and you did not even know it. Imagine you gave it to the gas station. You put in nineteen dollars and forty-eight cents of gas into the car, and then went inside the station, and gave the money to the clerk to pay the bill. After that, imagine, you leave, and the clerk goes down to the store somewhere and spends that twenty-dollar bill. The store takes that money to pay the electric bill. The electric company says, "We cannot take that money—it is counterfeit." They did not know it when they gave it to the electric company. The twenty-dollar bill did a lot of good until it showed up at the bank. Then, it had to be taken out of circulation and burned. A counterfeit twenty dollars can do a lot of good until it is recognized by the bank, pulled out of circulation, and burned.

### **Matthew 7:22**

Do you know a demon possessed women can cast demons out? Satan can cast out Satan. If Satan cast out Satan, how shall his kingdom stand? It will not. Satan can cast out Satan. Satan can cast a devil out of somebody through a false teacher to convince the unstable that this preacher has got power. That is why Satan is going down.

**Matthew 7:22-23.** So, there will be people arguing with the Lord at the White Throne Judgment. They will be convinced. They will be judged. God will be justified and win the argument.

### **Romans 3:4, 19**

God's Word at the Great White Throne. Every mouth shall be stopped. Some people think. Remember

this: When the Bible says law, it means the five books of Moses. People will say the whole testament is not the law. Yes, it is.

When the Bible says *law*, it means the entire Old Testament.

**John 10:34:** Jesus said Psalms was a part of the law. Jesus quotes **Psalms 82**.

**1 Corinthians 14:** So, Psalms is a part of the law.

I will show you how Isaiah is part of the law.

**1 Corinthians 14:21** quotes **Isaiah 28**. So, Psalms is a part of the law, and Isaiah is a part of the law.

**Romans 3:19**

**Romans 3:4-8**

Notice, ***“but if our...”*** People are trying to find fault with the preaching. If they can discredit the messenger, they can discredit the message. Notice, ***“...if our unrighteousness...”*** In other words, our sins and iniquities. **Verses 5-7**

Do you realize, every time you sin, you are lying. Every sin has a lie involved with it. That is why it says, ***“Exhort one another daily while it is called today, that many of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”*** All sin has a lie involved with it. If you are lying to yourself that you are not going to be caught, you are lying to yourself that you are going to be happier with it. Sin never leaves you better than it found you. ***Be sure your sins will find you out. You will reap what you sow.*** All sin

has a lie too it.

### Verses 7-8

Here is what they were saying about Paul. Notice, ***“Let us do evil that good may come.”*** That is the philosophy of the world. The world says, “The end justifies the means.” That means do anything you do as long as you can achieve your purpose and your goal. It does not matter how you get there as long as you do not get caught.

These people are throwing this in the face of the apostle Paul. You know what Paul was teaching? That salvation was by grace through faith. Is there anything you could do to earn salvation? Is there anything you could do to lose it? There is nothing you could do to lose your salvation. You cannot get saved more than once. I believe in eternal security. Why? It is in the Bible. Here is the thing. You mean, you believe saved always saved? Yes, I do. Some people think when you preach eternal security you can live any way you want to go to heaven. They were slanderously (**verse 8**) saying about Paul, ***“Let us do evil, that good may come.”***

They were saying that was Paul’s message. Now he is not saying that with his lips. You might as well go ahead and say it. Do you mean I can get saved and live any way I want? When somebody asks that, they are close to understanding the gospel is what? Free. That it is not by works. It is the grace of God; it is a gift. They will ask, “You mean I can get saved and live any way I want?” You see, if you get saved, you will not live any way you want.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

So, they would slander Paul and say he was preaching a “live-any-way-you-want” gospel. Get saved. Get your blessed assurance. Notice, ***“Let us do good that evil may come?”*** Let’s enjoy life because we are going to heaven. They are throwing eternal security in Paul’s face.

**Romans 3:5: *“But if our unrighteousness (our sin) commend the righteousness of God what shall we say?”***

If a guy sins and ends up in hell, does God get glory about that guy going to hell? God gets glorified. The Bible says, ***“To him be glory world without end.”*** Remember **verse 3**. What if some do not believe? Read **verse 3**. God will get the glory no matter what. Why? ***“Let God be true but every man a liar.”***

If you mess up in your Christian life, is it God’s fault or your fault?

It is your own fault! ***“You have not because you ask not.”*** God is God. The Bible says, “I am the Lord I change not.” He will get the glory by no matter what happens.

## Romans 3:5

If I took a white cloth and a hand full of diamonds and put them on that white cloth, you would say, “WOW!” But if I said, “Gather those ten diamonds and put them on a black cloth,” do not they look more spectacular on a black cloth than they would on a white cloth?

The black cloth represents our sins. The diamonds represent God. Did the diamond change when they were

on the black cloth and white cloth? The diamonds did not change.

### **Romans 3:5**

Our sins prove God to be true. It is saying God did not originate our sin. If this were true, our unrighteousness commended the righteousness of God. That would mean that the vilest of sinner would be the best saint. Paul is not teaching that. God does not want the glory that way. God does not want you to live a wicked life, so He shines and looks that much better because of your dirty rotten filthy life. He does not want the glory that way. God is more glorified by your obedience than by your disobedience.

### **Romans 3:5**

If our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, if our sins make God look better, then sin would be a part of God's plan, and man cannot be held accountable.

If our sins make God look better, it means God is the Originator of sin.

### **Romans 3:5-6**

He is saying God could not judge the world if He was the Originator of sin. If he is responsible for sin being in the world, if He wanted sin to be here in the first place, He could not be righteous in judging sin.

Our obedience glorifies Him more than our disobedience.

### **Romans 3:5**

In other words, if God originated and planned sin to be here, He could not hold man to be accountable for what He did.

So, when somebody says, "Is God not at fault for letting sin come into the world?" **Romans 3:5-6** prove God is not responsible, but man is responsible. It came from man and his own inventions.

**Romans 3:7: "*For if the truth of God hath more abounded...*"** In other words, if the Word of God looks better.

### **Romans 3:7**

My badness proves the Bible to be true. God gets the glory, but God can still judge me and a lost person because of their sins. Because God is not responsible for bringing sin into this world, God is more glorified by your obedience than your disobedience. The end does not justify the means.

### **Romans 3:8**

They said Paul was preaching. get saved and live any way you want.

### **Romans 5:20**

God brought the law in so the sin would appear exceedingly sinful.

### **Romans 5:20**

People say, "Wherever sin abounds, grace abounds. Therefore, I can sin more to get more grace." That is opposite. When you sin, there is less grace in your life. The only way to get more grace, is to confess your sins. That is when God starts piling grace on you again. No matter how bad your sin, grace can reach down much deeper and lift you up.

**Romans 5:20-21:** Remember, grace reigns through righteousness. Grace does not reign through wicked living.

### **Romans 6:1-2**

We are not to sin that we get more grace. ***"God forbid! How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?"***

### **Romans 6:14**

Well, I can live any way I want. I am not under law but under grace!

### **Romans 6:15**

He is trying to narrow you down and realize and say, "Yes, salvation is free. Yes, it is by grace, not by works. Once you are saved, it is eternal salvation; it is forever. If you could lose your salvation, it could not be everlasting. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Are we to take advantage of that and live any way you want? No! You are to live a holy, clean life."

**Romans 3:8:** ***"...Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just."***

Paul was not happy about people slandering him.



He says, "Yes, you are saved eternally." Paul was not happy that people were turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. Using grace as an excuse to sin. He said, "Those people's damnation is just." I do not appreciate people saying that. Remember, God wants the glory in the right way.

### **1 Corinthians 8:9**

Can a real Christian live a wicked life and still go to heaven?

Yes, they can. Is God going to let them get away with it in this life? They will get chastened here. They are going to reap what they sow. They are going to lose fellowship here. They will be miserable while they are here. You will lose rewards in eternity. You say, "I do not care if I get any rewards when I get to heaven." You should repent of that statement. You will be sorry you felt that way.

### **1 Corinthians 8:9**

When you live a dirty, wicked life, nobody wants to copy you.

### **Galatians 5:13**

Do not use your eternal security as a license to sin. Do not use your wicked life to live like you want.

### **Galatians 5:13**

## Lesson 16 Questions

1. According to Romans 2, someone is a real Jew when they have been circumcised how?
  - a. Spiritually
  - b. Physically
2. Every single writer of the Bible was a Jew.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Which of these phrases refers to the Bible?
  - a. Oracles of God
  - b. As it is written
  - c. The truth of God
  - d. All of them
4. What can make the Word of God of none effect?
  - a. Food
  - b. Traditions
  - c. Family
  - d. Religion
5. What other two books mentioned in the text are also part of the law in the Old Testament?
  - a. Daniel & Ezekiel
  - b. Proverbs & Job
  - c. Psalms & Isaiah
  - d. None of these
6. The gospel of Christ is:
  - a. For Rent
  - b. Free
  - c. Earned
  - d. Loaned
7. Did Paul preach a “live-your-own-way” gospel?
  - a. Yes

- b. No
- 8. Our disobedience makes God look even better.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 9. God is responsible for bringing sin into the world.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 10. Can a real Christian live a wicked life and still go to Heaven?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

## Romans Lesson #17

### Romans 3:9-11

**Verses 9-20** describe the unsaved man. Have you ever looked at yourself in the morning and noticed there was a zit right on your face? Look at **verse 9**.

