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ROMANS 3
MAN ON TRIAL



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I. The Case

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C. God set in place His plan to redeem



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II. The Closing Argument

A. Good works cannot remove sin, but sin ruins your good works.



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II. The Closing Argument

B. Good works can't save you because God doesn't grade on a curve.

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV) Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

“Be holy for I am Holy”



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C. Good works can't save you because you can never be good enough long enough.



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D. You can never be sure you've done enough.



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E. Good works can't save you because if they could, you wouldn't need Jesus at all.



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III. The Objection

A. Why Be Religious? Vs.1-2

B. Why Not Give Up On God Since He Has Given Up On Us? Vs.3-4

C. Why Bother Being Good? Vs.5-8



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IV. The Verdict

A. Guilty as charged!

Romans 3:10-18 (NIV) 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 poison of vipers is on their lips."



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¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."



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IV. The Verdict

A. Guilty as charged!

Romans 3:23 (NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



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V. The Pardon

A. A righteousness from God

Romans 3:22 (NIV) This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,



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V. The Pardon

A. A righteousness from God

Romans 3:25 (NIV) God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--



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John 3:16 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



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V. The Pardon

B. Justified freely by grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.