

**Ministry of The Holy Spirit**  
**The Condition of Man-kind and the Law of Faith**  
**Romans 3**

Last time...God's Way to forgiveness and reconciliation for sinners (salvation),  
there is no difference between Jew and Gentile

This time...the condition of man-kind and another Law by which we can be justified  
We are in Rom 3

v1-2 Anticipating the reaction to the hearers/readers, especially the Jewish ones:

“I thought the Jews were special.

After all, God made promises to AI&J and He cannot lie (1 Kings 8:56).

So if there is no difference in the eyes of God between Jew and Gentile,  
no difference in their standing before God, what is so special about the  
Jews and what benefit is there in circumcision, the sign of God's promise  
to Abraham?”

The Holy Spirit, speaking thru Paul, responds:

Many things and many benefits,

Ch 9:4-5

primarily because to the Jews were entrusted with the utterances of God, the very  
words of the Almighty Creator God revealing Himself to man-kind

2 Peter 1:21	For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake <i>as they were</i> moved by the Holy Ghost.
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2 Tim 3:16	All scripture <i>is</i> given by inspiration of God, and <i>is</i> profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness
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The inspired, inerrant, infallible words of God that cannot lie or fail were  
entrusted with the Jews, a great advantage over the Gentiles

v3-4 For/But...some did not believe the words of God, did not believe God.  
Does their unbelief in the Word of God make the faith of God (Ch 1:17) useless and void?

No way!  
God is true and all people are liars.  
Ps 116:11b All men *are* liars  
No one tells the entire truth always!

The Gospel of Christ,  
The power of God unto salvation,  
The righteousness of God  
is a gift, an invitation...to be received or rejected by the one to whom it is being offered  
is not a forced march imposed upon helpless victims by a cruel tyrant

“As it is written”  
Appears 80x in Scripture  
Spoken 18x by Jesus, the Living Word of God  
Recorded 32x by Paul  
16x in Romans

“Have ye not read”  
Spoken 7x by Jesus

The authority of the Word of God is the Author  
Clearly established in Scripture by the Author, the unchanging God who spoke it,  
is that Scripture is the Final Authority...what He has said is absolute  
unchanging truth

The unbelief of some has zero impact on the absolute, unchanging truth of what God has said

So, regarding God is true and all men are liars, it is written...quoting Ps 51:4

Ps 51:1-4

That God would be right/clean/pure in what He says and prevail when He judges.

But there is hope, for it is also written (2 Sam 14:14),  
For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.”

So to not believe/receive God’s means to restore the banished is to be  
rightly/fairly/equitably judged by God

v5-6 But if our unrighteousness...man-kind's universal wrongfulness and darkness... demonstrates/exhibits the righteousness of God...His right-ness and Light... is God unrighteous/unfair/wrong in His indignation?

(I speak as a man)

one of man-kind, a corrupted creature  
self-centered and not in his right mind  
dead in sin

of Ps 58:11b verily, He is a God that judges in the earth

No way!

Otherwise, how would God judge the world – justly or unjustly or capriciously?

v7-8 For if the truth of God...the Word of God, Ps 119:105  
has been abundantly given because of my lie...my deception and darkness  
unto His glory...for covering my shame  
why am I judged a sinner...why, if I my bad being and being bad makes God look really  
good, have I not done a good thing and should I be commended and not judged?  
Should not I do evil to glorify God?  
(As has been slanderously and falsely testified of the servants of Christ)

Those “reasonings” are devilish, from a corrupted mind  
The damnation of that mind is just/right/equitable

Which brings us to the condition of all man-kind, Jew and Gentile

v9-12 There is no difference between Jew and Gentile on the issue of sin,  
one is not in a better condition to stand before God than the other  
Ch 2:11-29

All man-kind are under sin...sinners by nature, by “being”  
The result of the disobedience/unbelief of man (male + female) in Gen 3 was man-kind  
becoming wrong-being, borne out by wrong-doing (unbelief)

As it is written

Ps 14:1-3 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt,  
they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.  
The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to  
see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. They are  
all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none  
that doeth good, no, not one.

and repeated in Ps 53:1-3

Ps 143:1-2     Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Eccl 7:20        For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.

