

The Book of Romans 3:21–31

Main Idea: The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ accomplished what we never could. Though all have sinned, Christ redeems, forgives, and restores all who place their faith in Him.

1. All Have Sinned and Need a Savior

Romans 3:22–23 - Paul spent Romans 1–3 showing that both Jews and Gentiles fall short before God. Sin is not just the “big” failures of life. It is every way we miss the mark of how God created us to live. We often see sin most clearly in how we fail the people we love most. Harsh words, selfishness, pride, anger, dishonesty, and bitterness reveal the brokenness inside all of us.

Truth: If we will not accept the diagnosis, we will never accept the cure.

Reflection: Where have you been minimizing sin instead of bringing it honestly before God?

2. Christ Redeems Us From Sin and Death

Romans 3:24 - Paul says we are redeemed through Christ Jesus. Redemption is rescue language. Jesus rescues us from the penalty and power of sin.

This redemption is both present and future:

- One day we will be with God forever.
- Right now we are being set free from sin’s grip on our lives.

Because of Christ, sin no longer has to rule us.

Truth: Jesus did not come merely to improve us. He came to rescue us.

Challenge: What is one area of sin you need to stop tolerating and start fighting?

3. Salvation Is Given Freely by Grace

Romans 3:24 - Salvation is not something we slowly earn through good behavior or religious effort. Christ paid the debt we could never pay ourselves. The gift is free to us, but it was not cheap to Him.

Truth: Christianity is not about earning salvation. It is about receiving what Christ has already accomplished.

Reflection: Are you trying to impress God, or are you trusting what Christ has already done?

4. Christ Atoned for Our Sin

Romans 3:25 - Jesus shed His blood on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. The cross was not symbolic only. It accomplished something real. Sin required justice. Christ took that punishment upon Himself so we could be forgiven.

Truth: At the cross, Jesus took our place.

Challenge: Spend time this week thanking Christ specifically for what He endured to save you.

5. Christ Alone Saves

Romans 3:26–30 Paul makes it clear that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Not through works. Not through heritage. Not through morality. Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” The gospel is exclusive in that there is only one Savior, but inclusive in that anyone can come to Him.

Truth: There are not many roads to God. Salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Reflection: Have you personally trusted Christ, or are you trusting in your own goodness?

6. The Gospel Removes Boasting

Romans 3:27–28 - Because salvation is a gift of grace, nobody gets to boast. Christians are not saved because they are better than others. We are saved because Christ was merciful to us. The blessings and growth in our lives are ultimately evidence of God’s grace, not our superiority.

Truth: The cross humbles us before it lifts us up.

Challenge: Walk this week in humility, remembering that every good thing in your life is ultimately a gift from God.

Final Thought

The diagnosis was worse than we thought: all have sinned.

But the cure is greater than we imagined: through faith in Jesus Christ, sinners can be redeemed, forgiven, justified, and made right with God.