

Romans 3:1-31

Lesson Five

*“Teach us, O God, that nothing is necessary to Thee.
Were anything necessary to Thee that thing would be the measure of Thine imperfection:
and how could we worship one who is imperfect? If nothing is necessary to Thee, then no one is necessary,
and if no one, then not we. Thou dost seek us though Thou does not need us.
We seek Thee because we need Thee, for in Thee we live and move and have our being. Amen.”* A.W. Tozer

DAY ONE:

1. What one or two main thoughts or Scriptures spoke to your heart from last week’s lesson or overview? Share this with your group.

2. In **Romans 1**, Paul proves that man *deserves* the righteous wrath of God. In **Romans 2**, he addresses the self-righteousness of the Jew who is trusting in his religion, pointing out that all the rituals under the sun will not make him righteous. The point is *“there is none righteous, no not one”* ~ and that the gospel is for Jews and Gentiles alike. Why do you think it was so hard for the Jew to accept this?

3. The religious people in Paul’s day were wholly focused on the rituals of the outward man. Today, what are some of the things that we focus on regarding outward behavior that gives a righteous appearance?
 - a. Review **Romans 2:29**.

 - b. While man looks at the outward and judges according to what he can **see**, God looks at what, according to **1 Samuel 16:7b**? _____ .

*“My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.
Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes.
He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts.
At that time each will receive his praise from God.”* 1 Corinthians 4:4-5 (NIV)

4. Look up and read **Jeremiah 17:9-10**.
 - a. According to this verse what is the condition of our heart?

 - b. If our hearts are wicked, how can we have hope in God’s sight?

 - c. Look up the following verses, and choose one or two that minister to you and share them with your group:
 - 1) **Hebrews 10:19-24**:

2) **Psalm 130:5-8:**

3) **Psalm 119:147:**

4) **Psalm 71:14:**

5) **Psalm 39:7:**

4. Write out **Romans 2:13** from memory if you can. If not copy it below:

a. Are there other Scriptures that confirm **Romans 2:13**? Use your concordance if you need to.

5. Prayerfully read through **Romans, Chapter 3**. Using the chart below, pull out key words and phrases. Title the segments and chapter.

Vs.	Romans 3:1-20	Vs.	Romans 3:21-31
Segment Title:		Segment Title:	
Chapter Title:			

Challenge: Make a list of the four doctrines as you read through chapter 3. You may need a separate sheet of paper.

DAY TWO: Romans 3:1-8

1. Using your study tools, what is the definition of “*chosen*”?

2. What are the advantages of being chosen of God, according to **Romans 3:2**?

3. According to **Romans 3:3-4** does unbelief...

a) **Void God's promises?**

1) List other Scriptures to support your answer, if you can:

2) Look up **2 Timothy 2:13** and comment:

b) **Make God a liar?**

1) List other Scriptures to support your answer, if you can:

2) Look up **Titus 1:2** and comment:

4. Read **Romans 3:5-8**. This Scripture is printed below from The Living Bible translation.

*"But," some say, 'our breaking faith with God is good, our sins serve a good purpose, for people will notice how good God is when they see how bad we are. Is it fair, then, for him to punish us when our sins are helping him?' (That is the way some people talk.)
God forbid! Then what kind of God would he be, to overlook sin? How could he ever condemn anyone?
For he could not judge and condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty brought him glory by pointing up his honesty in contrast to my lies. If you follow through with that idea you come to this:
the worse we are, the better God likes it! But the damnation of those who say such things is just.
Yet some claim that this is what I preach!" Romans 3:5-8 (TLB)*

5. How do the following verses confirm the idea that the freedom we have in Christ is NOT freedom TO sin, but freedom FROM sin?

a. **Romans 6:1-7:**

b. **1 Peter 2:16-17:**

6. Using your study tools, what is the definition of "**vengeance**"?

7. Do you think that God is unjust if He takes vengeance upon (punishes) the wicked?

8. What is **our** role in vengeance according to **Romans 12:20-21**?

a) Who does **Psalm 94:1** say vengeance belongs to?

b) According to **Romans 12:19** are we ever to avenge ourselves?

Challenge: *How will God judge the world?*

9. Why did God raise up judges for the Children of Israel according to **Judges 2:18-19**?

a) What was the effect upon the people?

Challenge: Is there a difference between *discipline* and *judgment*? Use your study tools to look up Scripture. Who is disciplined? Who is judged?

*“You are Holy, You are righteous in all Your ways
We give you Glory, we will praise You for all our days
You are Holy, all mankind has known Your grace
All creation has seen Your glory”
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DAY THREE: Romans 3:9-21

1. In the chart below, the key words from **Romans 3:9-18** are listed. Read through the text, and observe what it says about these key words. List your findings in the appropriate column.

Vs	They, Their, Whose	Vs	None

The point of these first few chapters is **not** to call us to hopelessness and despair, leaving us with a hanged head in self-pity. **The point is to give us a hope:** to challenge us to seek a right relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. We must *never minimize* our sin. The Bible is very clear ~ *there is none righteous, no not ONE!*”

We must never ignore or neglect the **only** way to God, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We will never recognize our need for His grace if we don't recognize our sin! Praise God His grace is greater than our sin!