None (no exceptions) of man-kind is good...without sin, perfect...not even one  
None are innocent of wrong before the holy God...not even one  
All (no exceptions) stand defiled and ashamed before Him

None understand the Infinite God...His heart, His mind, His nature/"being"  
None seek after Invisible God...His ways and what He wants of His creatures

All have gone out of the way...have wandered in darkness away from the Light  
None are good (God-like, right-being, Matt 19:17) useful (perfect in obedience)...  
not even one

Note: How is it that someone does something gentle and kind to another person? Because they did so their God-given conscience.

They are utterly and completely worthless and useless to a Creator that desires relationship/fellowship with His beloved

Rev 4:11        Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

v13-14    Their throats, tongues, and mouths

- filled with filth and foulness
- venomous vessels of sin and death
- full of profane words, rooted in anger and hatred
- full of bitterness, a "scorned selfish love" that defiles everything

v15        They so easily and quickly take the lives of others, lives they did not give.  
The life of the flesh of man-kind is in the blood

Life is meaningless and valueless to them

- murders
- endless war
- abortion

Every life is meaningful and valuable to God...worth the blood of Jesus Christ

v16-17 The end of the road for all man-kind is destruction/utter ruin and calamity...  
when God visits them for their sin

Living in peace with God and with each other is a foreign concept –  
they simply and stubbornly don't go there!

v18 They have no fear of God, they are fools (Ps 14:1)

Me and my siblings:

- RCC taught us about the OTL God, but misrepresented that God to us
- we were taught that God was angry with us and we were going to burn in  
indescribable torment for some unknown period of time before He  
would allow us into His presence
- we were not shown the love and grace of God, we were shown severity
- we were not taught the unburdened, simplicity of the Gospel of Christ
- we all fled
  - my siblings in fearless rage
  - me in fear
- they all are man-kind still, dead in their sin
- I am not man-kind, I am Jesus-kind, forgiven and reconciled

Looking at the whole of v9-18: What is the condition of man-kind?

We have a "Flood" issue again!

Gen 6:5-7a And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth,  
and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only  
evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man  
on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I  
will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth.

Man-kind, as in the Days of Noah, is again facing global judgment!

How do we know that?

God has given us a sign in His Word that His judgment is coming: Israel

Is 11:11-12 it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his  
hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his  
people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt,  
and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from  
Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.  
And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall  
assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the  
dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

The re-gathering the 2<sup>nd</sup> time of Israel into the land He promised AI&J  
May 15, 1948  
June 6, 1967

The ark Noah built was the only way to escape the world-wide judgment of God.  
The ark had only one door.

Jesus Christ is the prophetic fulfillment of the ark and the door!  
Jesus Christ (the right-being of “in Christ”) is the only way to escape the  
righteous world-wide judgment of God that is coming, as it is written.

v19     What does the Law of God say to everyone trying to approach God based on their  
             performance of keeping the Law?  
             “Guilty, utterly guilty!”

What the Law of God accomplishes:

1. Silences all man-kind before the holy God...not even one person has anything  
      with which to negotiate their salvation from death with God,  
      all stand before Him empty-handed with nothing to say
2. Declares the world...all man-kind...guilty/condemned of offending Him

Deut 31:26     Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of  
                     the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there  
                     for a witness against thee.

v20     The Law of God is NOT God’s way to save sinners, it is His way to reveal sin  
             The Law reveals the wicked heart (being) of man-kind  
             The Law are His words to enable sinful man-kind to discern, recognize, and acknowledge  
             his/her sin

Ps 51:3           I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

Therefore, none of man-kind is declared innocent and acceptable before God by the Law,  
             for no one keeps the Law perfectly  
Rather...

v21-22a But...such a blessed contrast to v9-20 – there is hope!

