

Romans 3

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, the Holy Spirit teaches us that God is perfect, true, and righteous, and humans, apart from His mercy, cannot understand His Word or attain righteousness. Those who reject Him fall under dark influence. God revealed His righteousness through the Law, the Prophets, and ultimately through His Son, Jesus Christ, in whom alone is found redemption for all humanity. **Romans 3:1-4.** God's Word is true, His actions are just, and there is no unrighteousness in Him at all. **Romans 3:5-13.** Without asking for the Lord's mercy, humans cannot understand His Word or become righteous. The Lord God Almighty created humans, but it is written that from the beginning of creation, none are without sin. When sin occupies their hearts, the punishment from God will also happen, regardless of who they are. However, if any heart has taken the Savior, the Lord Jesus, as their guide, it will lead their soul out from punishment. **Romans 3:14-19.** The heart and mind that have rejected the Lord God Almighty make that heart turn and receive the influence from the dark. The path of that person will be among the dark, and thorns will pierce through their souls. The beloved Son of God, in His mercy and love, has peace for all who seek and accept Him. **Romans 3:20-22.** The righteousness of God has been revealed to humans. He sent not only His Law and the Prophets, but He also sent His own Son to point the way for humans. **Romans 3:23-31.** The redemption for all humankind is found only in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. With great love and mercy, the Lord God Almighty has sent His beloved Son to be the bridge for all humans. He offered Himself as an atonement for the sins of the world.

¹ What then is the superiority of the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

² Much in every way; first, indeed, for that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Comments Romans 3:1-2. The Lord God Almighty has chosen a group of humans to be His children. And the Lord God Almighty also appointed them to be the law keepers for humans. They are selected to be special workers, and some of them will be chosen to have special duties, which will bring the announcement of the Savior for humans, and the Lord God Almighty will give details to His chosen to announce the details of the blessing.

³ For what if some were unfaithful? Will not their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

Comments Romans 3:3. When believers behave against the teachings of the Lord God Almighty, that behavior will also make others look at the Lord God Almighty as unfair in judging them for not doing right.

⁴ Never may it be! However, let God be true, now every man a liar, as it has been written: That Thou may be justified in Thy words, And Thou may conquer in being judged.

Comments Romans 3:4. "Never may it be! However, let God be true ..." In the teaching of the Lord God Almighty, many have taken it in a negative way. But, when the mind has doubts, that mind will turn to disagree and believe that the teaching which is written is wrong and should not be followed. When someone disbelieves the Holy Word, that person has put the Lord God Almighty as a liar, not the true God.

"That Thou may be justified in Thy words." The Lord God Almighty, the Most Holy God, is God above all things, seen and unseen. His Word is true, His action is just, there is no unrighteousness in Him at all. Let all that have breath come and praise the Lord God Almighty. Praise the Lord God Almighty with sincere hearts, not just the minds or actions alone.

"And Thou may conquer in being judged." In the righteousness of the Lord God Almighty, He has conquered all things. The dark and their dominion have no power to stand, not just in front of the Lord God Almighty but in front of His Holy Word; none has the power to stand against. His Word alone conquers all in the righteousness of the Lord God Almighty, which makes Him be above all. None, even any gray, is in Him, and for His brightness of righteousness shines through all.

⁵ However, if our unrighteousness commends God's righteousness, what shall we say? God's unrighteousness brings upon wrath. I speak according to man.

Comments Romans 3:5. "However, if our unrighteousness commends ..." The Lord God Almighty is the Creator of all things; how can the things that have been created judge the Creator? Human minds always

think they are above all. The Lord God Almighty created humans and gave them the ability to learn. And when humans learn, they use that knowledge to fight against the Lord God Almighty's knowledge.

"God's unrighteousness brings upon wrath. ..." The apostle's mind is also a human mind, but the Lord has given the word to the apostle, which doesn't make the apostle above humans. Whoever reads the Holy Word and gains understanding, do not think that because you understand and have knowledge, you are equal to the Lord God Almighty.

⁶ Never may it be! For then how will **God** judge the world?

