



ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT

Romans 3:1-23

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Good morning church! Good morning church! We are in Romans chapter 3 today. Does your HEART belong to Jesus? Is your life reflecting that it does? Nothing will protect them or us from God's righteous judgment toward our sinful nature. Only the person and power of our Lord Jesus Christ will judge and justify us as the righteous and redeemed people of God.

READ, Romans 3:1-9

"Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." 5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? 8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just. 9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin"

"You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you."

Deuteronomy 4:2

"And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

Galatians 3:8

1. If we are FAITHLESS, God remains FAITHFUL, for He cannot Deny Himself. (v 3-8; ref. 2 Timothy 2:13)

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

2. EVERYONE will stand GUILTY before God because of sin. (v. 9-18)

READ, Romans 3:10-18

*“as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” **13** “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” **14** “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” **15** “Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** in their paths are ruin and misery, **17** and the way of peace they have not known.” **18** “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

3. For ALL have SINNED and Fall Short of the Glory of God. (v 19-23)

READ, Romans 3:19-23

*“Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. **21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

The entire human race is guilty of sin. The law can't save, but it does make sin known. Without a righteousness that only God gives, we will face an eternal death in a place called Hell, which is where we see the presence of God's wrath fully. The only hope is for God to seek us. It is God's work in the heart that anyone seeks Him. Everyone of us can relate to each other because #1. we are all sinners and #2. We are all sinners in need of a savior.