

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 3:1** *"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit [is there] of circumcision?"*

Paul asks this question as if another Jew is asking. It seems that the covenant that God made with Abraham (circumcision) is no advantage at all. Paul asks, what is the reason for circumcision, if it does not benefit the Jew?

Romans 3:2 *"Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God."*

The non-Jew up until the time of Jesus had no chance of learning of the true God. The law was revealed to the natural Jew only at that time. The promises made were for the physical house of Israel until Jesus tore the middle wall of partition down in the temple when He gave His body on the cross for all mankind. The promise of the Messiah was to the physical house of Israel. The physical house of Israel (Jew) was the one taught in the temple the laws of God. They were the privileged few.

Romans 3:3 *"For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?"*

The fact that some reject the Truth does not make it any less the Truth. Some have not the faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Romans 10:9 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

Romans 10:10 *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." We see in these Scriptures just what it takes to be saved.*

Romans 3:4 *"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."*

Psalms 116:11 *"I said in my haste, All men [are] liars."* **Hebrews 6:17** *"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:"* **Hebrews 6:18** *"That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:"*

Immutable means unchangeable or always the same.

We see above that men are liars, but it is impossible for God to lie, since He is the Truth.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Every man and woman (one at a time) shall stand before this absolute Truth and be judged. We will be justified by Jesus Christ when we Christians stand before Him.

Those who rejected Jesus as their personal Saviour will be without excuse.

Romans 3:5 *"But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? [Is] God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)"*

We have no righteousness except that purchased for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. Because we are unrighteous, do we presume to judge God for taking vengeance on our unrighteousness? As I said before, those who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and take on His righteousness are without excuse and deserve God's vengeance.

Romans 3:6 *"God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?"*

One thing we can surely depend on is that God is just. God has made a way out for the unrighteous. They must accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord and then they will be judged righteous, because they have taken on

Jesus' righteousness. There are only 2 types of people as far as God is concerned (those who accept Jesus and those who do not accept Jesus).

Romans 3:7 *"For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?"*

We might try to justify our sin before God, telling God that our lie makes His Truth even greater, but He will not go for that flimsy excuse.

Romans 3:8 *"And not [rather], (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just."*

Paul is saying, here, that some liars are going around saying, that He says do evil so that God's good will be greater. Paul just simply says they are lying. They not only lie, but their condemnation is just.

Romans 3:9 *"What then? are we better [than they]? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;"*

Romans 3:10 *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"*

In the 23rd verse of this chapter Paul makes it very clear that all have sinned.

Romans 3:23 *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*

Psalms 14:1 *"{To the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.} 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 Jews could not and did not keep the law and the heathen did not even have a law to keep. All have sinned, but praise God, He sent a Saviour named Jesus Christ. His righteousness is what we must have. Our righteousness is but filthy rags.

Romans 3:11 *"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."*

This describes our generation perfectly. It seems there is no one seeking after God; or at least very few. If we seek God we will find Him. **Matthew 7:7** *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"*

Romans 3:12 *"They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."*

Even the Jews who had the law were not keeping it. The priests were twisting the law around and carrying their own customs out in the temple rather than carrying out God's law. Jesus came to save the lost world. Just as this Scripture says, no one truly deserves to be saved. God sent His Son because He loved us, not because we deserved that love.

Romans 3:13 *"Their throat [is] an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps [is] under their lips:"*

There is a similar Scripture in Psalms. **Psalms 140:3** *"They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison [is] under their lips. Selah."* We see from this that the tongue can be a very evil and hurtful instrument when it speaks from an evil heart. I believe that is what is meant by the throat being an open sepulchre.

Look with me in the book of James to see some of this. **James 3:6** *"And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the*

course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." James 3:7 *"For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:"* James 3:8 *"But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."* When we receive Jesus as our Saviour, the very first member of our body that we should turn over to Jesus is our tongue. The natural tongue is very evil, if not controlled by the Spirit.