⁷ However, if the truth of **God** in my lie abounded to **His** glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

Comments Romans 3:7. "However, if the truth of God in my lie ..." When humans hear the Holy Word of the Lord God Almighty spoken to their ears, in their own understanding, without asking the mercy of the Lord God Almighty to understand, it makes them think that what they hear is a lie, which humans made up, and the Word spoken is not from the Lord God Almighty Himself.

"Why am I also still judged as a sinner?" If the Word of God that has been spoken is not true, why does everyone accuse the person who speaks of committing the sin and doing wrong by following the Word that has been received? In this place, people have put the Lord God Almighty, teaching people to lie and commit sin. Then the guilt is not on the person but on the Lord's teachings themselves.

⁸ And not, (as we are slanderously **charged**, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil **things**, that good **things** may come; whose **judgment** is just.

Comments Romans 3:7. "And not (as we are slanderously ..." Some have accused the apostle of teaching lies and not good things to follow. They have also accused that the Lord God Almighty taught His own apostle to commit sin. By accusing the apostle of receiving the wrong teachings, that also, at the same time, accuses the Lord God Almighty of teaching His apostle to be a liar. The dark influence in the human mind is at work. And wherever the Word of the Lord God Almighty has been spoken, the dark influence also is at work in order to make people not believe the Lord God Almighty and make people not be saved.

"Let us do evil things, that ..." The Lord God Almighty reminds humans again that if His apostle teaches evil things, then let that evil win over the Word of the Lord God Almighty Himself. The apostle is an apostle of the Lord God Almighty; the Word he received cannot be an evil Word. Give attention, do not fall into the trap of evil. The Lord God Almighty is the Lord of good; there is no evil in Him. If you want to be saved, your soul needs to come and accept the righteousness of the Lord God Almighty's teaching. Leave evil to do evil in itself, but keep your soul to be saved by staying and believing in the teachings of the Lord God Almighty.

⁹ What then? Are we better? **Certainly not at all.** For we **have already charged** both Jews and Greeks **with** being all under sin;

Comments Romans 3:9. "What then? Are we better? ..." Christians pay attention to what the Lord God Almighty has declared in His Word. You consider yourself above all, but in the eyes of the Lord God Almighty, humans on this earth are the same, except for those that He has appointed to be His own children. But they themselves, as humans, did not obey all the commandments. However, the Lord God Almighty still punishes them according to the sins they have committed. When they commit sin, the punishment is even harder than the rest.

"For we have already charged both ..." The verse clearly tells all humans: in the eyes of the Lord God Almighty, all humans commit sin. When sin occupies their hearts, the punishment will also happen, regardless of who they are.

¹⁰ as it **has been** written, There is none righteous, not **even** one;

Comments Romans 3:10. In the Holy Word, it has been written from the beginning of creation that none are without sin. Humans are born out of sin. The sinful nature of humans has power over their thoughts. But those who have given their hearts to be under the commandments and follow the teachings of the Lord, through that heart, forgiveness has been provided. If that heart has taken the Savior, the Lord Jesus, as their guide, it will lead their soul out from punishment.

¹¹ There is none **who understands**, There is none **who seeks after God**;

Comments Romans 3:11. The Lord God Almighty is calling them to be His own people, but they have left their hearts to turn astray by the influence of the dark. The power and the work of the Lord God Almighty

have been shown to their eyes and ears, but even that their hearts still do not seek for Him. The Lord God Almighty becomes empty, no meaning for their hearts and minds.

¹² All have turned aside, together they **have** become **useless**; There is none **who does good**, **there is** not so much as one.

Comments Romans 3:10-12. Verse 10-12 are cited from Psalm 14:1-3 and Psalm 53:1-3.

Comments Romans 3:12. The Lord God Almighty looks down from heaven searching for the hearts that seek for Him, but among them all, He could not find the light in their hearts shine out. The Lord God Almighty has given them time and information, but their hearts are still not awake from the dark influence. The sadness in the heart of the Lord God Almighty is so great, and that sadness will make Him turn away in helping them when the time of trouble has come. And they will call out for help from the Lord God Almighty, and He will ignore their call. But those who have taken refuge in the Savior, the Lord Jesus, will receive comfort from God the Father Himself.

