

“I am a good person”! Are we really?

Romans 3:1-31.

“No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin”.

Romans 3:20

The way of the Word

(Romans 3:1-8,20)

The power of sin

(Romans 3:9-20)

The power of God

(Romans 3:21-26)

The way of faith.

(Romans 3:21-30)

Faith and the Word

(Romans 3:27-31)

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith”

Romans 3:21-25.

A Bible Study – Romans 3:1-31

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Pray: To begin with, pray. Ask God to teach you of Himself from his word.

Remember, Romans is one long explanation of the gospel; “the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

Read the passage: Romans 3:1-31

Questions

1. Reread aloud verses 1 to 8. Paul asks four rhetorical questions. What are they and what is his answer?
2. Reread verses 9 to 20 aloud. Though the Jew has the Law, the very words of God, Paul asks another question, “What then do we conclude? Do we have any advantage (i.e. because they have the Law)?” Quoting Scripture* what does Paul conclude and why? *Ps 5:9; 10:7; 14:1-3; 36:1; 53:1-3; 140:3; Eccles 7:20; Is 59:7-8
3. Reread verses 21-26 aloud.
 - i. “Apart from the Law”, in other words, something which has not been earned by people’s fulfilment of the Law, what has been made known? (See verse 21)
 - ii. What do you think Paul means by “to which the Law and Prophets testify”? (See verse 21)
 - iii. What is this “righteousness of God”? (See verse 22-25)
 - iv. Is the “righteousness of God” given or received or both? How? (Reread aloud verses 22-25 for the answer - Read also Ephesians 2:1-10).
 - v. Why did God do this? (See verses 25 and 26)
4. Reread verses 27-30 aloud. Why do you think Paul asks the question “Where then is boasting”? What’s he alluding to? What answer does he give?
5. What is Paul’s last question? (See verse 31) Why would he give that answer? (Look back at verses 2 and 20 and 21)

In regards to this Biblical doctrine (which we believe and uphold as Anglicans) you may like to read Articles 9 to 16 of the 39 Articles of Religion on pages 629 and 630 at the back of the Green Prayer Book (AAPB)

Conclude with prayer:

In preparation for next week’s Bible Study read ahead Romans 4:1-25.

This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ.

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