**Verse 9: “What then? are we better than they?”**  
The words *we* and *they* are pronouns. **Romans 3:1: “What advantage then hath the Jew?”** Then he talks about the Jews. But when it comes down to brass tacks, it does not matter about the advantages of the Jews. **Verse 9: “What then? Are we (Jews) better than they?”** What is it they are referring to? “Gentiles,” he answers. Notice, **“No, in no wise...”** You know what we say today? We say, “No way!”

#### Verse 9

Notice how he uses Jews and Gentiles in the verse to explain what he is talking about.

**Verse 9:** Notice he has **“...before proved...”** Where has he before proved? That the Jews and Gentiles are all under sin? **Chapters 1 & 2.** We have seen it thoroughly that all are under sin. This is the indictment. He declares the verdict. When a trial takes place, everybody waits for the judge to pronounce the verdict. Guilty!

The whole trial comes down to what comes out of the judge’s mouth. Here is the verdict:

**Verse 9: “all under sin.”**

Notice: **“we are all under...”**

That means it is like this, and sin is above us. It is a heavy weight; it is a load; it is a burden. Did you know that before you got saved, you were carrying around a load of sins, and you did not know what was wrong? Brothers and sisters, we talk about the pressures of life. Do you know what the pressures of life are? Things that are unforgiven. Things not dealt with. Guilt of conscience, for we are all under sin.

**Psalm 38:** If you are not saved in here, you have a burden on you. You have a weight of sin. It is totally unnecessary to pack around. You can get rid of it. The Bible says, ***“Cast thy burden on the Lord and he shall sustain thee”*** for a Christian to carry around their sin, weighting them down. You say, “I do not know what is wrong with me.” You might be under some sins that are unforgiven.

**Psalm 38:4:** ***“For mine iniquities are gone over my head: as an heavy burden they...”*** What is it they refer to? Mine iniquities.

What are the last two words in **verse 3**? ***“...because of my sin...”***

#### **Psalm 38:4**

Brother, that is why I got saved. I was adding sin to sin. I was miserable. I did not like to carry the load, the burden. Hallelujah, I am free!!!

Do you know a Christian can be light-handed? You know, we can stand up and say everything is okay. You say, Brother Paul, why are you so happy? Because the burden is gone. Because it was placed on Jesus Christ.

**Romans 3:9**

**Romans 11:32**

**Chapter 11** is talking about the Jews and Gentiles.

**Verse 32:** ***“God hath concluded...”*** Notice, ***“God hath concluded all*** (Jew and Gentile) ***in unbelief...”*** Why? ***“...because he (God) may have mercy on all.”***

That means, every person, God is able to have mercy on you. We are all under sin. We were all at one time in unbelief. He will have mercy on all. What is the good news? All under sin, all in unbelief. He can have mercy on all.

**Romans 3:10:** This is an x-ray from head to foot. Notice **verses 10-18**.

When Paul says, ***“As it is written...”*** he is quoting the Old Testament scripture.

**Romans 3:10-12** is quoted from **Psalms 14:1-3**.

**Romans 3:12**

**Psalms 5:9**

**Romans 3:13**

***“The poison of asps is under their lips...”*** You know what an asp is? It is a poisonous snake. It is a venomous snake with fangs. Those fangs come down, and they latch hold, and those sacks of venom are on the roof of their mouth. They are hyper dermic. You do not even know if you got bit or not. They hit you and put poison right in you.

You know what it is saying about human nature

here? **Verse 13: “*their throat is an open sepulchre*”** (a grave).

### **Psalm 140:3**

### **Verse 14**

He is describing the lost man: He is full of cursing and bitterness.

Some people watch movies, and they think cussing makes a movie better. It really cheapens a movie when there is foul language in it.

### **Romans 3:14**

### **Isaiah 59:7, 8**

### **Romans 3:15-16**

They are headed for destruction, and they are miserable all the way. Not only are they under a load and a burden and a weight and sin, miserable, but the Bible says, ***“In laughter the heart grows sorrowful and mirth is heaviness.”***

### **Romans 3:16-17**

This world talks about peace. When there is no peace. There will not be any peace until the prince of peace comes on this earth. This is the unsaved person **verse 14**.

### **Verse 18**

That is the reason or cause of all the description I just read to you. I do not enjoy **verses 10-17**. That is an ugly description of human nature when he tells you why people

act like that.

**Romans 3:18:** That is the cause. That explains all the sins.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. When you start thinking you are running into a Holy God someday. You will be accountable for your sins. God sees you like this Bible in the face. The mirror of God's Word. God's Word always tells the truth about man. People hate this Book!

If you get on the right side of the cross, you do not have to let it bother you. I have been forgiven; the guilt is gone. The burden is lifted. Peace and misery are gone. Thank God Jesus Christ saved my soul. He washed my sins in the blood of Jesus Christ. I am glad that I am saved.

### **Verse 18**

I have read nine verses to you. All nine of them come from the Old Testament—every single one.

**Psalm 5:9: “For there is no faithfulness in their mouth...”** You cannot count on what they say. They lie so much. **Psalm 5:9: “For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.”**

That is a description of the world. That is an ugly description.

**Psalm 10:7: “His mouth is full of cursing...”**

That is a picture of human nature.



**Psalm 14:1: *"The fool hath said in his heart there is no God..."***

An atheist is a fool. ***"They are corrupt..."*** As soon as you say there is no God, that gives you an alibi and an excuse to live any way you want.

**Psalm 14:1**

The Communist and the atheist who hate God and the Bible live a dirty life. They get rid of God so they can live any way they want.

**Psalm 14:2-3**

**Psalm 36:**

When Paul paints a terrible picture of man. No one would ever have believed it. He uses the scripture and nine quotations to show the description of man in the New Testament.

**Psalm 36:1**

When David is observing all the wicked of the transgressors and the way people were living. It said something in his heart. He said, ***"For there is no fear of God before their eyes..."*** The reason they lived so wickedly is that they do not fear God. If they feared God, their lives would be a different life.

**Psalm 140:3**

Notice, ***"...adders' poison is under their lips."*** How can we poison people?

With Gossip, slanders, and flattery. You can only sin in three ways.

1. The thought of foolishness is sin. Not being tempted with foolishness, but thinking on it, relishing in it, trying to think how you can get away with it. The thought of foolishness is sin.

I am saying, ***“If you look on a woman to lust after her, you have committed adultery already with her in your heart.”*** You can sin in thought. He said that if you hate your brother, you are a murderer. Brother, you do not have to stab him with a knife. You can commit adultery in your mind, and you can commit murder in your mind.

You can commit three kinds of sin:

- Thought
- Word
- Deed

You commit more sin with your mouth than with any other way combined.

**Isaiah 59:** The reason I am spending so much time with this. If God said it twice, if God said it in the Old Testament and said it in the book of Romans, it does not hurt us to hear it twice. I was so impressed in all these nine verses of the description of man. I thought it was worth our time to go look at it.

**Isaiah 59:7:** ***“Their feet run to evil...”*** In Romans 3 says, ***“Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they***

***not known.”***

### **Isaiah 59:7-8**

**Isaiah 57:20: “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”**

Have you ever seen the foam when there is a high sea? You can get under the water and swim in the ocean when that ocean is kicking the sand up.

### **Isaiah 57:20**

There is no rest to a lost person. Something is always boiling the turmoil. The storm is raging. He does not know what is wrong.

**Verse 21: “There is no peace...”** Why? No fear. When there is no fear, there is no peace.

**Romans 3:10: “...There is none righteous, no, not one...”**

**Psalm 39:5: “Every man at his best state is altogether vanity...”** Does that mean if you ask someone, are you saved? Well, maybe. Well, it depends how I have been living the last week.

**Isaiah 64:6: “All our righteousness is filthy rags...”**  
The best you can do will land you in hell. “Well, if God just weighs my good deeds with my bad deeds.” Remember, the best you can do – your best – will land you in the lake of fire. To get saved, you have to forsake and turn your back on your own righteousness and trust God’s righteousness, which is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 3:10-11: “There is none that understandeth...”**

You know, Brother Paul, “I read the Bible, and I do not understand it.” Here, a red light goes off for me. I have had people say, “I have read the Bible, but I do not get anything out of it.” If you are reading the Bible, and you are not getting anything out of it, you are lost! You are not saved. How do you know that?

