

# Romans 3 Meditation Questions

Answer the following questions during your daily time in God's Word. These questions will help us focus on growing as disciples of Jesus through our study of the Bible:

- A. What did I learn from Jesus? What is He saying to me?
- B. How will I follow Jesus today?
- C. How can I become like Jesus through this study?

Romans 3:1-8

## Foolish Human Reasoning

<sup>1</sup> What, then, is the advantage of being a Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way. First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God. <sup>3</sup> What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? <sup>4</sup> Certainly not! Let God be true and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that You may be proved right when You speak and victorious when You judge."

Meditation Question: TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS PAUL'S CRITICS WERE ASKING: *What advantage do Jewish people have? What is the value of circumcision? Will people's lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God?*

<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness highlights the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unjust to inflict His wrath on us? I am speaking in human terms. <sup>6</sup> Certainly not! In that case, how could God judge the world? <sup>7</sup> However, if my falsehood accentuates God's truthfulness, to the increase of His glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> Why not say, as some slanderously claim that we say, "Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved!

Meditation Question: TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS PAUL'S CRITICS WERE ASKING: *Is God unrighteous to inflict His wrath on us? Why am I judged as a sinner if God's glory is revealed through my lie? Why not say, "Let's do evil, that good may come?"*

Meditation Question: *Give examples of how our thinking is sometimes controlled by human-centered logic and reasoning. Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom?*

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Romans 3:9-18

**"There is no one righteous, not even one!"**

Meditation Question: **Are Jews better than non-Jews? Are Christians better than non-Christians? How did Paul answer these questions in verses 9-18**

**9** What then? Are we any better? Not at all. For we have already made the charge that Jews and Greeks alike are all under sin.

**10** As it is written:  
"There is no one righteous,  
not even one.

**11** There is no one who understands,  
no one who seeks God.

**12** All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one."

**13** "Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit."  
"The venom of vipers is on their lips."

**14** "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

Meditation Question: **How does Paul describe the sinfulness of mankind in verses 9-14?**

Meditation Question: **What did you think about the audio message about swearing and foul language?**

**15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** ruin and misery lie in their wake, **17** and the way of peace they have not known."

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

Meditation Question: **How does Paul describe the sinfulness of mankind in verses 15-18?**

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Romans 3:19-24

**God revealed the way we can become righteous!**

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**19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. **20** Therefore no one will be justified in His sight by works of the law. For the law merely brings awareness of sin.

Meditation Question: What does it mean to be "under the law?" What is the function of the law? Why is it impossible to be justified, or to be made righteous, by the works of the law?

**21** But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, as attested by the Law and the Prophets.

**22** And this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no distinction, **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Meditation Question: How can we become righteous? Why is there no distinction between Jews and non-Jews?

Meditation Question: Explain Paul's statement in verse 23, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God?" What does it mean to be "justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus?"

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Romans 3:25-26

**Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins!**

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**25** God presented Him as an atoning sacrifice in His blood through faith, in order to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had passed over the sins committed beforehand. **26** He did this to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and to justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

Meditation Question: **What is "an atoning sacrifice?" How did Jesus atone for our sins?**

Meditation Question: **How did God demonstrate His righteousness through the cross? How is God "just" and the One who "justifies" those who have faith in Jesus?**

Romans 3:27-30

**No boasting!**

**27** Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of works? No, but on that of faith. **28** For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law. **29** Is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, **30** since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

**31** Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Certainly not! Instead, we uphold the law.

Meditation Question: **Why is God concerned about boasting? What does the principle of faith" exclude boasting?**

**31** Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Certainly not! Instead, we uphold the law.

Meditation Question: **How do we uphold the law through the principle of faith?**