

Romans 3:1-20 : All Have Sinned

East Albertville church of Christ

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I. OVERVIEW OF ROMANS

- A. Chapter 1: God's Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.
- B. Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.
- C. Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.

II. ALL HAVE SINNED

- A. All mankind needs redemption from sin. (Rom. 3:22b-24)
- B. Possible objections.
 - 1. Why did God choose the Jews and give them circumcision if it is not important?
 - 2. How can all of this be true if God's chosen people haven't accepted it?
 - 3. How can God punish unrighteousness when it makes Him appear more righteous?

III. THE JEWS NEED OF SALVATION.

- A. THE JEWISH ADVANTAGE. (3:1-2)
- B. What are the "oracles of God"? (Acts 7:38; 1 Peter 4:11a)
 - 1. *(a) the contents of the Mosaic Law (b) all the written utterances of God through OT writers. (c) the substance of Christian doctrine. - Vine*
 - 2. It was through the Jewish nation that God had chosen to reveal His oracles.
 - 3. It was to Abraham that God had given the Messianic Promise. (Gen. 12:2-3; Deut. 4:7-8)

IV. ANSWERS TO POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS (3-8)

- A. Unbelieving Jews will not make the faithfulness of God without effect. (Rom. 3:3-4; 1 Cor. 3:19-20; 1 Cor. 3:19-20; Ps. 51:1-4)
 - 1. "...let God be true but every man a liar"
- B. Our unrighteousness is not permitted just because it makes God appear more righteous. (Romans 3:5-6; Job 34:12)
 - 1. If their argument is true, why do they condemn Paul? (Rom. 3:7)
- C. "Doing evil that good may come" is preposterous. (Rom. 3:8)
 - 1. Though sin might increase God's truth and give Him glory, people will still be judged for their sins.

V. JEWS INDICTED AS SINNERS BY THEIR OWN SCRIPTURES. (v. 9-20)

- 1. Even though the Jews had some advantages, it did not make them any better than the Gentiles. (Rom. 3:10)