I will prove to you that if you read the Bible and get nothing out of it, it is because you are not saved.

**1 Corinthians 2:14: “But the natural man...”** What is the opposite of natural? Supernatural. The supernatural is the spiritual man. He that is spiritual judgeth all things. Once you get saved, you are born of the Spirit. You are not an ordinary, common man anymore. Before you get saved, you are natural. When you get saved, you are born again. You get a spirit. You have a spiritual side that opens up communion with God.

**1 Corinthians 2:14:** The reason he does not understand the Bible because it is: “...***they are spiritually discerned.***”

If you are just a natural man, you cannot figure out this spiritual Book. Brethren, God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Did you know why you cannot pray before you get saved? You do not have the Holy Spirit. You pray, and nothing happens. You open up the Bible, it is worse than reading an encyclopedia.

Man, you start reading the Bible and you read: ***“His mouth is full of cursings and bitterness. Destruction and misery are in his ways.”***

**1 Corinthians 2:14:** ***“the natural man”*** (the lost man)

**Verses 15-16:** You see, you can have the mind of Christ when you get saved. You get the mind of Christ, and you become spiritual. You will be able to spiritually figure out what this Book is trying to say.

Remember, in **Acts 8** the Ethiopian Eunuch. Brother, he had been up in Jerusalem. He was heading back to Ethiopia. God said to Phillip, “Go, join thyself to his chariot.” When Phillip got up there to the eunuch, he was reading Isaiah. He is reading and Phillip asks, “Understandest what thou readest?” He said, “How can I except a man show me?” He desired Phillip that he would come up in the chariot. Phillip preached unto him Jesus.

So, Phillip told him what the Bible has to say. He explained Jesus Christ to him.

**Matthew 13:** ***“There is none that understandeth...”***  
An unsaved man cannot put things together Biblically and figure out what is going on in that Bible. That is why ***“it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to saved them that believe.”*** I do not mind looking like a fool preaching to you. Hey, if you are getting what I am preaching, it does not matter what my style is.

**Matthew 13:13:** ***“...neither do they understand.”***  
***“Therefore speak I to them in parables: because seeing see***

***not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.***

He says, "You know the reason I am speaking to them in parables because they seeing (physically) see not (spiritually) because hearing (physically) they hear not (spiritually), neither do they understand."

You can have physical eyesight and physical hearing, yet you can completely miss the jist of what this book is saying. It goes right over your head.

**Matthew 13:13-14: "...seeing ye shall see and shall not perceive..."**

**Verse 15: "For this people's heart is waxed gross..."**

You know what this "waxed gross" means? It is grown thick; it is waxed it means to grow. When a candle burns down, there is a wax build-up at the bottom, and the wax has grown thick.

**Verse 15: "...their ears are dull of hearing..."**

"Well, you know, preacher, I am just here bidding my time." Your ears are dull of hearing. Listen, some of you need to sit up and listen intently to the Word of God. Jesus said, "***Whoso has ears to hear let him hear.***"

**Verse 15: "...their eyes are closed..."** People sleeping; people rolling their eyes.

**Verse 15** When you understand from your heart, you can be converted.

**1 John 5:20**

If you are saved, it is because God gave you understanding. He ***“...hath given us understanding...”*** Why? ***“...that we may know him...”***

When God said, ***“there is none that understandeth,”*** that means He had to give us understanding. ***“There is none that understandeth; there is none that seeketh after God.”*** So, God gives us understanding. That makes us worship him more. You say, “God, I do not have any sense. You had mercy upon me.”

**Romans 3:11:** When you got saved, you did not find God, God found you. ***“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.”***

**Genesis 3:** when Adam and Eve took of that fruit and realized they were naked. Every day they had been walking in the garden with God, God walked with them and talked with them every day. All of the sudden, Adam ate that fruit. He realized that he was naked. He said, “God, where are you? I am in trouble.” He was not calling after God. The Bible says that he hid himself. He was afraid. Do you know, sin will make a coward out of us all. Sin will make you want to hide. Sin does not make you a better person. It makes you a coward. Why? ***“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”*** Adam was hiding in the garden. He was afraid. God came and asked, ***“Adam, where art thou?”*** Did God know where Adam was? He wanted Adam to admit it and confess it.

God knew where he was. Adam confessed and said, “Here I am.”

**Romans 3:11:** Do you know what I am talking about?

You are a sinner. **Verse 21:** Why should we be interested in the righteousness of God? Because we do not have any of our own.

**Verses 22-23, 24**

Talk about man's sins and wickedness. **Verses 24 & 28**

You can get saved by pure faith. Faith alone without the deeds of the law, without doing good works.

He says, ***"...there is none righteous no not one."***

**Romans 3:28:** Are you not glad you can get saved by good works? Why? Because we did not have any. Our righteousness is as filthy rags. He shows you how wicked an awful man is. Why do we need to hear that? Because we would be running for God's righteousness gladly.



## Lesson 17 Questions

1. In Romans 3:9, what had been “before proved”?
  - a. Paul’s accusers were partially correct
  - b. God is done with the Jews
  - c. Good works are crucial for salvation
  - d. Jews and Gentiles are all under sin
2. God is able to have mercy on all.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Peace
  - b. Knowledge
  - c. Love
  - d. Fright
4. According to the Bible, an atheist is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Thief
  - b. Liar
  - c. Fool
  - d. Wicked man
5. The reason people live wickedly is because:
  - a. They want to
  - b. They do not fear God
  - c. They do not want God
  - d. They have to
6. What three ways are you able to commit sins?
7. In what way do you commit the most sins?
  - a. Mind
  - b. Mouth
  - c. Actions
  - d. None of these

8. An unsaved, natural man can still understand things from the Bible even though It is a spiritual Book.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. When you got saved, you found God.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. Why did God ask Adam, "Where art thou?"
  - a. So that Adam would admit and confess his sins
  - b. God did not know where Adam was
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b

## Romans Lesson #18

### Romans 3:12-20

This is God's x-ray of man from head to foot. You can look into the mirror and think everything is okay, then all of a sudden you get an x-ray, and there is tumor.

**Romans 3:10:** Remember **verses 10-18** are quoted from the Old Testament.

### Romans 3:10-11

***"...There is none that understandeth there is none that seeketh after God."*** It would be wrong to put a sign up there that said, "All sinners welcome."

***"The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost." "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."*** That is why he says, ***"Go into all the world."*** It does not say, "Go to the church from pew to pew." We are to be doing something outside the walls of this building. Why?

### Romans 3:11

You say, "We have visitors show up once in a while." That is because somebody prayed for them. Somebody invited them. Somebody gave them a tract. People come here. Some people do not know why they came. Maybe they came to walk in here to feel better about themselves. Maybe they were so guilty about their sins. Maybe they are not knowing what they expect.

### Romans 3:11-12

***“They are all gone out of the way...”*** That means they were once in the way. If a little baby dies, they go to heaven. It does not matter if the parents are Christians. If a little baby dies, it does not matter if they go to church or not. You know why a baby goes to heaven? It is because we are innocent when we are born into this world. We were born with a sin nature, but we were not born sinning.

**Romans 3:12: *“We are all gone out of the way...”***

**Isaiah 53:6**

When you were born, you all had light. Then you sinned against that light.

**Romans 3:12: *“They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable...”***

Notice they are together. That means the best of all of us in this room or the best of humanity. The good works of humanity combined does not impress God at all. The best of all man’s accomplishments is worthless in God’s sight.

**Romans 3:12**

All the good works added up together will not get one person to heaven. That is the correct estimate of humanity. It is the right view of man.

**Romans 3:12: *“...There is none that doeth good no, not one.”***

**Romans 3:23:** Have you glorified and given thanks to God for everything in your life? No, you have not!

How many as a Christian have taken a bite of food and did not pray?

**Romans 3:23**

**Romans 5:12**

If you come to the place where you say, “God, you are right, and I am wrong,” you are a candidate of free salvation. When you realize that you do not have anything in yourself to offer to God. Salvation will come pretty sweet.

**Romans 3:12: “...*There is none that doeth good, No not one.*”**

“Well, my grandmother...” ***There's none that doeth good, no not one.***

“Well, my grandfather...” ***“...There's none that doeth good no not one.”***

***“...There is none that doeth good no not one.”***

I am talking about this matter of going to heaven and your relationship to God.

I want to show you that an unsaved person is incapable of doing good. People think, “If my good deeds outweigh my bad deeds, maybe I will get to heaven.” The trouble is a sinner has no good deeds at all. Why? All our righteousness is filthy rags. There is no such thing as, “I will tip the scales for my favor.”

