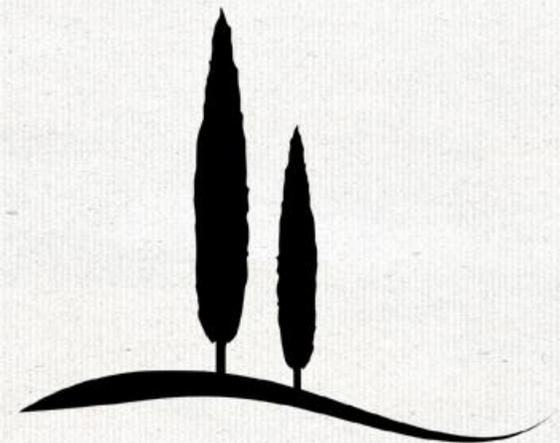
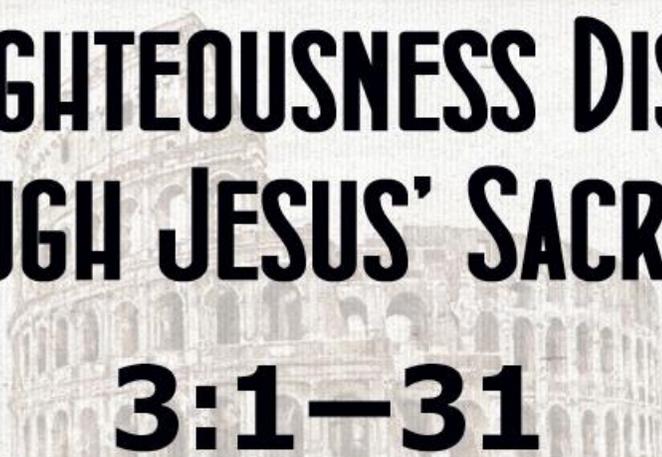




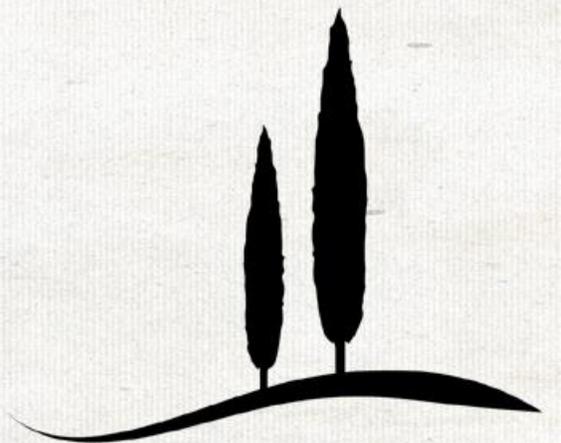
# ROMANS



**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS DISPLAYED  
THROUGH JESUS' SACRIFICE**



**3:1—31**



“A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly,  
nor is circumcision merely  
outward and physical.

No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly;  
and circumcision is **circumcision of the heart,**  
**by** the Spirit, **not by** the written code.

Such a person’s praise is not from other people,  
but from God.”

– Rom. 2:28-29 (NIV)

“What **advantage**, then, is there in being a Jew,  
or what **value** is there in circumcision?

Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.

What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness? Not at all!

Let God be true, and every human being a liar.  
As it is written: ‘So that you may be proved right  
when you speak and prevail when you judge.’ ”

– Rom. 3:1-4 (NIV)

“... A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

– Psalm 51:0-2 (NIV)

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is  
always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done  
what is evil in your sight;  
so you are **right in your verdict** and **justified**  
**when you judge.”**

– Psalm 51:3-4 (NIV)

“But if our unrighteousness brings out God’s  
righteousness more clearly, what shall we say?  
That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us?

(I am using a human argument.)

Certainly not! If that were so, how could  
God judge the world?”

– Rom. 3:5-6 (NIV)

“Someone might argue,  
‘If **my falsehood enhances** God’s truthfulness  
and so increases his glory, why am I still  
condemned as a sinner?’

Why not say—as some slanderously claim  
that we say—

‘Let us do evil that good may result’?

Their condemnation **is just!**”

– Rom. 3:7-8 (NIV)

“What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage?

Not at all!

For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.””

– Rom. 3:9-11 (NIV)

“‘All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.’

‘Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.’

‘The poison of vipers is on their lips.’”

– Rom. 3:12-13 (NIV)

“‘Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.’

‘Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery **mark their ways**, and the way of peace they do not know.’

‘There is no fear of God **before their eyes.**’”

– Rom. 3:14-18 (NIV)

“Now we know that whatever the law says,  
it says to those who are under the law,  
so that every mouth may be silenced and the  
whole world held accountable to God.

Therefore **no one** will be declared **righteous**  
in God’s sight by the **works of the law**;  
rather, through the law we become  
conscious of our sin.”

– Rom. 3:19-20 (NIV)

“But now

apart from the law

the **righteousness of God** has been made known,  
to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

This righteousness is given through  
faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.”

– Rom. 3:21-22 (NIV)

“There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,  
for **all** have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God,  
and **all** are justified freely by his grace through  
the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

– Rom. 3:22-24 (NIV)

“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,  
through the shedding of his blood—  
to be **received by faith**.

He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,  
because in his forbearance he had left the sins  
committed beforehand unpunished—  
he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the  
present time, so as to be **just** and the one who  
**justifies** those who have faith in Jesus.”

– Rom. 3:25-26 (NIV)

“Where, then, is boasting?

It is **excluded**.

Because of what law? The law that  
requires works?

No, because of the law that requires faith.

For we maintain that a person is **justified by**  
faith **apart** from the works of the law.”

– Rom. 3:27-28 (NIV)

“Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not  
the God of Gentiles too?

Yes, of Gentiles too,

since there is only one God, who will justify the  
circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised  
through that same faith.

Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith?

**Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.”**

– Rom. 3:29-31 (NIV)

*God's Righteousness Displayed  
through Jesus' Sacrifice*

Romans 3