

Doctrinal Foundations: Romans

Romans 3:19-31

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰ because **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight**; for **through the Law comes the knowledge of sin**.

²¹ But now apart from the Law the **righteousness** of God has been **manifested**, being **witnessed by the Law and the Prophets**, ²² even the **righteousness** of God **through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; ²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, ²⁴ being **justified** as a **gift by His grace** through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God **displayed publicly** as a **PROPITIATION** in His **blood** through faith. This was to **demonstrate His righteousness**, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the **demonstration**, I say, of **His righteousness** at the present time, so that He would be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by **a law of faith**. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is **justified by faith apart from works of the Law**. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since indeed God who will **justify** the circumcised by faith **and** the uncircumcised through faith is **one**.

³¹ Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we **establish the Law**.

Preaching/Teaching Notes:

1. **The Purpose of the LAW** (Romans 3:19-20) ...
 - a. To shut sinners mouth before the Only God, the Holy God, the Righteous God
 - b. To Show us that we are **sinners, deserving** of God's Judgment
 - c. To cause us to be Accountable to our Holy and Righteous God, the Judge
 - d. Prove to us that we **cannot justify ourselves**, on our own before God
2. **God's Righteousness is the FOCUS of the Gospel of Jesus Christ** (Romans 3:21-26 – ref. 1:17)
 - a. This is NOT a new Revelation; it was **“Witnessed by the Law and the Prophets”**. This teaching was prophetically written into the Old Testament writings (i.e.: Genesis through Malachi) - God is not telling us anything New, other than it is NOW fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel – in and through Him to US, now. Before Christ came, it was “hidden”, but we can go today and see the prophetic writings about all that Paul is teaching us in Romans 1 thru 3, etc.
 - b. **Jesus the PROPITIATION** – the Place of Sacrifice & Sacrifice that Satisfies God's Wrath
 - c. We are **Justified, ONLY by Christ, and** this Justification is **received** by Trusting in God, in Christ, in What Christ did for us (His Crucifixion, Death Burial, & Resurrection). Repentance is what has been taking place as a sinner sees, reads, hears, and understands these truths presented in Romans 1 thru 3 ... Repentance and Trust in Christ.
Christ AND His Finished Work of Redemption for me is **ENOUGH, FOREVER**
3. **How can we Boast?** (Romans 3:27-31) We are just mere **RECIPIENTS** of His Rescue & Grace God has done everything for us, through Jesus Christ, all we can do it **Trust Him & Receive** it. **Time to REJOICE... JOY, WORSHIP, PRAISE GOD, WHAT a Wonderful SAVIOR.**