How Lost is Lost? Romans 1-3

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Intro to Romans: *Written in Early 57AD. Probably from Corinth. Near the end of the third missionary journey. Gaius is his host.*
Major Theme in Romans: *Salvation*
Primary Concepts:

- *Righteousness of God:* Righteous-legal term. Those who God declares "innocent"- acquitted by the work of Christ on the Cross. Righteous means God will always do what is right.
- *Justification:* Acquitted- pronounced not guilty
- *Sin:* Serious and universal. All have sinned. The Cross revealed sin in all its evil and power. The death of God's Son was required to defeat sin.
- *God's Sovereignty*: Complete power and authority over all creation. He has complete freedom to do as He wills to accomplish His purposes. He always acts out of His love, mercy, and righteousness.

Outline of Romans 1-3:

- 1:1-6 Paul introduces himself
- 1:7-15 Paul's interest, prayer for them, longing to see them, fruit bearing among them, obligation
- 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the Gospel
- 1:18-32 The consequences of unbelief
- 2:1-29 God is impartial- Man's own judgement of right and wrong prove the standard exists. Judgement is coming.
- 3:1-20 The whole world is guilty
- 3:20-30 Justified by faith

I. *The Problem we all face* – SIN
II. *The Person we all need* – the crucified, resurrected Son of God: Jesus Christ
III. *The Process we must understand* – Proclamation – Holy Spirit Conviction – Conversion of unrighteous to righteous through trusting Christ is total faith.
IV. *The Purpose the world needs from Believers* – Love, action-words, and presentation leads to the power of God being manifested.
V. *The Product we seek* – more folks in the family

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