

# Romans

## How to be a Christian without Being Religious!

Lesson 3

Romans 3:1-31

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1. In Romans 3:1-8, Paul answers three objections or questions that are raised by his Jewish brothers. What are they?
  - a. Verse 1
  - b. Verse 3
  - c. Verses 5-8
2. What advantage did Paul say that the Jews were given (v. 2)? What advantage do we have by living in the Bible belt (in terms of God's Word)? What advantages have you personally enjoyed in terms of hearing the gospel?
3. What charge has been made about Jews and Gentiles alike (v. 9)? What is the verdict concerning everyone who has ever lived according to verse 10-12? See Ecclesiastes 7:20.
4. List at least 10 charges that Paul makes concerning mankind (verses 10-18).
5. It has been said that "the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart." The Bible mentions the word heart about 570 times. Why is the "heart" so important to God? What does the Bible say about the condition of the heart? See Jeremiah 17:9-10 and Psalm 139:23-24.
6. What did God give to the world to show that we are all guilty according to verse 19? See Isaiah 28:16-17; Amos 7:7-8; Romans 3:20; 7:7; and Galatians 3:22. What is the standard by which men shall be judged? What do we become aware of when we read God's commandments and laws that were given to Moses (v. 20)?

7. God gave us the law to show us that we are helpless on our own. Then He revealed to us another way. What is this other way (vv. 21-22)?
  
8. What do the following terms mean to you? (Use Webster or a Bible dictionary)
  - a. righteousness
  
  - b. justification
  
  - c. redemption (Colossians 1:13)
  
  - d. atonement (propitiation)
  
  - e. justice
  
  - f. forbearance
  
  - g. grace
  
9. Does our righteousness come from us or from God (v. 22)? Why is it important to recognize the source of our righteousness (Remember Ephesians 2:8-9)? What sin might we struggle with if we thought we had something to do with our own righteousness? (Hint: remember the sin of the Pharisees.)
  
10. Give a definition of sin (v. 23). See James 1:14-15. What is the result of sin? See Romans 6:23.
  
11. What was the purpose for Jesus coming into the world (v. 25)? See I Peter 1:18-20. How does Jesus death on the cross demonstrate both God's justice and His grace? See Isaiah 53:5, 10, and 12; John 1:29; II Corinthians 5:21; and Philippians 2:5-11.
  
12. To be justified means to be "declared righteous!" It is a legal term. According to verses 26 and 28, on what basis can God declare you righteous? Have you been justified? How do you know? See Romans 8:16.
  
13. What question does Paul anticipate in verse 31? What is the Law? See Exodus 20. What is the Law's purpose? (See Galatians 3:24) When a man reads through God's laws, what should he come to realize fairly quickly? What should he then desire to do? See Acts 3:19. How did God uphold the Law at the cross? See Romans 6:23.