¹³ Their throat is an open **tomb**; with their tongues they **keep practicing** deceit. The **venom** of **serpents** is under their lips,

Comments Romans 3:13. “Their throat is an open tomb ...” Cited from Psalm 5:9, Jeremiah 5:16. All humans, watch out! The warning is here! Without the Lord God Almighty in your soul, your mouth is so filthy and dirty, and your tongue has the movement of a certain serpent when ready to strike. The Lord God Almighty created you in His own likeness. So, use what you have been created for to glorify the Creator. When your soul has ignored the voice of the Lord God Almighty, the darkness will use your body to destroy yourself, and at the same time will blaspheme against the Lord God Almighty, which will bring a curse upon yourself.

“The venom of serpents ...” Cited from Psalm 140:3. The lips the Lord God Almighty has given you, use them wisely. When you move your lips, remind yourself who created you. The insults and bad words are not for your lips to move for speaking out. Use your lips in praising the Lord God Almighty. Acknowledge the Lord God Almighty with your lips, and that will bring blessing for your soul.

¹⁴ Whose mouth is full of cursing and **of** bitterness.

Comments Romans 3:14. Cited from Psalm 10:7. When the heart is without faith, the mouth becomes filthy; keep your mouth shut to avoid bringing destruction to your soul.

¹⁵ Their feet are swift to shed blood.

Comments Romans 3:15. Cited from Proverbs 1:16; Isaiah 59:7a. When the hearts have ignored the voice of the Lord, in their wicked minds, the dark will advise them to do violence and not seek peace or do good to anyone in their path. People whose hearts reject the Lord God Almighty, in their path of life, will have only violence and destruction, not only for themselves but for others as well.

¹⁶ **Ruin** and misery are in their ways.

Comments Romans 3:16. Cited from Isaiah 59:7b. Humans who do not take refuge in the Savior in their lives will face all troubles alone. Because of their ignorance and ungratefulness, they do not accept the mercy and love of the Savior, which leads the dark to influence their minds to search for and commit evil deeds against all around them.

¹⁷ And the way of peace have they not known.

Comments Romans 3:17. Cited from Isaiah 59:8. The beloved Son of God, in His mercy and love, has peace for all who seek and accept Him. When humans accept and come to ask peace and mercy from the Lord God Almighty under the wing of His beloved Son, that soul will receive peace and mercy.

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

Comments Romans 3:18. Cited from Psalm 36:1. The heart and mind that have rejected the Lord God Almighty make that heart turn and receive the influence from the dark. The path of that person will be among the dark, and thorns will pierce through their souls.

¹⁹ Now we know that **as many as** the law **says**, it **speaks** to **those** under the law, **in order** that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of **God**;

Comments Romans 3:19. “Now we know that as many as the law ...” Human knowledge comes by the law of the Lord God Almighty. When humans meditate and obey the law, the knowledge from the Lord God Almighty will also flow to that mind.

“In order that every mouth ...” The Lord God Almighty has given the law for all humans, for the mouth to speak what is needed, not to speak what it wants only. Because when the mouth opens, the words come out and blaspheme the Lord God Almighty. Humans need to control their mouths when speaking; all should speak to glorify the Lord, not to justify only their own judgment.

“And all the world may be brought ...” Because the mouth leads humans to commit sin, which will bring all humans under the punishment of the Lord God Almighty. The Lord God Almighty is fair and just, and by your mouth you will be judged. The mouth cannot make words of its own, and that is what one needs to think about.

²⁰ because by the works of the law **will not any** flesh be justified **before Him**; for through the law is the knowledge of sin.

Comments Romans 3:20. “Because by the works of the law.” The Lord God Almighty gives the words of the law to humans, and those Words themselves have works, which of the works in human life will judge humans by the Word of the Lord.

“Will not any flesh be justified ...” The Word of the Lord God Almighty, which works in the hearts of humans, has the power to help and judge humans’ actions. The ones who follow the guidance of the Word of the Lord God Almighty will be judged by the words themselves.

“For through the law is ...” The Lord God Almighty gave the words of the law, and the words themselves will be used to judge human behavior.

²¹ However, now apart from the law, **the righteousness of God** has been **revealed**, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets;

Comments Romans 3:21. “However, now apart from the law ...” Regardless of whether the Lord had given the law to humans or not, the great work of creation itself has proclaimed the mighty power of the Lord God Almighty. The first thing human eyes and senses notice is the magnificence of the creation around them. When a person looks at themselves, they can see the love, mercy, and great power of the Lord God Almighty in creating them. Seeing with their own eyes should be enough to come to glorify and worship the Lord God Almighty alone.