Romans 3:14 "Whose mouth [is] full of cursing and bitterness:"

What generation in all of history has been more guilty of cursing than the present? Every movie, or at least the vast majority of them, contain terrible cursing. Bitterness and strife are on every hand. Bitterness against parents is perhaps #1 on the list. Study these Scriptures in Ephesians to learn more. Ephesians 4:30 "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:31 "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:" Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Questions Lesson 7

1. The question in verse 1 is what?
2. What way was the physical Jew advantaged?
3. When did the Gentile first have an opportunity to know God?
4. Who was the promise of Messiah made to?
5. Does the fact that some did not believe affect the Truth?
6. Let God be ____ but every man a ____.
7. Where, in Psalms, does it say all men are liars?
8. How had God verified His promise?
9. What does immutable mean?
10. Jesus is the ____, the ____, and the ____.
11. Is God ____ who taketh vengeance?
12. How was Paul speaking in verse 5?
13. Who shall judge the world?
14. What 2 types of people are there as far as God is concerned?
15. What had been slanderously reported that Paul said?
16. Who are under sin?
17. There is ____ righteous no ____.
18. Quote chapter 3 of Romans verse 23.
19. In the 14th chapter of Psalms verse 1, who says there is no God?
20. We have all sinned, but what can we praise God for in this?
21. In verse 11, who seeketh after God?
22. Verse 12 says, who does good?
23. Their ____ is an open sepulchre.
24. What is said to be under the lips in verse 13?
25. What is meant by an open sepulchre?
26. What is impossible to tame other than with God's help?
27. Which generation in all of history has been more guilty of cursing than any other?
28. Ephesians chapter 4 verses 30 through 32 tell us what?

ROMANS Lesson 8

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 3:15** *"Their feet [are] swift to shed blood:"*

This is speaking of evil men, of course we know that some of the Jewish leaders of the church wanted all the Christians killed. They even thought they were doing God a favor to kill the Christians.

Romans 3:16 *"Destruction and misery [are] in their ways: "*

Romans 3:17 *"And the way of peace have they not known:"*

Romans 3:18 *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

This is describing people without understanding. They are without the love of God within them. Their desire is to destroy and make others miserable. This really is like so many gangs in our country today. They have no desire to build, just to tear down and destroy what someone else has built. They like to make others miserable thinking with their perverted mind that seeing someone more miserable than themselves will bring them happiness. They are not peace makers. How could they fear what they do not know? They do not know God.

Romans 3:19 *"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."*

Just the fact the Jews had the law did not make them not guilty of sin. In fact, if anything, it made them more guilty, because they had the law and did not keep it. All have sinned. All are guilty of sin.

Romans 3:20 *"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin."*

The law just made it even more apparent that all have sinned and needed a Saviour. We will read in chapter 5 of Romans that Jesus died for the ungodly. We cannot be good enough to be saved. Jesus Christ is the only person that ever lived without sin.

Romans 3:21 *"But now. the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;"*

The righteousness that was manifested was the righteousness of Christ. The law spoke of the promised Messiah. He was promised as early as the third chapter of Genesis. **Genesis 3:15** *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* The prophets spoke of the coming Saviour of the world, as well. The entire Bible is actually focused on this Righteous One {Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord}

Romans 3:22 *"Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"*

Our righteousness is but filthy rags in ourselves. Our righteousness that is acceptable to God is the righteousness of Jesus Christ that we put on when we accept Jesus as our savior and Lord.

Romans 3:23 *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*

This is not just the heathen, but the Jew, as well. No one can live completely free of sin. Our justification in Jesus is (just as if we had never sinned). We have sinned, but we are not guilty, because we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ). **I John 2:2** *"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world."*

We also read in **Revelation 7:9** *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"* You see, these people are those followers of Jesus who have been washed in His blood and made white as snow. **Revelation 7:13** *"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?"* **Revelation 7:14** *"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* We see the question of who these are in white robes answered and it leaves no doubt who they are.

Romans 3:24 *"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"*

We see a further explanation in Acts 13:39 *"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."* You see the only thing that makes us in right standing with God is receiving the free gift (grace) of Christ Jesus which redeems us.

