

## Study Questions – Romans 3:1-20

**Rom. 3:1** Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup> What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? <sup>4</sup> May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written,

“THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS,  
AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED.”

<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) <sup>6</sup> May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world? <sup>7</sup> But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> And why not *say* (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

**Rom. 3:9** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

<sup>10</sup> as it is written,

“THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

<sup>11</sup> THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,  
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

<sup>12</sup> ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME  
USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,  
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.”

<sup>13</sup> “THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,  
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,”  
“THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS”;

<sup>14</sup> “WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS”;

<sup>15</sup> “THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

<sup>16</sup> DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,

<sup>17</sup> AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN.”

<sup>18</sup> “THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”

**Rom. 3:19** Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; <sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

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1. How does Paul respond to the questions: “Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?” (3:1-2) (O) Why do you think that the Jew is advantaged by being entrusted with the oracles of God?

2. (A) How are you blessed through the study and application of the Bible?

3. How does Paul respond to the questions: “What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?” (3:3-4)

4. (C) What unconditional, everlasting promises did God give to the Jews?:  
(a) Abrahamic Covenant: (Gen 12:1-3) (Gen 17:6-8)

(b) Davidic Covenant: (2 Sam 7:16)

(c) New Covenant (Jer 31:31-37)

5. (D) Why would “God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar,” (3:4) through His enduring faithfulness to the Jew despite their unbelief?

(A) What truth does this reveal about God that is true for all people? How does this truth bring assurance to you?

6. How does Paul respond to the questions: “But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He?” (3:5-6).

(A) What false conclusion is Paul attempting to disprove? (O) Who is responsible for your sin? What should be your attitude towards sin?

7. How does Paul respond to his opponents who would ask the following questions: “But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? And why not *say* (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say, “Let us do evil that good may come”)? (3:7-8) Explain Paul’s argument in your own words.

8. Why does Paul conclude that we are not at all better than they? (3:9)
9. How does Paul's use the Old Testament (cf. Ps 14:1-3; 53:1-3) prove that all are under sin? (3:10-18)
10. How many are righteous? (3:10)
11. How many understand and seek for God? (3:11)
12. How many have turned aside? What have they become? How many do good? (3:12)
13. To what is their throat compared? What do they keep doing with their tongues? What is under their lips? With what is their mouth filled? (3:13-14)  
(A) Explain this verse in your own words. How does this verse apply to you?
14. What are their feet swift to do? What is in their paths? (3:15-16)
15. What have they not known? What is NOT before their eyes? (3:17-18)  
(A) What is the path of peace? How can you show fear (reverence) for God?
16. For what purpose does the Law speak to those who are under the Law? (3:19) Why does the Law cause all the world to become accountable to God? What comes through the Law? (3:20) (A) How does the Law reveal your sin?
17. (A) What have you learned about the doctrine of sin in Romans 1:18-3:20? How have these chapters brought consciousness and conviction of sin to you?
18. What do you learn about God in Rom 3:1-20? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Rom 3:1-20.