

Spiritual Readiness¹

Book of Romans – 3:1-24

NOTES:

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 3:1-20 – One point and one question:

1. **Point:** The words “righteousness of God” are being used in vv. 1-8 to declare that God is faithful and trustworthy to His Covenant that He established with Abraham despite our unfaithfulness.
2. **Question:** So, what is the point of the OT Law of God according to these verses? (Focus on 3:19-20 for discussion)
 - **So what? Who cares? Why is this important to you?** [You might not immediately have an answer, but if you really think about it, it should bring conviction and a yearning to seek God’s grace]

Read Romans 3:21-24 – Consider the above related to these questions:

1. **Question¹:** If the “*Righteousness of God*” means “*The LORD’s Covenant faithfulness,*” then how has His “righteousness” been revealed (hint, v. 22 – explain your reasoning).
2. **Question²:** Define “sin” in v. 23. After defining sin, explain why a “good” person who does not believe in Jesus would *not* be declared righteous in God’s sight?
3. **Question³:** When you read “justified” it means “righteous” – based on all the above, how is a person declared “righteous” according to v. 24?
4. **Final Question:** Think of your conclusion in 3:19-20 and your answer to “**So What? Who cares?**” – Do you see a connection, now, between vv. 19-20 and v. 24 as to why it matters?