

Romans 3:1-20

You Have the Right to Remain Silent

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You Have the Right to Remain Silent (Romans 3:1-20)

• *Paul seeks to dismantle all confidence in our ability to live good enough to obtain or maintain a righteous standing before God or a right relationship with God. Our standing before God is by Grace Alone.*

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You Have the Right to Remain Silent (Romans 3:1-20)

• ¹⁹ 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.

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**You Have the Right to Remain Silent
(Romans 3:1-20)**

- 1) The **Defense** of the Sinner (3:1-8)
- 2) The **Disposition** of the Sinner (3:9-18)
- 3) The **Declaration** Against the Sinner (3:19-20)

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**The Defense of the Sinner
(3:1-8)**

•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?

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**The Defense of the Sinner
(3:1-8)**

•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."

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**The Defense of the Sinner
(3:1-8)**

•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?

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(3:1-8)**

•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.

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**The Disposition of the Sinner
(3:9-18)**

•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,

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**The Disposition of the Sinner
(3:9-18)**

¹⁰ 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.**"

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**The Disposition of the Sinner
(3:9-18)**

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,

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**The Disposition of the Sinner
(3:9-18)**

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸ "**There is no fear of God before their eyes.**"

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**The Declaration Against the Sinner
(3:19-20)**

- ¹⁹ 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.**

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**The Declaration Against the Sinner
(3:19-20)**

- ²⁰ **For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,** since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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