**Matthew 7:17: “...*every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*”**

**Verse 18:** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

He is saying a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. ***“...There is none that doeth good no not one...”*** If you are corrupt, and you are not saved, you are not capable of any good fruit. It is impossible. You say, “If my good works...” You do not have any good works. If you are not a Christian, you have no good works. Jesus says in **John 15:5**, ***“Without me ye can do nothing.”***

**Romans 7:18:** In my flesh dwelleth no good thing.

**Romans 8:7:** ***“...the carnal mind...neither indeed can be.”***

He says if you are carnal, if you are not saved, it is fleshy. You are natural which is the opposite of spiritual.

**Romans 8:7**

The carnal mind cannot be subject to the law of God. It cannot even do good works to please God.

**Romans 8:8:** If you are lost, there is nothing you can do to please God. The only way you can satisfy and put a smile on the face of God is to come by the way of Jesus Christ who lived that perfect life. God says, “I will accept you because you accepted the salvation that I provided.”

**Romans 9:8:** ***“They that are the children of the flesh are not the children of God...”***

By birth, you are not a child of God automatically. You must be born again.

## Romans 9:8

They that are in the flesh cannot please God. The carnal mind is enmity against God.

**Proverbs 15:** ***“There is none that doeth good, no, not one.”*** You know, I am a pretty good person. ***“There is none that doeth good, no, not one.”*** People hear this preaching and say, “Oh! I am not that bad. I am a pretty good person. I am not as bad as so and so.” The Bible says, ***“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”*** It amazes me how that bounces off somebody’s head, like something bouncing off a rock.

**Proverbs 15:8:** ***“The sacrifice...”*** The sacrifices in the Old Testament—were they good or bad? Good. Notice, ***“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord...”***

That means God does not accept something good that a wicked person does. The sacrifice—that is something good. It is an abomination if it comes from a wicked heart. God is not interested in you doing good if you are not saved. Thank God for something so clear.

## Proverbs 15:8

Good works will not get you to heaven. You need to pray, and say, “Lord, I am lost. I am undone. I am going to hell, and I need salvation.” The Bible says, ***“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”***

## Proverbs 21:4

He named three things:

### 1. High look

### 2. Proud heart

### 3. Plowing of the wicked

Is plowing hard work? Yes. Is plowing good work? Yes. Notice, ***“...the plowing of the wicked is sin.”*** That means everything that an unsaved person does is sin. It is apart from Jesus Christ. Jesus said, ***“Without me you can do nothing.”*** Do you know what Jesus meant by nothing? Listen before you got saved, did you ever put a spoonful of food in your mouth? When he says, ***“Without me you can do nothing,”*** that means nothing Spiritual. In other words, spiritually good to please God.

#### Proverbs 21:4

Everything a wicked person does is sin. They leave the Lord out of the picture.

The Lord has got some questions for you.

#### Jeremiah 13:23

He says you cannot. If an Ethiopian cannot change his skin, and a leopard cannot change his spots. You who are accustomed to do evil cannot do good. That is the unregenerate condition of the natural man.

How are we saved? Two words: Grace and Faith.

**Romans 14:23: *“...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”***

You know I got saved by faith. God said everything I



did before I got saved is sin. The plowing of the wicked is sin. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord. Your good deeds were sin. People say, "If my good deeds outweigh my bad deeds, I get in." He did not say that. The Bible says that you did not have any good deeds. **Romans 14:23: "... for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."**

### **Colossians 3:17**

Before you got saved, did you do everything to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ? No, you did not. Everything you did not do in the name of the Lord Jesus is sin. So, they that are in the flesh shall not please God.

***"There is none that doeth good, no, not one."***

**Titus 1:** If you can get somebody lost, they will get saved pretty easily. Once you realize you are lost and condemned to hell and have no hope, getting saved is easy. You know why people do not get saved? Because they do not realize they are lost.

When a sinner knows he is going to hell, has no good works, and realizes Jesus is the only way, they will get saved.

### **Titus 1:15: *"Unto the pure..."***

If you are saved, you have been purified. **Titus 1:15**

He says, "If you are unbelieving, nothing is pure." Did you know that if you are lost? Notice that to the unbelieving is nothing pure. You can come to church every time the doors are open; you can tithe. However, the Bible says to the unbelieving, nothing is pure. Putting your

money in the plate and your lost does nothing for you. Keep your money. You cannot buy your way to heaven.

**Titus 1:15-16: "...every good work reprobate."**

God says, "every good work." God says that they are reprobate. All your righteousness is filthy rags. If you are a reprobate, you are unbelieving. God is not impressed with all your good deeds. They that are in the flesh cannot please God. The is showing you the lostness of man. If you are lost, every good work is reprobate.

**Romans 3:12**

You have nothing good to offer to God. Now he gives a terrible description. Here is God's x-ray from head to foot.

**Romans 3:13: "*Their throat...*"** Your throat is in your head. Circle the word "throat." "***Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues...***" Circle the word "tongues." "***...they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips.***"

Lips are in your head; tongues are in your head; throats are in your head.

**Romans 3:14: "...whose mouth..."**

What is he trying to say? He says that most of our sins come from speaking. It is the terrible things we say that hurt people. You have probably confessed more sins from your mouth than any other sin. Tongues, lips, mouth.

**Romans 3:15: "*Their feet are swift to shed blood.*"**

Notice that it goes from the head to the foot. In

**Isaiah 1**, it says from the sole of the foot unto the head there is no soundness in it. Bruises and putrefying sores. You say, "Not me, Pastor." This not your opinion of yourself—this is God's opinion of yourself. The Bible talks about your heart. You say, "My heart is healthy." The Bible says, "***The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it.***" The imaginations of the heart are only evil continually. It talks about our ears which are dull of hearing. Our eyes are dull of seeing. He talks about even our conscious. He talks about wicked hands.

### **Romans 3:15**

"Well, I am not that bad!" This is God's x-ray. You are sick; you need a doctor. The Lord Jesus—the Great Physician. He has never lost a case. He is always available. You do not have to wait in line. It is free. No Charge!

Why? He is come to seek and to save that which is lost. He did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. He can heal you.

### **Romans 3:13**

***"Their throat is an open sepulchre..."*** If you ate meat, you ate dead meat. Everything we put in our mouth in is like a human garbage disposal. It goes in dead, and out is dead. If you sealed off this room, all the air vents here. The oxygen keeps us alive. Everything that comes out of our mouth is carbon dioxide. If we did not have oxygen to breath in, we would all die.

Everything coming out of your mouth is poison. It is

an open sepulchre. It is a grave.

**Luke 11:** Not only do we put dead things in, but dead things come out. The Bible says, ***“You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins.”*** Before you got saved, you were spiritually dead. You had the breath of death.

**Luke 11:44:** ***“...ye are as graves...”***

Jesus said those religious leaders were like graves. He said those religious leaders were thieves full of dead men’s bones. They were like a grave. They said we are good. God says, “All I smell is death!” Do you realize earth is a dying planet? There is death everywhere, but bless God, I am going to a place where there is no death. There is only life. No darkness only light. There is no crying there is no tears. The former things are passed away. There will be no more pain nor sorrow.

**Romans 3:13:** God's x-ray. God gives a diagnosis. Can you imagine a doctor telling you your throat is an open sepulchre. Notice, ***“...their tongues have used deceit...”*** That is lying. There not telling the truth. ***“...the poison of asps is under their lips...”*** An asp is a poisonous snake. That means things we say to our mouth hurts people.

**Romans 3:14**

That includes griping, murmuring, and complaining. A saved person should not be like that. If your saved you should clean up your mouth. Get rid of your belly aching and whining.

**Matthew 12:** The Bible says, ***“Thou shalt not take the Lord thy God in vain.”***  
***“For thou wilt not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”***

Taking God’s name in vain is no small thing. There is a man in the Old Testament that blasphemed the name of the Lord. They stoned him for taking the Lord’s name in vain.

**Matthew 12:34:** ***“O generation of vipers...”*** What did he call them in **Romans 3**? ***“poison of asps.”*** What does Jesus call them? he calls them a bunch of snakes. Notice what Jesus says, ***“How can ye being evil...”*** You know what he says? Everybody he was talking to was evil. You say, “Preacher, we are in church. That is for everybody else.” Everybody he was talking to, he took for granted that they were evil.

**Matthew 12:34:** How can ye, being evil, speak good thing? What is the answer?

An evil person cannot speak good things. ***“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”*** Do you know why filthy things come out of your mouth? Because what is down in the well comes up into the bucket. When you are getting mad and cussing, that stuff needs to get weaned from a Christian. They need to clean up their speech. ***“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things have passed away all things have become new.”***

**Matthew 12:34 & 37**

**Romans 3:14-15**

The only thing on t.v. is sex and violence. ***“Their feet are swift to shed blood.”***

**Romans 3:16:** ***“Destruction and misery are in their ways:”*** The path they are on—they are miserable while living this life. That means they are headed down the path of destruction. That is where their path ends up.