“Being witnessed by the Law ...” But the Lord God Almighty also sees and knows the doubting hearts of humans. He has given the Law and has written in the Holy Book the work of the Prophets of the Lord in proclaiming the Lord God Almighty to all humans.

²² **moreover**, the righteousness of **God** through faith in **Jesus Christ** to all **those believing**; for there is no distinction;

Comments Romans 3:22. “Moreover, the righteousness of God ...” With the great love the Father has for humans, He has sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be born as a human. Humans can recognize the love and mercy of the Father: He sent not only His Law and the Prophets, but He also sent His own Son to point the way for humans. Do not reject the love and mercy of the Lord God Almighty; come with sincere hearts to the Lord Jesus, His Son.

“For there is no distinction.” When the Lord God Almighty sent His beloved Son to be born as a human, that love has been shown to all humans, not only to one group, but to all.

²³ for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of **God**;

Comments Romans 3:23. Humans have a rebellious feeling deep in their hearts, even though they have noticed the work of the Lord God Almighty around them. Their rebellious hearts keep them from truly glorifying the Lord God Almighty, for this rebellion has made a distance grow bigger and bigger away from the Lord God Almighty.

²⁴ being justified freely by **His** grace through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus**,

Comments Romans 3:24. “Being justified freely by His grace.” The Lord God Almighty, in His own righteousness and mercy, did not turn away from humans. The Father has love for all humans that He has

created. Even when humans had turned their face away from Him, the Father stayed far but did not forget them. Because of His love for all humans, the Lord God Almighty has provided the way for all to be saved.

“Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” With great love and mercy, the Lord God Almighty has sent His beloved Son to be the bridge for all humans. The heart that repents and turns back to the Lord God Almighty will find the bridge to come back and glorify Him.

²⁵ whom **God** set forth as a propitiation, through faith in **His** blood, for a showing forth of **His** righteousness because of the forbearance of the sins having previously occurred,

Comments Romans 3:25. “Whom God set forth as a propitiation ...” Humans have condemned the sinless Lamb of God, but there is no human like Him born without sin and continuing to live without sin. The Lord God Almighty has seen the purest blood in His beloved Son, who gave Himself as an offering to please the Father. Humans receive forgiveness through His blood. The Lord God Almighty is pleased to see the purest blood that has been offered for the sins of the world.

“For a showing forth of His righteousness ...” From the beginning of creation, sin has been committed continually, and the offerings humans have presented are incomplete. But with the last offering which has been presented by His beloved Son, the Lord God Almighty has peace with it, and in His Son’s name He gives forgiveness for all humans. The righteous sacrifice of the Son of God is worth more than a thousand lambs and gold offerings.

²⁶ in the forbearance of **God**; for the showing forth of **His** righteousness in the present time, for **Him** to be righteous, and justifying the one of faith in **Jesus**.

Comments Romans 3:26. “In the forbearance of God ...” When the beloved Son of God took form in human flesh, He offered Himself as an atonement for the sins of the world. The Lord God Almighty received the pure offering without sin from the Holy Lamb of God that washes away all His anger. The replacement of anger is the forgiveness of sins from God the Father Himself for all humans.

“And justifying the one of faith in Jesus.” The one who has put true faith and trust, believing in the sacrifice on the cross of the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, that soul will receive forgiveness from God the Father Himself.

²⁷ Where is the boasting? Was it shut out by what law? That of works? No, but through the law of faith.

Comments Romans 3:27. “Where is the boasting ...” This question is for all humans to think about. Two kinds of laws have been mentioned here. The law humans made to control humans, and the law the Lord God Almighty made, which is given to save human souls.

“That of works? No, ...” Humans can do good works by the law of humans all their lives, but they lead their souls to hell. Or follow the guidance of the Lord God Almighty, which will lead human souls to heaven to the kingdom of peace and joy. Humans should think carefully about the choices they have. The Lord God Almighty also gives you all the freedom to choose.

²⁸ We reckon, therefore, a man to be justified by faith, apart from the works of the law.