2. When Moses' father-in-law came to him with the advice to appoint judges over the people, what were the three traits he instructed Moses to look for, according to **Exodus 18:21-22**?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - a. What does it mean to you to *fear God*?
 - b. Now look up *fear* in the context of *fearing God*, and write out the definition here:
3. Why is fearing God important? Look up the following verses, and choose one or two that speak to your heart. Share them with your group:
 - a. **Psalms 86:11-12:**
 - b. **Psalms 111:10-112:1:**
 - c. **Psalms 145:19-21:**
 - d. **Hebrews 5:7:**
 - e. **Revelation 14:7:**
4. How can we fear God with a reverential fear? Look up the following verses to help with your answer:
 - a. **Jeremiah 32:40b:**
 - c. **Philippians 2:13:**
 - d. Take time out right now and thank God for His Sovereign work in your life! List some ways He has worked in your life!
5. Read **Romans 3:19-20**.
 - a. According to the following verses, what is the Law?
 - 1) **Romans 3:20:**
 - 2) **Galatians 3:24:**

6. Look up, and write out the following verses:
 - a. **Galatians 5:24-25:**
 - b. **John 6:63:**
7. Often, the Law and the Grace of Jesus Christ seem contrary. How do the Law and Jesus Christ relate according to **Matthew 5:17**?

DAY FOUR: Romans 3:21-31

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,
“The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17*

1. What is the meaning of **Justification**? Use your study tools, and write out the definition. Then, write out the meaning in your own words.
 - a. Define **Justification** using your study tools:
 - b. Define **Justification** in your own words:
2. Look up **Philippians 3:9**, and write it out here:

*“Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham
beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”
So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.” Galatians 3:7-9*

3. Read the story of the Prodigal Son in **Luke Chapter 15**.
 - a. What did the father do in **verse 22**?
 - b. This is how God sees you and me (if we are born again believers in Jesus Christ) ~ in the white robes of righteousness that Christ has provided for each one of His children! Take some time to thank Him for His provision in your life! (Revelation 6:11 & 19:8).

*“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;
for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10*

4. **Romans 3:22** says that the righteousness of God is for *all* who believe.
 - a. What does **Colossians 3:11** say?
 - b. Speaking to the Jews about the non-Jew (Gentile) in **Acts 15:8-9**, what does Paul write?

5. What does **Ecclesiastics 7:20** mean: “*For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.*”
 - a. How does this line up with **Romans 3:23**?

6. What are some of the ways we are *justified* according to the following Scriptures:
 - a. **Romans 3:24**:
 - b. **Romans 5:9**:
 - c. **1 Corinthians 6:11**:
 - d. **Galatians 2:16**:
 - e. **Titus 3:7**:
 - f. What is the common thread among all of the above verses?

7. How are we justified, according to **Romans 3:24-25**:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

8. **Titus 2:14** says that God gave Himself for us. Why? Write it out and meditate on this verse!
 - a. Why did *Jesus* have to die for our sin according to **1 Peter 1:18-20**? (You may want to look this passage up in other translations if you can).

9. Using your study tools, define the following words in the context of **Romans 3:25**:
 - a. **Propitiation**:

b. **Demonstrate:**

c. **Remission:**

10. With the above answers and **Romans 3:27** in mind, consider the righteousness of Jesus. ***“Where then is the boasting?”*** Is there something we can boast about?

DAY FIVE: Romans 3:28-31

1. What are we to conclude according to **Romans 3:28**?

2. Does this mean we can live however we desire and it will have no bearing on how God sees us? _____.

a. Do you believe it is God’s desire for us to live a godly life? _____.

b. What do we **need** to live in a godly manner in this present age according to **2 Peter 1:2-11**?

c. Why would God desire for us to live a godly life according to the following verses? Choose one or two that speak to your heart, and share with your group:

1) **Matthew 5:13-16:**

2) **1 Corinthians 6:19-20:**

3) **1 Peter 2:11-12:**

4) **Ephesians 1:3-6:**

*“For your Maker is your Husband, the LORD of hosts is His name;
and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel;
He is called the God of the whole earth.” Isaiah 54:5*

3. How does **Romans 3:29** speak to your heart?

a. If God is the God of the whole earth as it says in **Isaiah 54:5**, what should our hearts desire be toward the lost according to the following verses?

1) **Matthew 28:19:**

2) **Mark 16:15:**

3) **1 Peter 3:15:**

4. Who alone can justify by faith according to **Romans 3:30**? _____.
5. Who is this “**One God**”? Look up the following Scriptures to confirm in your heart who God is. This will help you when witnessing to the lost, those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ.
- a. **John 1:1:**

 - b. **John 1:14:**

 - c. **John 8:24, 58-59:**

 - d. **John 10:30-33:**

 - e. **John 17:5:**

 - f. **John 20:27-29:**

 - g. **Hebrews 1:3-4:**

 - h. **Colossians 1:15-20:**

 - 1) What does *first born* mean?

 - i. **Colossians 2:9-12:**
6. Look up the word “*establish*” in **Romans 3:31**, and write the definition below:
7. What are a few of the things you learned that you did not know before your study this week? Share them with your group!

*“You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name!”
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