

## **The Book of Romans 3:1–24**

**Main Idea:** Romans 3 reminds us that every person stands guilty before God because of sin, but through Jesus Christ salvation is freely offered to all who believe.

### **1. The Whole Class Is Guilty**

**Romans 3:9–23** Paul confronts both Jews and Gentiles with the same truth: “There is no one righteous, not even one.” “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

The Jews believed they were the “good kids” because they had God’s Law, but Paul reminds them that knowing the truth is not the same as perfectly obeying it.

#### **Key Truth**

Sin is not just “bad behavior.” Sin is the condition of falling short of who God created us to be.

We often rank sins to make ourselves feel better, but Paul’s point is simple: All sin brings separation and death.

#### **Reflection**

Do I minimize my sin by comparing myself to others instead of comparing myself to God’s holiness?

### **2. Why Still Follow God?**

**Romans 3:1–8** Paul anticipates the objection: “If everyone is a sinner anyway, then what’s the point of trying to live faithfully?”

Paul gives two answers:

#### **A. We Have God’s Word**

God’s commands are not meant to steal joy but protect life. Sin promises freedom but ultimately brings destruction.

God’s Word leads toward:

- wisdom
- peace
- blessing
- life

#### **B. We See God’s Faithfulness**

Even when humanity is unfaithful, God remains faithful. Our failures do not erase His character.

**Key Truth:** Holiness does not save us, but walking with God still matters deeply.

**Challenge:** Where am I treating God like a “hall monitor” instead of trusting Him as a loving Father who wants life for me?

### **3. Jesus Came for Sinners**

**Romans 3:21–24** “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known...”

This is the turning point of the Gospel. We could not save ourselves, so Jesus entered into our brokenness to rescue us.

#### **What Jesus Offers**

- Redemption
- Forgiveness
- Right standing with God
- Grace
- Salvation

#### **Salvation Is:**

- freely given
- received through faith
- available to all who believe

We are not saved because we are “good enough.” We are saved because Jesus is enough.

**Reflection:** Have I truly admitted my need for Jesus, or am I still trying to prove I am one of the “good kids”?

#### **Closing Thought**

The message of Romans 3 is not: “Try harder.”

And it is not: “Give up.”

The message is: “All have sinned... but Jesus came for sinners.”