Romans 3:25 *"Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"*

II Corinthians 5:21 *"For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

The word propitiation means atoning victim or also the lid of the Ark. Jesus was our atoning victim. He took our sin on His body on the cross and our sin died on that cross. **Hebrews 9:22** *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."* You see, Jesus shed His blood to remit our sin.

Romans 3:26 *"To declare, [I say], at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."*

The work was all done by Jesus. We cannot justify ourselves. We are justified, because we have taken on justification through His blood.

Romans 3:27 *"Where [is] boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith."*

Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:"*
Ephesians 2:9 *"Not of works, lest any man should boast."* **Ephesians 2:10** *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

Romans 3:28 *"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."*

Keeping the ordinances of the law will not do away with sin and will not save anyone. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." To find out what faith can do for you and did do for many, read all of Hebrews chapter 11.*

Romans 3:29 *"[Is he] the God of the Jews only? [is he] not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:"*

God was the Creator of all mankind. Mankind both Jew and Gentile was made in the image of God. We are His workmanship. All He created was for the benefit of mankind. He prepared the world for man. God is God of all. We are all part of God's family. There is one God and Father of us all. Ephesians 4:6 "One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all."

Romans 3:30 *"Seeing [it is] one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith."*

You see, it is faith (belief in Him) which saves us, nothing more and nothing less. John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Romans 3:31 *"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."*

The law is not done away with by Jesus, but fulfilled in Him. The law is good. The law declares the need to be righteous. Jesus makes it possible to be righteous in Him. The law showed us our great need for Jesus as our Saviour.

Questions 8

1. In V.15, their feet are quick to do what?
2. In V.16, what 2 things are in their way?
3. In V.18, there is no ____ of ____ before their eyes?
4. The law speaks to whom?
5. Who became guilty before God?
6. Who can be justified by the deeds of the law?
7. By what is the knowledge of sin?
8. V.21 says, 2 witnessed the righteousness of God, what were they?
9. The righteousness of God is by what?
10. Who have sinned and come short of the glory of God?
11. What makes Christians justified?

12. Who are the people around the throne in white robes in Revelation chapter 7?
13. We are justified freely by what?
14. Acts chapter 13-v39, who are the justified
15. What is grace?
16. What does propitiation mean?
17. We must have faith in what?
18. Almost all things are purged by what?
19. What is Jesus called in verse 26?
20. What question is asked in verse 27?
21. Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 says, by _____ are ye saved
22. Ephesians chapter 2 verse 9 says, "Not of _____ lest any man should _____."
23. In verse 10 of Ephesians 2, we Christians are called what?
24. A man is justified by _____ without the _____ of the law.
25. Verse 29 says, God is who`s God?
26. The circumcision is justified by what?
27. Quote John 3:16.
28. What effect does faith have on the law?

ROMANS 9

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 4:1** "*What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?*"

Paul, here is using a question to drive a point home. He is saying in essence, if anyone could boast of making himself acceptable to God in the flesh it would have been Abraham. Not even Abraham was justified by the outward show of his faith in God by circumcising the males. It was not the circumcising of the males that made him acceptable to God, but his great faith.

Romans 4:2 "*For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath [whereof] to glory; but not before God.*"

As we said before, Abraham did show the world of his great faith by his outward circumcision. Christians make an outward show of their decision to follow Jesus by being baptized. The truth is justification takes place in the heart. Faith takes place in the inner man. Faith pleases God. When we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, we are justified by the washing of His blood. Jesus' shed blood washes us and makes us every whit whole.

Romans 4:3 "*For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*"

Abraham believed God and left Ur of the Chaldees. He was looking for a city whose maker was God. He gave up his big home and wandered where God had sent him. He dwelled in tents waiting for the city of God. This faith Abraham had in God pleased God and Abraham was greatly blessed by God for it. Abraham's seed that was promised, that would inherit the kingdom are all the believers in Christ. **Galatians 3:29** "*And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*" **Galatians 3:6** "*Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*"

Romans 4:4 "*Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*"

If work could get you into heaven, then there would be no place for faith. In the flesh we all die, but the life of importance is in the spirit which takes faith to inherit.

