

Romans 3

Lesson 12 Heavenly Resume'

Rom 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

Rom 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that to them were committed the oracles of God.

Rom 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yes, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That you might be justified in your sayings, and might overcome when you are judged.

Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who takes vengeance? (I speak as a man)

Rom 3:6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

Rom 3:7 For if the truth of God has more abounded through my lie to his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

Rom 3:8 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.

Rom 3:9 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;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one.

Rom 3:13 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

Rom 3:14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

Rom 3:15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

Rom 3:16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

Rom 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things whatsoever the law said, it said to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 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.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ to all and on all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 Whom God has 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;

Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus.

Rom 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No: but by the law of faith.

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 3:29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Rom 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yes, we establish the law.

1915 Coca-cola challenged glass companies "Create a bottle so distinct you could recognize it just by feel."

Reach in an ice cooler and feel the difference.

What makes Christianity so different?

Is it the only way to heaven?

Why is there nothing quite like it?

The world that would recognize religion would like to smash them all together in one bucket. They say they are all the same. But they are not. There are only two religions.

Now this is a remarkable statement. Some would say there are thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of religions.

The church of Human achievement and the religion of Divine Accomplishment.

Islam, Mormonism, Buddhism, Hindu, Shinto, Humanism, all speak of works-based salvation.

As long as I have kept more of the rules than I have broken.

As long as I haven't broken more than three or four of the Commandments.

As long as I am more loving as my neighbor.

As long as I have stopped beating my wife.

As long as I go to church three of four weeks.

As long as I pray at meals. It is good enough.

As long as you are a little more “Good than Bad” you are going to make it.

It is a matter of a great resume. Some would think that upon meeting God at the gate of heaven you would hand him a great resume. A resume filled with all the good things you have accomplished: The times you worked at the Pantry, the dollars you gave at church, every good deed, every nurtured relationship, every Sunday school class you attended or even taught. And we would envision God looking it over and smiling and say, “God job! You made it.”

The problem is that if you were to enter into heaven because of a resume based on your accomplishments God would get no glory; you would be the one who gets all the praise. In fact, Ephesians 2:9 would say that salvation is not of works lest you should boast!

Why did God create the world and everything in it?

To bring him glory and honor and praise.

We have spent our lives doing things that please self. We have replaced God with self. We have replaced DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

So if we stand before God and start listing accomplishments or hand Him a resume we might as well slap Jesus in the face because God is going to look at the resume and say, “I killed my only Son because you were not good enough to get to me!” I made this covenant with Israel to be the medium and method for showing what I expect. To be honored, to be praised, to be glorified. They failed. You failed. Sin separated you from me.

Jesus is the new covenant. God’s plan is to save the world that cannot save itself.

And that’s where the only other religion comes in.

Divine Accomplishment is what Jesus is and lived.

He made it possible to stand before God without a resume. But simply a naked faith in what God has done. We deserve wrath. We need someone to bridge the gap, and that gap can only be filled by God not by our efforts.

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