How do you know?

**Matthew 7:13** The words that I am going to show you match **Romans 3** exactly.

Notice, ***“Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction...”*** Notice, ***“...and many...”***

You say, “Preacher, the way you are explaining salvation, most people in the world are not going to heaven.” You are exactly right. Brothers and sisters, when you are telling somebody how to get saved, and all of the sudden they say, “The way you explain it and tell me how to get saved, it means most of my family is not going to heaven.”

**Matthew 7:13-14**

Look at the opposite **verse 14.** ***“...and few there be that find it.”***

There is only one door to heaven—Jesus Christ. He says, ***“I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved.”***

Notice he said, many and few. He said that many are going to destruction, few are going to heaven.

**Romans 3:16: “...*destruction and misery are in their ways.*”**

Notice, ways are plural. **Verse 17: “*The way of peace...*”** Singular. **Verse 16** (ways = there are all kinds of ways to go to hell.) **“...*destruction and misery are in their ways.*”** There are many ways to hell. **“*And the way* (singular) ***of peace have they not known.*”** Jesus said, **“*I am the way!*”** Singular.**

There is one way to heaven. There are many ways to hell. It is broad. There is one way to heaven.

### **Romans 3:16**

**“*There is no peace sayeth my God to the wicked.*”**  
Let me show you the way of peace.

### **Romans 5:1**

You can have the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

### **Romans 5:8**

Christ died for us when we were bad. Christ died for us when we are trying to turn over a new leaf.

### **Romans 5:9**

You can be justified, redeemed, and washed in the precious blood. The diagnosis is not looking good.

### **Romans 3:17-18**

Let me show you what the fear of God is:

**Exodus 20:20.** The reasons people are not getting saved by great numbers because preachers are not preaching on hell, judgment, or the wrath of God. There are too many preachers preaching on the love of God, but they are not telling you God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.

They are not preaching that our God is a consuming Fire. They are preaching this mushy, warm, fuzzy God. People say, "How can a God of love put me in hell?" God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all. The reason somebody turns out that way, there is no fear of God before their eyes.

#### **Exodus 20:18-20**

He said, "Do not be afraid; God's come to scare you." That is what he is saying.

**Verse 20: "...his fear..."** He said, "Do not be afraid of the thunder and lightnings. Do not be afraid of going to hell. God is come to scare you, so that you do not have to go there." Listen, you do not have to fear the wrath of God if you will come to the cross.

#### **Verse 20**

So, when somebody fears God, they quit the sinning.

#### **Exodus 20:20**

What was the trouble in **Romans 3?** No fear!!!

Let me show you an example of fearing God and not fearing God.



## Exodus 9:13-20

He is talking about hail coming down upon you bigger than a car that will crush an animal or a person.

**Verse 20:** ***“...and his cattle flee...”*** If you fear God, you will flee from the wrath to come. **Verse 20:** ***“...he that feared the word of the Lord.”***

**Verse 21:** Those that did not flee died. He that feared the Lord did something about it. He that did not fear went on like business as usual. The hail stones came and killed him. Why? There was no fear of God before their eyes.

The fear of the Lord is that you sin not. If you fear God, you will put trust in what He tells you to put in. If you do not regard the Word of the Lord, you will go to hell.

**Romans 3:** The fear of the Lord is not a bad thing. The fear of the Lord is healthy. What is the fear of the Lord? To regard the word of the Lord, to act upon what God says.

**Romans 3:19:** Notice first three words: ***“Now we know...”***

**Romans 3:19:** ***“...that every mouth may be stopped...”***

You have just been told you are no good. That ought to stop your mouth. When your mouth is stopped. You cannot argue. You do not have an opinion. You cannot give a rebuttal. You cannot say anything contradictory.

He said, ***“From the sole of the foot to the head***

***there is no soundness in it.***” It bruises and putrefying sores. God is saying, “You are a terminal case.” Do you know when people go out of a doctors’ office, they are awful quiet when they have been given a bad report?

**Romans 3:19**

The law is a mouth-stopper, not a heart-opener.

**Romans 3:19**

There is no room for boasting. No room for arguing. Let me ask you a question: Has your mouth ever been stopped?

You know, after a message like this, you can walk out and run your mouth and act like nothing is wrong. Listen, as long as you defend yourself, you cannot be saved. Your mouth has got to be stopped.

You have nothing else to say. God, you are right, and I am wrong.

**Romans 3:19**

The law was given to make you guilty. The purpose of the law was to make you look guilty.

**Romans 3:20: “*Therefore by the deeds of the law...*”** What are the deeds of the law? Doing good works ***“No flesh...”*** In other words, no person, nobody in this room, by doing good works can go to heaven.

**Romans 3:20: “*By the law is the removal of sin...*”** Is that what it said? No! He said, ***“By the law is the knowledge of sin...”*** Reading this Bible will reveal the

person you really are. The law is the knowledge of sin. You cannot know what sin is but by the law. Paul did not even know what sin was but by the law. Was the sin wrong?

### **Romans 7:7 & 12**

There is nothing wrong with the law. There is something wrong with our ability to keep the law.

### **Romans 7:13-14**

The problem is not with God's law. The problem is with us. You might have sinned this morning and did something. You came to church, and I started preaching on it. It becomes exceedingly sinful. You can either ignore it, or you can fear God and get it fixed.

The problem is not with the law. The problem is with our inability to keep the law.

### **Galatians 3:10**

If you are trying to get to heaven by the works of the law, you are under the curse.

### **Galatians 3:11-12: *"The law is not of faith..."***

**Galatians 3:13.** The sentence is passed. You are guilty before God. What is that? Eternal hell. You have to take him. You say, "There has to be more to it than that."

### **Galatians 3:13, 21**

The law cannot give you life.

**Galatians 2:16:** The law cannot give you life. The law can stop your mouth. The law makes you guilty. The

law can curse you.

**Hebrews 7:19:** The law made nothing perfect. What can? But the bringing of a better hope did. You know what can make you perfect? Jesus Christ. He kept the righteousness of the law.

**Romans 3:19:** Remember, the law is a mouth stopper, not a mouth opener.

Has your mouth ever been stopped? As long as you defend yourself you will never be saved.

**Romans 3:20**

You can look into a mirror and not like what you see. You can break that mirror. There are several images of yourself. The mirror is to reveal your sin.

If I have grease on my chin, somebody will tell me that I have grease on my chin. I would not go to the mirror and start rubbing the mirror trying to get the grease off. That is like taking the law to fix the law. You make a worse mess. Listen, salvation is a free gift.

**Romans 3:28**

## Lesson 18 Questions

1. Where does a baby go when he/she dies if his/her parents are not saved believers?
  - a. Heaven
  - b. Hell
2. Is there a good person on earth?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
3. God accepts good things a wicked person does.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. Through what means are we saved?
  - a. Grace
  - b. Faith
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
5. To the unbelieving, nothing is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Good
  - b. True
  - c. Pure
  - d. Wise
6. In Romans 3, our mouth is described as an:
  - a. Open door
  - b. Open sepulchre
  - c. Open heart
  - d. All of the above
7. What is an asp?
  - a. Poisonous Insect
  - b. Poisonous Plant
  - c. Poisonous Fish
  - d. Poisonous Snake

8. What verse matches up with Romans 3:16?
9. Preachers these days prefer to preach about:
  - a. Hell and Judgment
  - b. Heaven and Promises
  - c. Doctrine and Instruction
  - d. Love and Light
10. Why do most people refuse to get saved?
  - a. No wisdom
  - b. No fear
  - c. No love
  - d. No desire

## Romans Lesson #19

### Romans 3:21-24

I want to remind you of a couple of things. **Verse 10**

That is a strong indictment against humanity.  
**Verses 10, 12**

**Verse 10:** Notice, ***“no, not one”*** in **verse 10** and **verse 12**. The Bible says that all our righteousness is filthy rags. Remember, the best you can do will land you in hell.

I do not care about all the good works you can accumulate in a lifetime. You cannot do enough good works to go to heaven unless you live a perfect, sinless life from birth to death. You ask, “How do you know?”  
Because God requireth what is past and the soul that sinneth it shal die. The wages of sin is death.

**Verse 21, “But now...”** Thank the Lord Jesus for that! Notice, ***“But now the righteousness...”*** Of who?  
***“...God...”***

You do not have any righteousness. Brother, if you do not have any righteousness, what are your chances to get to heaven? Absolutely none. You need the righteousness of God. He makes a strong indictment against man. He says that man, in and of himself, has no hope of getting himself to heaven. God completely strips us bare of our trust of ourselves to get us there. Brethren, we are hopeless. I am doomed. Thank God for **verse 21**.

