

Spiritual Readiness¹

Book of Romans – 3:21-31

Review:

- GOD's wrath is revealed against you by natural consequences (1:18)
- GOD's wrath remains on you in order to lead you to repentance (2:4)
- Stubborn refusal to repent stores up wrath for Judgment Day (2:5)
- Everyone will be judged by GOD's Law & your conscience (2:16)
- No one is exempt from GOD's wrath (3:1-20, 23)

"But I'm a good person. I've lived a decent life. That's not fair."
Will not work!

Question: How is wrath removed?

1. Justification (_____ court)
2. Redemption (_____ market)
3. Expiation (atoning _____)

¹ "Already, not yet." We are studying Romans so that you understand the gospel of Jesus and are Spiritually Ready for the Day of Salvation.

Application Questions

Read Romans 3:21-31 and then walk through verse-by-verse

- 1) In 3:21 – what is the "Law & Prophets"?
- 2) In 3:22 – the words "*through faith in Jesus*" could be translated "*through the faithfulness of Jesus*" → how does this phrasing change the meaning? Does it matter? Why or why not?
- 3) In 3:23 – compare this verse to 5:12 → is this saying that every *individual has sinned* or *Adam sinned* and therefore we all fall short?
- 4) This is a four-part question:
 - a. In 3:24 – define "justification"
 - b. In 3:24 – define "redemption"
 - c. In 3:25 – define "atonement"
 - How are "Justification, redemption, and atonement" achieved?
- 5) How did GOD demonstrate His righteousness (3:26) by making salvation attainable by faith in Jesus Christ? [Note: you need to understand 3:21-25 in order to answer this question]
- 6) Based on your understanding of the above, how does faith in Christ help you live a righteous life w/o boasting? (summary of vv. 27-31)
- 7) What difference does any of this make in your life? Why does understanding this matter? [Let's get down to brass tacks]