

God's Righteousness

Romans 3:1-20

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God's Righteousness (Romans 3:1-8)

A. God is Faithful when we are faithless (Romans 3:1-4)

a. What Advantage has the Jew? (Romans 3:1)

i. They were given the Oracles of God
Oracle – The Word of God, referring to the Old Testament
Scriptures.

b. What if some were unfaithful (vs. 4)?

“God's faithfulness or 'righteousness' is manifested even through the sin of his people, for God's words promise judgment for disobedience as well as blessing for obedience.” – Doug Moo, *NICNT*

B. He is righteous and just in His Judgments (Romans 3:5-8)

a. Is God Just to inflict wrath?

“...if judging the sinful makes God unjust...how could God judge the sinful world at all, as all Jews would have assumed He would (Mal. 4:1)?” (*Romans: Read Mark Learn* p. 61)

Our Unrighteousness (Romans 3:9-20)

A. All are under sin (Romans 3:9)

a. Sin affects everyone (Romans 3:10-12)

b. Sin is pervasive (Romans 3:13-18)

OT Testimony that All Are under Sin (3:9)

Romans 3	OT Reference
<i>Sinful Condition</i>	
v. 10, none is righteous	Ps. 14:3/53:3; Eccles. 7:20
v. 11a, no one understands	Ps. 14:2/53:2
v. 11b, no one seeks for God	Ps. 14:2/53:2
v. 12, all have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one	Ps. 14:3/53:3
<i>Sinful Speech (note progression from throat to tongue to lips)</i>	
v. 13a, b, their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive	Ps. 5:10 LXX (English, 5:9)
v. 13c, the venom of asps is under their lips	Ps. 140:3
v. 14, their mouth is full of curses and bitterness	Ps. 10:7
<i>Sinful Action</i>	
v. 15, their feet are swift to shed blood	Prov. 1:16/Isa. 59:7
v. 16, in their paths are ruin and misery	Isa. 59:7
v. 17, and the way of peace they have not known	Isa. 59:8
<i>Summary Statement</i>	
v. 18, there is no fear of God before their eyes	Ps. 36:1

-Table from the *ESV Study Bible*

B. God's intent for the law (Romans 3:19, 20)

- a. We are justified not by the law but by Grace (Romans 3:23-26)
- b. A right understanding of the law compels the believer to...
 - i. Bear patiently with ourselves
 - ii. Love our neighbor
 - iii. Remember that our hope is not in humanity but in Jesus.