**Romans 3:21: “But now the righteousness of God**

**without the law is manifested...**

We can somehow obtain the righteousness of God without the law, without doing good works. ***“As it is written, there is none righteous no, not one.”***

**Romans 3:21:** That is pure salvation.

In the Old Testament righteousness came by behaving. In the New Testament, righteousness came by believing. You believe, and you receive the righteousness of God.

**Romans 3:21-22:** Notice again, ***“The righteousness of God...”*** He says it again in **verse 22**.

In the first part of Romans, he tells you how bad man is. You ask, “Well, what are my chances?” **Romans 3:22.** How do you get the righteousness of God?

***“By faith of Jesus Christ...”***

**Romans 3:22-23.** Notice at the end of **verse 22:** ***“...for there is no difference.”***

Everybody has to get saved the same way. The ground is all level at the cross. You say, “I know this proud, wicked person who needs to get saved.” Hey! Self-righteous people need to get saved, too. It is harder for a self-righteous, do-gooder to get saved than a wicked, low-down, mean sinner because they know there is nowhere to look but up! They realize all their righteousness is filthy rags. They gladly take the grace of God.

**Romans 3:21-22:** ***“...the faith of Jesus Christ...”*** It does not say the faith in Jesus Christ; it says the faith of



Jesus Christ. Is there anything wrong with putting faith in Jesus Christ? No, nothing wrong. The faith of Jesus Christ is better.

**Romans 3:22.** The faith of Jesus Christ means it is His faith. That means Christ gives you the faith to believe. People say, "Brother Paul, I do not know if I had enough faith to believe." Brethren, if He gave it to you, it is enough. If he gave it to you, it is the right kind. When God gives you salvation, He gives His faith so you can believe. Remember, salvation is of the Lord. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is the Author, the Originator. How does he give you faith?

**Romans 10:17**

Jesus Christ produces the right kind of faith in your heart and the right amount of faith. He gives you faith to believe. Write this down: Faith = from God to man; Believe = from man to God.

God gave me faith to believe.

**Romans 3:22:** God gave me the faith to believe in His Son.

***"Unto all and upon all them that believe..."***

Unto all that means salvation is to everybody upon this whole planet. Christ died for everybody. It is available to all but notice it is only ***"upon them that believe..."***

So, one is more inclusive than the other. It is specific. Just because Christ died for your sins does not mean you are automatically saved. The way you preached

it, you are saying Christ died for my sins. He died for everybody sins, then I am saved automatically. No way!

Notice, ***“Unto all and upon all that believe...”***

You have got to get that thing. You are not saved automatically. In order to receive it, you have got to accept it; you have to ask for it.

### **Romans 3:22-23**

Everybody is a sinner. Jesus Christ is the Savior.

### **Romans 6:23**

Notice it does not say, ***“The wages of sins*** (plural) ***...”*** Are you saying one sin? One sin. Notice ***“The wages of sin...”*** He is talking about a payment. That means you owe something to God. ***“The wages of sin is death.”*** Everybody will die. The Bible says, ***“Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire; this is the second death.”*** ***“It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment.”*** Death does not end all.

### **Romans 6:23**

If you go to hell, you pay your own way. If you go to heaven, you go on a free ticket. You cannot earn your way to heaven, but you earn your way to hell. ***“The wages of sin...”*** Hell is earned! Heaven is free.

**Romans 6:23: *“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”***

You can have the eternal life for the asking. He paid the supreme sacrifice for our sins.

### **Philippians 3:9**

It is free eternal salvation. I love telling people about it. I do not have religion. I have Christianity. I am not trying to sell something. I am trying to tell people of the saving grace.

**1 Timothy 4:10: “...who is the Savior of all men, specially of all those who believe.”**

**Romans 3:** Remember, it is not your faith that saves you: it is Christ's faith.

Faith is just the link that God provides that connects you to Jesus Christ.

**Romans 3:22:** Are you in the first all or the second all? Thirty years ago, I got in on the second all.

### **Romans 3:22-23**

Years ago, back East in America they put out a work sign saying, “We need policemen.” The requirement was that the policeman should be six feet tall. They wanted a big policeman to intimidate. If you were not tall enough, you would not be accepted. One day, a man five foot two, and another who was five feet, eleven went in, and they both got rejected. The five foot, eleven man said, “I was closer than you.” The other said, “It does not matter since we both got rejected.”

Listen, you cannot measure up to God's glory. ***“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”*** There is no period at the end of **verses 23-24.**

Notice, ***“...being justified freely...”***

Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. How can that be? Jesus Christ paid the awful price. God gave His only begotten Son.

**Romans 3:24:** What does it mean to be justified?

Let me show you the opposite:

**Deuteronomy 25:1:** *“...they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.”*

You can learn the opposite of justification is condemnation. Allow me to make this point. Justified means to declare one righteous.

**Proverbs 17:15:** Now, why did I show you that verse? Only for one reason: The key is I am showing you the opposite of justification is condemnation.

**Proverbs 17:15:** When you condemn a just person does that make them evil or does that declare them to be evil?

The devil could condemn me and declare me to be evil. So, the opposite of justification is condemnation.

**John 3:18:** *“He that believeth on me is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already.”*

Justify means to declare one righteous. Justification is the opposite of condemnation.

There is a catchy little saying people use that is not right. People say to be justified means “Just as if I never sinned.” That is not true. Why? Adam before he sinned

was justified (as if he never sinned); he was innocent. But I got something better than being innocent. Because I have been justified, I have been declared righteous.

Adam was not righteous, he was innocent. There is a difference. So, when we say *justified*, it is better than being innocent—it is being made righteous by God almighty. God has declared me to be righteous. Are you righteous? No, but He has declared me righteous.

Since condemnation does not mean to make one evil, justification does not mean to make one righteous.

**Romans 3:4:** “*That thou mightest be justified...*” Who is *thou*? God. Now is that making God righteous? It does not mean to make one righteous. God is already righteous.

#### **Romans 3:4**

What am I saying? **Romans 3:4** shows that when God justifies, He is not made righteous or pardoned but declared righteous.

#### **Romans 3:24**

To get justified cannot mean “just as if I never sinned,” to be innocent like Adam. I have something now in Christ that is better than what Adam had before he fell in the garden.

He was just innocent: I have been declared righteous.

To be justified is to be declared to be righteous.

**Romans 4:5: “But him that worketh not, but believeth...”** He says, “It is not by works but believing.”

**Romans 4:5: “...believeth on him but justifieth the ungodly...”** God does not make me innocent; He declares me to be righteous. God declares me righteous. The only kind of person God will justify is an ungodly person. You have to admit you are ungodly, and He will justify you. You need to say, “I am lost; I am going to hell.”

**Romans 4:5: “...*his faith is counted for righteousness.*”**

Why is that important?

Because “***There is none righteous, no, not one.***” God says that He will count your faith righteous.

**Romans 4:6: “God imputed righteousness...”** How? “...without works.”

That means God will charge to your account righteousness.

**Romans 4:6-7: “Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven...”** You know what he is implying?

He is implying that a person who is forgiven is blessed. People say, “Nobody can know they are going to heaven until they get there.” No, I have known for thirty years where I am going. I am looking for the Lord to come back.

**Romans 4:7-8**

The Bible says that God will not impute sin to my account. I am justified. I have been declared righteous.

**Romans 5:** I want you to see something else.

**Romans 5:19:** We are justified. He did not make me righteous, but another act of God does makes me righteous. Justification declares me to be righteous, but imputation makes me righteous.

**Romans 5:19 (Romans 5:12)**

***“...so by the obedience of one many be made righteous.”***

Justification declares me to be righteous. God then says, “I will do better I will justify him, and I will impute to them righteousness, and I will make them righteous.”

God made me righteous. I was made the righteousness of God in Him. He justified me. He made me godly.

**Romans 5:19:** Whose obedience makes me righteous?

Christ’s. It is not my obedience that makes me righteous. It is the obedience of Jesus Christ. His obedience was uninterrupted. It was perfect it was flawless. God accepts Jesus Christ’s righteousness because you do not have any. I agree I am ungodly. God says justified, imputed, redeemed, washed, forgiven. What a great God we have! Listen, I have a hope beyond the grave. Hallelujah!

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

God took all our sins and supernaturally charged them to Jesus Christ. He bore the penalty of sin.

**2 Corinthians 5:21: "...that we may be made the righteousness of God in him."**

Does justification make me righteous?

No, justification declares me to be righteous, but when God imputes righteousness to my account God makes me righteous. There are different acts of salvation that takes place at the same time when you trust His Son.

**Romans 3:23-24: "*Being justified freely...*"** Listen, even if you try to earn it, you cannot have it. You are disqualified. If you run a race, but you do not run by the rules, it does not count. If you do not do it according to the prescribed course and rules, it does not count.

