

Houston We Have a Problem!

Ro 3:23-24

Today, I want to look at Romans Chapter 3 and discover man's Spiritual problem, God's diagnostic tool, and God's remedy to man's Spiritual problem. We will examine 3 stages to faith in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and new Spiritual life.

Stages

- 1. Man Understanding His Problem (Ro 3:9-18)**
- 2. God's Diagnostic Tool Directing Man to the Answer to Man's Problem (Ro 3:19-20)**
- 3. God's Solution to Man's Problem (Ro 3:21-31)**

Romans 3:23-24 (NASB)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Christ died for our sins (b) Christ was buried (c) Christ was resurrected

The Gospel is God's offer of Spiritual Life to Man

Romans 3:9b (NASB)

⁹ we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

Romans 3:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

Romans 3:11b (NASB)

¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

Romans 3:12b (NASB)

¹² THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

*Spiritual deadness manifests itself in many types of sins,
Spiritual deadness traps man in a sin cycle!*

God's diagnostic tool is the Law –

Romans 3:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the **Law** says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all ***the world may become accountable to God;*** ²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19-20 (GW)

¹⁹ We know that whatever is in **Moses' Teachings** applies to everyone under their influence, and no one can say a thing. ***The whole world is brought under the judgment of God.*** ²⁰ Not one person can have God's approval by following Moses' Teachings. Moses' Teachings show what sin is.

What is the Law?

The Law was God's instructions to the nation Israel concerning moral, social, and spiritual behaviors. The Law includes the 10 commandments and 613 commandments called (Mitzvot's – do's & don'ts). There are 248 Do's, and 365 Don'ts.

Note: The Gentiles were not off the hook in keeping the Law. The Law was written in their hearts. Their consciences tell them what's right, and what's wrong. They attempt to do the same thing Moses (Law) teaches, even though they were never given the Law by God. The Law's requirements were written in their hearts.

Romans 2:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the **Law written in their hearts**, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

James 2:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Paul goes on to say in verse 20 –

²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

or

²⁰ Not one person can have God's **approval** by following Moses' Teachings. Moses' Teachings show what sin is.

The Law points to the answer to mans' spiritual deadness problem, by highlighting His unrighteous sin problem, and his need of spiritual life.

Man needs a way to be made right with God, approved by God, justified by God.

But what is the way?

Romans 3:22 (NASB)

²² even *the* righteousness of God through *faith in Jesus Christ* for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

Romans 3:26 (NASB)

²⁶ for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has *faith in Jesus.*

Faith = Trust, Belief, Dependence

Romans 3:24 (NASB)

²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

God's offer of Spiritual life is a gift that can be accepted or rejected. Being made right and being made Spiritually alive breaks the power of sin in man's life (sin cycle)

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*Christ is the Answer to the
Problem!*