Comments Romans 3:28. “We reckon, therefore ...” The advice given here clearly urges all humans to place their faith in the Lord God Almighty and to follow the law He has given to guide everyone’s soul and behavior. To be right in front of the judgment seat is to follow the law that the Holy Bible gives to all humans.

“Apart from the works of the law.” Anyone who ignores and does not follow the guidance the Lord God Almighty has given in the Holy Book, that person, has also condemned themselves to fight the Lord God Almighty. In order to enjoy a short time of life on this earth, humans choose to ignore the voice of the Lord God Almighty in their hearts.

²⁹ Is **He** the **God** of the Jews only, not also of Gentiles? Yes, of Gentiles also,

³⁰ since indeed **God** is **One**, who will justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through the faith.

Comments Romans 3:29-30. “Is He the God of the Jews only ...” The Lord God Almighty is the Creator of all, but also, the Lord God Almighty has chosen certain hearts of humans to be as His own people. Because the Lord God Almighty has seen the direction of human hearts at the end of the ages, and these people He has

chosen will be the key point in saving the human race. The love of God the Father will be shown through His people.

“Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God is One.” The rest of humans, whom the Lord God Almighty did not choose to be called His own, the Lord God Almighty has also created; they are His creation, as His own people are. There is only one God for all humans: the Lord God Almighty (God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit). He is the only One who created all things.

“Who will justify the circumcision by faith.” When the Lord God Almighty has been proclaimed to the whole earth, humans who have come to have faith under the name of His beloved Son, they all will have the same chance as His own people.

“And the uncircumcision through the faith.” Circumcision or uncircumcision has the same chance when all of them come to have the same faith. The Lord God Almighty gives one chance to all human races through His beloved Son of God; regardless of their different races, they all have the same faith.

³¹ Do we then nullify the law through faith? **God** forbid! Instead, we uphold the law.

Comments Romans 3:31. “Do we then nullify the law ...” The verse clearly tells us that humans have confusion between the law of humans and the law of God. You cannot completely follow the law of God while not following human law, because if you ignore human law, the law of God becomes bad in the eyes of humans. Let all believers notice that many passages in the Bible tell us to obey human law if it is not against the law of God. When human law goes against the law of God, that human law becomes blasphemy. The believer should avoid conflicting with that law. But not following that law does not mean going against it. When the action of not following, the humans will get the meaning that you are against it. The Lord wants believers to live peacefully with the world by not following human law, but don't go and accuse them of being wrong. Instead, always telling people that, as believers, the law of the Lord comes first.

“God forbid! Instead, we ...” The Lord God Almighty is the Lord above all, even above human law. But the teaching of the Holy Bible also tells believers to follow the law of the land where they live, but not to do anything against the law of God that has also been given.

Q: What is the guidance on the new changes to human laws regarding genderism? **A:** This human law is fighting straightforwardly against the law of God. The Lord God Almighty has created male and female—no third kind of humans but only two. When humans try to abolish the law of God, the Lord God Almighty has spoken about this abominable thing of the end time that will come. This is just the beginning of the end times approaching humanity.

Q: How can Christians live in a society with laws on gender identity? **A:** If believers have been asked about it, they should give straight answers about how the baby was born; the Lord God Almighty gives the gender of a person at birth. Everyone who looks upon a baby can tell what gender the baby is. But humans are not pleased with what they receive and change it by their own ability. The outcome is not as the Lord intended for them to be. No need to tell them they are right or wrong; just tell them to go and read the Holy Word about the genders God created.

Life and faith applications. 1) Stay in the Word of God and use it under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; do not worry about those who criticize. 2) Sin is sin, and the Lord God Almighty is righteous. When sin occupies the heart, punishment will follow, regardless of identity. 3) With great love and mercy, the Lord God Almighty has sent His beloved Son to be the bridge for all humans. He offered Himself as an atonement for the sins of the world. The one who puts true faith and trust, believing in the sacrifice on the cross of the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, that soul will receive forgiveness from God the Father Himself. 4) There are two kinds of laws in the world: the law of humans made to control humans and the law of the Lord God Almighty, which is given to save human souls. As Christians, we must put the law of God first, but we must also follow the law of humans as long as it is not against the law of God. When human law goes against the law of God, that human law becomes blasphemy. The believer should avoid conflicting with that law.