**Romans 5:15: Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. "*But not as the offence, so also is the free gift...*"**

Salvation is a free gift.

**Romans 5:16: "*The free gift is of many offences unto justification.*"**

That means all your sins piled up and if you want salvation The Lord will give it too you free. You can have it for the asking.

**Romans 5:18: "*By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto the justification of life.*"**

Who is the "righteousness of one"? Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5:18: Salvation is a free gift. You cannot buy it. You cannot pay for it. You cannot earn it. God declares me to be righteous when I am ungodly. God**



makes me righteous and gives me His righteousness. Christ took my place.

**Romans 3:24: “...being justified freely by his grace...”**

Somebody said, “Grace is God giving you something you do not deserve. Mercy is God holding back from you something you do deserve.”

We are saved by his mercy and grace. Somebody said, “God’s riches at Christ's expense.”

**Romans 3:24: “...through the redemption...”** The first three words are red. You are redeemed by the blood. Redemption means to buy back.

**Romans 7:14: “...sold under sin.”**

I sold my soul to hell to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Before you get saved, you were sold under sin. You need to be bought back out of hock.

A little boy made a boat, and he put all the wood together. Then, he went to the river behind his house and put it in there. The water was running faster than he could, though, yet he still ran beside it while the boat was racing down the river. As soon as that boat got away from him, the boy cried and cried. Unfortunately, the boat disappeared down the river. When the boy went back home, he was brokenhearted. He told his parents, “It got away from me.” However, a week later, he was walking in his town and passed a store with a big window and low and behold, there was his boat! He went in there and told the store owner the story of how he lost his boat. The

clerk said, "Sorry, somebody brought this into me and sold it to me. I am sorry." The man would not budge. He said, "If you give \$7, it is yours." That boy went out and worked cutting grass. Later he came in that store and bought it back from the store. As he was walking out, he said to the boat, "You are mine twice!"

God made us and we turned away from Him. ***"All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone from his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*** God redeemed us.

We were sold under sin, but Jesus bought us back. We belong to Him. We do not belong to ourselves. Once you get saved, you are not your own; you have been bought with a price.

### **Ephesians 1:6-7**

**Colossians 1:14:** The last word in **verse 13** is **"son."**

You do not get redemption by good works or by trying; redemption is through His blood.

### **Hebrews 9:12**

He went and got eternal redemption for us. He purchased what we could not pay for. He entered in once. This redemption is forever. "Well, if I could just live the Christian life." Do not wait until you can live it. That is a lie from the devil. "Well, preacher, when I can live it." The only chance at you living it is Jesus living it through you.

He obtained eternal redemption for us.

Salvation lasts forever.

**1 Peter 1:18:** *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with Corruptible things...”* What redeemed you?

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

You are redeemed with precious blood.

Do you think people in heaven know how to get there?

**Revelation 5:9:** These are people up in heaven. Notice that it is a universal salvation. If you want to go to heaven, you get saved by Jesus’ blood.

Let me show what you are redeemed from:

**Titus 2:13-14**

**Galatians 3:13, 10**

**Psalms 103:3-4**

## Lesson 19 Questions

1. All our righteousness is:
  - a. Worth a little
  - b. Like the law
  - c. Shining Garments
  - d. Filthy Rags
2. Everybody gets saved the same way.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Whose faith brings you salvation?
  - a. Your own faith
  - b. God's faith
4. Which combination is true?
  - a. Faith = God to Man; Believe = God to Man
  - b. Faith = Man to God; Believe = Man to God
  - c. Faith = God to Man; Believe = Man to God
  - d. Faith = Man to God; Believe = God to Man
5. You get into Hell with a free ticket.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Justified means "to declare one \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. Sinless
  - b. Guiltless
  - c. Perfect
  - d. Righteous
7. The key is that the opposite of justification is:
  - a. Condemnation
  - b. Sanctification
  - c. Righteousness
  - d. Forgiveness
8. Whose obedience makes us righteous?

- a. Jesus'
  - b. Ours
  - c. Paul's
  - d. The Old Testament saints'
9. Justification makes me righteous.
- a. True
  - b. False
10. How long does salvation last?
- a. Until we lose it
  - b. We do not know
  - c. Forever
  - d. As long as we obey

## Romans Lesson #20

### Romans 3:25-31

**Verses 21-24:** Notice the last two words in **verse 24: “Christ Jesus:”** **Verse 25:** Whom = a pronoun refers back to the antecedent, Jesus.

**Verse 25: “Whom God hath set forth...”** God hath set forth Jesus Christ, His Son, as the means of eternal life. God provided the way of salvation. Man does not figure out salvation. He does not provide it for himself. You cannot work for it; you cannot earn it. You cannot obtain it. God has provided salvation for man. If you want to go to heaven, you must get saved God’s way.

**Romans 3:25:** What does it mean that Christ is a propitiation?

Jesus Christ is the satisfaction for our sins. Propitiation means God’s wrath is appeased. Christ is our peace offering. In the Old Testament, there were burnt offerings, thank offerings, and peace offerings. Jesus Christ is our peace offering. It means he brings peace between God and man.

### Ephesians 2:14

**Romans 3:25: “...faith in his blood...”**

The Bible says, **“We walk by faith not by sight.”** Nobody here has seen the blood of Jesus Christ. That is why we have to have faith in the blood. **Hebrews 11:6**

So, we put faith in the blood. We get our sins

remitted, cleansed when we put faith in the blood.

**Romans 3:25: “...to declare his righteousness...”**

Brethren, when Jesus died on the cross. He declared God’s righteousness. What? **“For the remission of sins.”**

**Romans 3:25: “...to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past...”**

When the Lamb of God came on the scene, the Bible says, **“Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.”** Christ is the Lamb. That was great news for a Jew. In the Old Testament, they would offer animal sacrifices. The Bible says, **“It is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin.”** You have to realize all through the Old Testament there were animal sacrifices, and those animal sacrifices were needed. They were necessary, or their sins could not be taken away.

Taken away in New Testament by His blood, and in the Old Testament, sins were not taken away. It was animal sacrifices; it was not the Lamb of God.

1. Old Testament: Their sins were covered.
2. Old Testament: Their sins were forgiven.
3. Old Testament: Their sins were remitted. They were not taken away.
1. New Testament: The sins are taken away.
2. New Testament: The sins were cleared.

**Romans 3:25: “...to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past...”**

That speaks of all the sins God had been remitting in the Old Testament the animal sacrifices until Christ Jesus died on the cross. Those sins which had been remitted for four thousand years were clean and taken away in one swipe. In the Old Testament, when a saved person died, did they go to heaven? No! Nobody in the Old Testament went to heaven when they died. I am talking about righteous people. People with their sins forgiven did not go to heaven. Where did they go?

They went to paradise. Where was paradise located? In the center of the earth. **Luke 16 & Ephesians 4.** They could not go to heaven because their sins were only remitted. They were forgiven; they were covered. But they were not cleared!!! Their sins were not taken away. Nobody's sins in the Old Testament were redeemed. Nobody in the Old Testament was justified. There were some just people in the Old Testament, but God would not acquit or justify a man in the Old Testament.

**Romans 3:25: “...that are past through the forbearance of God.”**

If you forbear with somebody, you put up with them. In the Old Testament, when a person did wrong, they brought an animal sacrifice and shed its blood. **Hebrews 9:22:** Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission. That means God was putting up with them in the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, God saved them on credit



until Christ died on the cross.

In the New Testament, their sins were paid for. It showed God's righteousness for the remitting the sins in the past through the forbearance of God. God put up with it temporarily and overlooked their sin because of the animal sacrifices.

**Hebrews 9:15.** Look at **verses 12-14**, too. Christ's sacrifice on the cross was a payment to God. Those Old Testament sacrifices could only take care of the flesh.

**Verse 14:** *"...purge your conscience..."* What is the last word in **verse 13**? *"Flesh"* The Old Testament sacrifices could only take away the flesh. **Verse 14**

Christ's blood can cleanse you from the inside out. Your heart, your spirit. Everything about you.

**Verse 15:** *"...for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament..."*

It is the Old Testament. Brethren, when Christ died on the cross, He did not just die for people's sins. When Christ died on the cross, His blood shed, and death encompassed every man including Adam's sin, I believe you will see Adam in heaven. I believe Adam went to heaven. Why?

Because God clothed them with coats of skins. **Genesis 3.** To get coats of skins an animal had to shed his blood. Where did Abel learn about the offering of sacrifices? He learned it from his dad.

**Hebrews 9:15**

When Christ died on the cross, when He died for people's sins, past, present, and future, whose sins did He redeem under the first testament?

Only those who had been covered by animal sacrifices. What about lost people who went to hell? They do not get a second chance. It is only the people who did the animal sacrifice, and who shed the blood. Jesus died for the transgression of the first testament. He bought, He redeemed, and He took away their sins.