The righteousness of God apart from, transcending, the Law...Ch 1:16-17...is

- apparent, being testified of by the Word of God
  - the Law (Gen 15:6, Deut 10:16)
  - the prophets (Hab 2:4, Jer 4:4)
- by faith of Jesus Christ
  - the faith of God (v3)
  - Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of ~~our~~ faith
  - Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified
  - Phil 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law (Is 64:6), but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith
- unto all...offered to all
- upon all who believe...received by those who believe what God said (John 6:28-29)

v22b-24 For there is no difference, no distinction,

- between Jew and Gentile, between any of man-kind
- all have sinned...missed the mark
  - 2 Chron 6:36 there is no man that sins not
- all have come short of the glory of God...perfection and purity
  - man-kind is in a state of wrong-being
- whosoever will believe is justified freely by God's grace...Eph 2:8-9
  - thru the redemption...ransom, salvation
  - that is in Christ Jesus
    - "Jehovah is salvation"
    - Matt 28:20 the Son of man came to give His life a ransom for many
    - 1 Cor 1:29-30 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.
    - John 17:23, 26 **I in them**

v25-26 Jesus Christ came to give His life a ransom for many,  
The Father set forth Jesus...exhibited, proposed to man-kind...  
to be a propitiation/substitute (ala Gen 22 and Is 53)/atonement/payment for  
the penalty of the sin of all man-kind

thru faith in His blood...trust that the blood/Life of Jesus Christ is

- sinless...worthy payment
- a sin-offering acceptable to the Father
- the Life required by the justice of God to ransom the lives of the lost

to declare to man-kind

- His righteousness...the righteousness of God
  - for the remission/forgiveness of sin...to cancel our debt to our Maker
  - according to the forbearance/Self-restraint of God
- at this appointed time, the righteousness of Jesus Christ
  - Matt 5:17
  - Rom 10:4
- so that the Father can
  - be just...not unjust or capricious...in His judgment
  - justly...not unjustly, not capriciously...declare innocent of  
wrong-being and wrong-doing those who believe what He has said  
and Jesus has done

Without the Self-restraint of God and the righteousness of Jesus Christ, we  
CANNOT be forgiven of our sins, we CANNOT be made right

By His righteousness and His righteousness alone, God has made right what was wrong.

Gen 1:26-27 man was created in the image and likeness of God...God-kind:  
Light and glory, right-being

Gen 3 man fell from God-kind/right-being to man-kind/wrong-being  
Lights out, now darkness and shame, which they saw clearly

Ex 20 *ff* darkened man-kind was blind to sin and shame  
God gave the Law to give man-kind knowledge of sin

Rom 1:16-17 by grace thru faith, man-kind made new creatures – Jesus-kind

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and  
hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy  
nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the  
praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his  
marvellous light



2Cor 5:17-21 made to be right-being and reconciled

v27-28 So where is man-kind's self-righteous boasting of being pleasing to God by one's own merit/performance...the performance of someone in a state of wrong-being?

It is excluded forever!

It is "laughable" and utterly foolish!

There is no place for it in the presence of God

It is a spiritually bankrupt theology

(the theology of the religions of man, the one taught me by RCC)

By what Law can a person stand in the presence of the perfect and pure God?

NOT the Law of (imperfect) works but the Law of faith...the faith of Christ of which every person is given a measure in order to be in right relationship

1 Cor 1:31 according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord

v29-30 So says the God of the Jews and the Gentiles...the God of all man-kind

There is no difference – a right relationship with God comes only by faith, no matter who you are

v31 Does faith stamp "VOID" on the Law of God?

Is the Law "no good"?

Heavens no!

Faith stamps "APPROVED" on the Law of God

The Law is holy (Rom 7:12)

A person of genuine faith agrees

- with God and what He says in the Law
- that the perfect justice of God must be satisfied perfectly
- that he/she cannot satisfy the law but Jesus did...for whosoever will believe

A person of genuine faith is...Jesus-kind, a right-being

## **Application/Exhortation**

A right mind:

Ps 51:1-4      Have mercy on me according to Your lovingkindness!  
Blot out my transgressions  
Wash me of my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin  
I acknowledge my transgressions (of your Law)  
My sin is ever before me  
Against You only have I sinned  
You are just when you speak and prevail when You judge  
(I don't have a leg to stand on!)

Where does a person come into a right mind?

Where does a person come into a right relationship with God?

At the feet of Jesus

Mark 5:1-15              speaks of all man-kind

Every one of man-kind that comes to Jesus becomes Jesus-kind...made a right-being