Romans 4:5 "*But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*"

No one can work themselves into heaven. That is not the key that opens the door. The key is faith without works. The secret is, after you have had faith and it has opened the door for you, then you desire to work for Him. **Galatians 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."

Faith plus nothing makes us righteous.

Romans 4:6 "*Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*"

The word imputeth means counteth, **Psalms 32:1** *"{ [A Psalm] of David, Maschil.} Blessed [is he whose] transgression [is] forgiven, [whose] sin [is] covered."* **Psalms 32:2** *"Blessed [is] the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit [there is] no guile."*

In the Old Testament the sin was covered by the blood of the lamb. After Jesus the sin was completely done away with by the blood of the perfect Lamb (Jesus Christ).

Romans 4:7 *"[Saying], Blessed [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered."*

Romans 4:8 *"Blessed [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."*

Of course, the reason for all this is when we stand before Jesus. He will recognize His own. He has paid the price in full for all of our sin, Our sin died on the cross. We are forgiven. We are blessed, because we do not have to pay, Jesus paid for our sins in full on the cross.

Romans 4:9 *"[Cometh] this blessedness then upon the circumcision [only], or upon the uncircumcision also?" for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.*

We are looking here for justification without keeping the ceremonial law. Abraham was counted righteous before the keeping of the law. He was made righteous in God's sight before he became a physical Jew. **Acts 13:39** *"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."*

Romans 4:10 *"How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision."*

All Paul is saying is that Abraham's faith before he was circumcised was counted as righteousness to him. Also, in **I John 5:1** *"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."* Also, in **I John 5:12** *"He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."* We find in both these Scriptures that it is not whether you are Jew or Gentile, but where you have put your faith (in the Son of God).

Romans 4:11 *"And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:"*

Genesis 15:6 *"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."* You see Abraham believed, and that alone brought righteousness. The circumcision came later for an outward show to the world that he believed God.

Romans 4:12 *"And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which [he had] being [yet] uncircumcised."*

This just reminds us, again, that Abraham is father to all who believe. For by faith are you saved.

Romans 4:13 *"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."*

Galatians 3:18 *"For if the inheritance [be] of the law, [it is] no more of promise: but God gave [it] to Abraham by promise."* We read who are saved in **Galatians 3:7** *"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."* **Galatians 3:8** *"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed."* **Galatians 3:9** *"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."* In all of this we must see the mighty hand of God working salvation for all who have the faith to receive it. Salvation is a free gift. You must reach out and take it for it to be yours.

QUESTIONS 9

1. Who did Paul call Abraham in verse 1?
2. Why is Paul saying this in question form?
3. If anyone could boast of being worthy in the flesh (besides Jesus) who would it be?
4. Was he worthy in the flesh?
5. In verse 2, who would Abraham not be able to glory before?
6. What was the circumcision of Abraham really?
7. Where does faith take place?
8. What did Abraham do that was counted unto him for righteousness?
9. When Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, what was he looking for?
10. In Galatians chapter 3 verse 29, who are Abraham's seed and heirs to the promise?
11. Verse 4 says, to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of ____.
12. In the flesh we all ____.
13. In verse 5, his faith is counted for ____.
14. By the works of the law who is saved?
15. Who in the Old Testament described the blessedness of righteousness being counted to us without works?
16. What does the word imputeth mean?
17. Where in the Old Testament is this stated by David?
18. In verse 7, who are the blessed?
19. In verse 8, who are the blessed?
20. In Acts chapter 13 verse 39, who are justified?
21. In first John chapter 5 verse 1, we see that all who believeth that Jesus is the Christ are what?

22. In first John chapter 5 verse 12, he that hath the Son hath what?
23. What is circumcision called in verse 11?
24. In Genesis chapter 15, what was counted unto Abraham for righteousness?
25. Who was the father of circumcision?
26. Who was the father of faith?
27. Verse 13 tells of the promise to Abraham, what was it?
28. In Galations chapter 3 verse 7, who are the children of Abraham?
29. In Galatians chapter 3 verse 8, who would be blessed because of Abraham?
30. Salvation is a free gift, but what is our part in it?