Romans 3 • From Sin to Salvation

***Part I: Condemnation Under Sin***

1. (v.1-2) No one should take the Word of God for granted by failing to put it into **practice**, understanding that its blessings come about as a result of **obedience**, not **heritage**.
2. (v.3-4) The faithfulness and righteousness of God steadfastly **continue** in spite of man’s **disobedience** to His Word and ways.
3. (v.5-8) The faithfulness and righteousness of God steadfastly **continue** in spite of man’s **misrepresentation** of His Word and ways.
4. (v.9-18) The proof that everyone has turned aside from God’s **Word** is in their treatment of **others**.
5. (v.19-20) The Law by itself does not effect **salvation**, but **condemnation** by disclosing sin.

***Part II: Justification by Faith***

1. (v.21) The work of **Christ** brings to the foreground what had always been present in the God’s **Word**.
2. (v.22-26) Nothing is **earned** personally, but comes as a **gift** of grace by God through the demonstration of Christ’s **righteousness**, of which we are partakers by **faith**.
3. (v.27-31) The Gospel of Christ **establishes** the Law, revealing our need for **grace**, by which we are in turn enabled to **obey** the Law.

***Overall Application***

* (v.1-8) What people say and do in the **name** of God’s **Word** does not invalidate God’s **Word**.
* (v.9-18) Everyone is in **bondage** to sin with or without knowledge of God’s **Word**.
* (v.19-20) God’s **Word** makes known everyone’s **sin**.
* (v.21-26) God’s **Word** testifies that **justification** for sin can only come through **Christ**.
* (v.27-31) The visible **proof** of justification is obedience to God’s **Word**.