**Hebrews 9:16-17, 22**

**Hebrews 10:4**

It is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**John 1:29**

In **Romans 3**: There is an expression that is explained five times in the Bible. Christ's work on the cross shows how God could be righteous in passing over sin of those in the Old Testament.

You say, "I do not understand how that can get a man's sins forgiven." Christ's work on the cross shows how God could be righteous in passing over sin of those in the Old Testament.

The sins in the Old Testament were passed over, meaning covered. Where is that? **Exodus 12**: God says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." What happened to their sins?

They were still there, but God overlooked those

sins. God passed over it. However, in the New Testament, when you come to Christ to save you, He does not just pass over your sins. He deals with them and takes them away. We are under a great system right now. In the Old Testament, they were passed over but not dealt with.

**Exodus 34:** In the Old Testament = God's forbearance was remitting sins, without redeeming them.

He took care of it on a temporary basis. **Romans 3:25.** When you put faith in His blood, God said, "I am satisfied." You say, "I do not understand it—the word remission." If they say your cancer is in remission, does that mean your cancer is gone? No, it may come back. When something goes into remission, it can creep back out.

When I got saved, I got something far better than getting my sins remitted. My sins are redeemed, remitted, taken away.

**Exodus 34:6-7.** The Old Testament saints were not cleared of their sins. Their sins were forgiven, but they were not cleared.

We are justified, but they were not justified in the Old Testament.

Let's look at the places in the Bible where it says, ***"for the remissions of sins"***:

***"For the remission of sins..."*** = That expression occurs five times in the Bible.

**Luke 3:3**

Brethren, when John the Baptist showed up on the scene, he said, "If you believe that God has been remitting your sins for the last four thousand years through animal sacrifices, come down here and get baptized."

You say, "It sounds like they had to get baptized as a part of their salvation." They did!!!!

**Luke 3:3:** Notice what he is preaching: "***The baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.***" You say, "The *for* there means, 'in order that the sins may be remitted.'" That is not what it means. It is because your sins have been remitted. How do you know that? Because it only occurs five times in your Bible. Every time it occurs, it means because your sins are forgiven: never in order that your sins may be forgiven.

If you believe God has been remitting your sins by animal sacrifices, come here and get baptized.

Let's look at all the references:

**Mark 1, Luke 3 & Mark 1.** You are not officially in the New Testament yet. Remember, the New Testament starts when Christ dies.

**Mark 1:4, 40:** "***If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.***" A leper comes to Jesus and says if you are willing, you can make me clean.

**Verse 41:** "***Be thou clean...***"

**Verse 42:** "***He was cleansed...***"

"Was cleansed" is past tense. Watch this: **Verses 43-44:** "***...offer for thy cleansing.***"

Was he cleansed yet or not? Yes, he was already cleansed. Christ says, "Go show yourself to the priest and offer to the priest for you cleansing." Was that in order that he might be cleansed or because he was cleansed? It says, he was cleansed. That is a proof means because of, not in order that.

**Matthew 26:28.** How had his listeners been getting their sins forgiven? By the blood of bulls and of goats.

So, they are looking to the Messiah. He is ready to die on the cross. He said, "This is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for many for the remission of sins." I am going to shed my blood for the remission of sins, so they can get them redeemed, cleared, and taken away.

**Acts 2:** More people have gone to hell on **Acts 2.**

**Acts 2:5:** Who was dwelling a Jerusalem? Jews in **verse 14:** men of Jerusalem. **Verse 22:** "***Ye men of Israel...***" The whole time he is talking to Jews. **Verse 36:** "***...the house of Israel...***" Are there any Gentiles in the crowd? **Verse 37:** "***...what shall we do?***"

Here is what Jesus says to the Jews. **Verse 38:** "***Peter said unto them...***" The Jews. **Verse 5** says "***Jews.***" **Verse 14:** "***Men of Israel.***" **Verse 36:** "***...let all the house of Israel...***"

**Acts 2:38:** Notice, what you get if you get baptized? "***Ye shall receive the remission of sins...***" What if a Jew says, "I am guilty in crucifying the Messiah." And they say, "Away with this man; we have no king but Caesar." "Who do I release unto you? Jesus Who is called the Christ or

Barabbas?" "Release unto us Barabbas!" "What shall you do with the King?" "Let him be crucified!" That is what the Jews did. They were guilty!

**Verse 38:** Were they getting baptized so in order to get their sins forgiven? They were getting baptized because their sins were remitted by animal sacrifices. But they had to get baptized. ***"Faith without works is..."*** What? ***"...dead."*** That was for an Old Testament Jewish economy.

### **Verse 38**

When you got baptized in water you did not get the Holy Ghost. When I baptized you in water? No, you have the Holy Spirit the split second you got saved.

These people, when they got baptized, got the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 8:1:** We are talking about Samaritans here.

**Verse 5:** Samaria again. What is a Samaritan? 1/2 Jew 1/2 Gentile. Look at **verse 12:** they believed then they got baptized. Watch this: **Verse 13-14:** When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria...

### **Verse 14**

They said to Peter and John, "Go down there and see about this. We do not know about these 1/2 breeds Jews and gentiles." Peter and John say, "We will figure out." Peter and John go down.

**Acts 8:15:** ***"...they prayed them that they might receive the Holy Ghost."***

**Verses 16-17:** How did these 1/2 Jews, 1/2 Gentiles get the Holy Ghost? By the laying on of the hands.

Had they already believed? Yes, had they already been baptized? Yes.

When they believed and got baptized, they did not get the Holy Ghost. They received the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

**Acts 10:** Here is how a full-blooded Gentile will get the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 10:1:** Cornelius is from Italy. He is a full-blooded Gentile.

**Verse 44:** Peter is preaching to Cornelius to get saved.

**Verses 45-47.** Notice **verse 47:** “...*which have received the Holy Ghost.*” Is that past tense? Yes. Peter says, “Let’s take a vote.” Look at **verses 47-48.**

Review:

**1. Acts 2:** We are talking about who? The Jews. How did the Jews get the Holy Ghost? They had to get baptized in water to get the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**2. Acts 8:** You get Samaritans 1/2 Jews, 1/2 Gentiles. They get the Holy Ghost, how? The laying on of hands. They already believed and got baptized, but they did not have the Holy Ghost. They had to lay hands on them and pray.

**3. Acts 10:** A full-blooded Gentile is listening to the

preaching of the Word of God. He believes on Jesus Christ, and God immediately gives Him the Holy Ghost. They were astonished and surprised. Peter says, "Can anybody forbid water that these should be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost?" Past tense.

Listen, without getting baptized, without laying on of hands, Gentiles got the Holy Ghost by putting faith in Jesus Christ.

So, if I run into a Jew, shall I take him to **Acts 2**? No! You ask, "How does it all get settled?"

**Acts 15:7: "And when there had been much disputing..."**

### **Acts 15:7-9**

God saved them. Peter is over there in **Acts 15**. He said, "God used me to witness to the Gentiles." He gave them the Holy Ghost. God put no difference between us and them.

### **Verses 10-11**

In **Acts 15** the thing is settled. Everybody gets saved the same way. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. The split second you receive Christ. You get the Holy Ghost.

Baptism has nothing to do with going to heaven.

Why do you baptize people?

You baptize people because Christ commands it. It is a picture that Christ died on the cross and arose again.



He did not stay dead. He came up from the dead. Baptism is an outward picture of something that occurred inwardly. You are publicly telling everybody what happened privately in your heart.

How many times does the remission of sins show up? Five times.

**Romans 3:25**

***“For the remissions of sins that are past...”***

When you got saved you did not get remission of sins, you have redemption!

**Verse 26**

God is just. God is righteous in justifying a man when he believes in His Son. Why? Christ met the demands of Gods law in life and His death.

## Lesson 20 Questions

1. Propitiation means "God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. Appeased
  - b. Stirred Up
  - c. Forgiven
  - d. Angered
2. The Old Testament sins were all these things except:
  - a. Remitted
  - b. Forgiven
  - c. Cleared
  - d. Covered
3. Without \_\_\_\_\_, there is no remission of sins.
4. Remission means something is gone/disappeared forever.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. You get the Holy Ghost when you get baptized.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. How did those in Acts 8 receive the Holy Ghost?
  - a. Getting saved
  - b. Being baptized
  - c. Speaking in tongues
  - d. Laying on of hands
7. In Acts 2, we are talking about:
  - a. Jews
  - b. Samaritans
  - c. Gentiles
8. In Acts 8, we are talking about:
  - a. Jews
  - b. Samaritans

- c. Gentiles
- 9. In Acts 10, we are talking about:
  - a. Jews
  - b. Samaritans
  - c. Gentiles
- 10. When we get saved, we receive:
  - a. Ransom
  - b. Remission of Sins
  - c. Redemption
  - d. Relief