

**Ivy Baptist Church**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
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**The Book of Romans Part 5 (Romans 3:1-19)**

**In what section of the New Testament are the following books?**

- Luke
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Philemon
- \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the three ways we study the bible (AAA)?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **What do we** \_\_\_\_\_ **?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **What does it** \_\_\_\_\_ **?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **How will I use it in my walk with** \_\_\_\_\_ **?**

**Romans 2:1-16 Summary:**

- 1. No one has the right to look down on anyone else because of their sins. We all have our own sins to deal with!
- 2. God offers the same blessings and punishments to everyone regardless of their status (Jew or Gentile).
- 3. Our faith is demonstrated by our works (action). What we do FOR God demonstrates how much we TRUST IN GOD!

**Romans 2:17-24 Summary:**

- The Jews (chosen people of God in the OT), have NO RIGHT to claim that they are better than others.
- The Jews were becoming HYPOCRITICAL, by telling people what to do and not doing it themselves.
- As a result of their living, they were DISHONORING God's name!
- "Blaspheme" means "to speak evil of"
- The demonstration of our love and commitment to God is not based upon our words, but our LIFESTYLE!

**Romans 2:24-29:**

- Paul's argument is that circumcision (the ritual act) means nothing if people have no intentions of honoring God's will.
- Circumcision does not make you holy. Repentance, faith and obedience, lead to a "clean life."
- Ritual events (circumcision, baptism, communion, etc.) were mandated by God at outward signs to the WORLD of our allegiance to God, BUT THEY ALONE DON'T MAKE US HOLY.
- Paul argues that the GREATEST circumcision is the one of the HEART. Where we allow God to remove the hidden "layers" of our hearts, so that His Word can penetrate the deepest places in our souls. (vs. 28-29).

## Today's Lesson: Romans 3:1-8

- **Paul's rhetorical questions:**
- Paul's question #1: What advantage does the Jew have in God's sight and of circumcision? (vs. 1).
- **Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Because God gave His Word to the Jews first!**
- Paul's question #2: What if some of the Jews are unfaithful to God. Will God stop being faithful to them? (vs. 3)
- **Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **! God will continue to be faithful! (vs. 4).**
- Paul's question #3: If we do wrong and that's shows that God is right, what does that mean? Is God wrong to punish us?(vs. 5)
- **Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **God has every right to judge the world.(vs. 6)**
- Paul's questions #4: A person may say, If in our sin, it makes God's glory revealed, why I am being judged as a sinner? (vs. 7)
- **Answer: They are wrong, because no one should sin on purpose and if they do, they deserve God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8).**

## Group Discussion (Romans 3:9-20)

- 1. According to verse 9, are the Jews any better than the Gentiles in God's sight? Why or why not?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. According to verse 19, Paul says that the "law" is for what group of people AND for what purpose?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. According to verse 20, what is the purpose of the law?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- **Key Point: GOD KNEW THAT WHEN THE LAW WAS GIVEN WE WOULD NOT BE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ THEM ALL.**
- **Key Point: THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT \_\_\_\_\_ ALL OF GOD'S LAWS, PROVES THAT WE NEED HIS \_\_\_\_\_!**
- 10 Commandments Exercise (Group Discussion)

## Conclusion: Paul's argument: Romans 3:1-19

- 1. While the Jews are God's chosen people, they are just as \_\_\_\_\_ of sin as the Gentiles.
- 2. The law was to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God's chosen people.
- 3. Because of sin, \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of obeying all of God's laws.
- 4. The law (10 commandments) then, are meant to show us that WE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S HELP in order to live according to His standards. What is His help?
- The \_\_\_\_\_! Without the Holy Spirit being \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF OBEYING GOD'S WORD!
- Good news! There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God that extends BEYOND the law!

**Apply: What did I learn in today's lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?**

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