Romans 3 King James Version (KJV)

**3** What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

<sup>2</sup>Much every way: chiefly, because that <u>unto them were committed the oracles of God</u>. (God honored them by giving them His Word first <through Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, etc>. Instead of being grateful to Him, they got an inflated ego. It eventually led to their downfall at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar)

NOTE: (Unfortunately, because of human nature even today, they think that they are still God's "chosen people". Jesus opened salvation to everyone when He defeated death at His resurrection. Today the Jews are no more special than anyone else. They need to get over themselves)

<sup>3</sup>For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? (No. God's promises stand today and will stand until the end of time. It is up to the individual to choose to follow God's Commandments instead of the ways of the world)

<sup>4</sup>God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. (We will all be judged by our works – good or bad) Psalms-62:9

<sup>5</sup>But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) (Paul wasn't a prophet. He was a Bible teacher)

<sup>6</sup>God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? (God is fair to everyone)

<sup>7</sup>For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? (If my sins helped to better spread God's Word, should I be judged a sinner?)

(Paul is referring to the days when he persecuted Christians, before God corrected him)

<sup>8</sup> And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. (You cannot help to spread God's Word to others by doing evil – even if the enemy is evil)

NOTE: (Some people believe that, after they have been saved, they can commit sin after sin and never lose their salvation. That is a false belief)

What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; (We are all sinners – Jews and Gentiles. Through repentance we are forgiven. However, we must never sink down to the level of the enemy, in order to do God's Work)

(Instead, follow the example that Jesus gave us. He did only good deeds and prevailed. With God's help, we can also do good deeds in this evil world and still prevail)

NOTE: (Some people believe that "once saved, always saved". They use that as a crutch to think that after they have been saved, they can do evil and still go to heaven. They can't. God is not a fool. HE can't be conned. Doing evil without true repentance will stay on the books. We will be judged for our deeds – good or evil)

<sup>10</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Psalms-14

<sup>11</sup>There is none that understandeth, there is none that <u>seeketh</u> after God. (seeketh = to search out the origin of)

(This means to understand the First Age, and what happened then <Satan's rebellion>. It's all in the Bible, but it's up to the individual to find it) Revelation-12, 2Peter-3

NOTE: (Why are we here, in flesh bodies? What caused God to end the First Age and to put us here in the Second Age? The answer is simple. Many followed Satan's rebellion against God. So now, we are here, born innocent, to make a decision. Follow God or follow the ways of this world – and be judged for our choice. Many of us will make the Third Age, and many will not)

- <sup>12</sup>They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- <sup>13</sup>Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lip see Psalms-14:1-3, Psalms-59 (We are all sinners)
- <sup>14</sup>Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
- <sup>15</sup>Their feet are swift to shed blood: (Physically by murder; spiritually by teaching false doctrines to deceive souls into hell)
- <sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery are in their ways: (True happiness only comes from living a healthy Christian life in God's Word)
- <sup>17</sup>And the way of peace have they not known: (Because they don't care to learn. Jesus is the Prince of peace; the Prince of righteousness)
- <sup>18</sup>There is no fear of God before their eyes. (Evil is stupidity)
- See Proverbs-1:7 (All wisdom and knowledge comes from the reverence of God)
- <sup>19</sup> Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. (We are all sinners)
- <sup>20</sup>Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Therefore, the law cannot save us. It only teaches us how we should behave. Obeying the Ten Commandment keeps us in God's good graces)
- <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; (But when we sin, only repentance of our sins and God's forgiveness can save us)
- <sup>22</sup> Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: (It is up to the individual to believe in God, in order to receive His blessings)
- <sup>23</sup> For <u>all have sinned</u>, and come short of the glory of God; (Not one of us is perfect)

<sup>24</sup>Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (But we can repent and be forgiven. That is the beauty of Christianity)

<sup>25</sup> Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; (Because God, as Jesus, has made salvation possible for us)

(We cannot repent for future sins. Repentance is not a license to go out and sin some more. Once saved, people can sin so much afterwards that they end up in hell)

<sup>26</sup>To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (If we choose to believe in Jesus Christ)

<sup>27</sup> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. (God accomplishes His plan, through man. Man is not the one who makes it happen – so why the bragging then? There is no reason. No one person is better than the others)

<sup>28</sup>Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (I disagree with Paul. We need both the faith and the good deeds according the Ten Commandments. When we fail, we need to repent and get right with God)

(Paul was not a prophet. He was a Bible teacher. Like all of us, he made some judgment calls)

- <sup>29</sup> Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: (We are all equal in God's eyes)
- <sup>30</sup> Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. (There is one God for all people of the world)
- <sup>31</sup> Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (The Ten Commandments are still the law today. Faith has not replaced them. Faith and repentance have only replaced the animal sacrifices with repentance and forgiveness. Jesus opened

salvation and repentance to all – whosoever will believe on Him will have eternal life <John-3:16>)