

RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD?—THE BAD/GOOD NEWS

- News: God requires us to be righteous, or He can rightly judge us
- Bad News: No one is
- Good news: See below, from Romans 3. Read it like your eternal life depended on it!

10 As it is written: “**There is no one righteous**, not even one;
11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.
12 All have turned away . . . there is no one who does good, not even one.”

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith . . . 27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded . . . 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.” (from **Romans 3:1-28 –NIV**)

“**As it is written . . .**” Summarize the bad news Paul is delivering. He quotes several passages from the Old Testament (Romans 3:10-12 = Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20).

“**Therefore no one will . . .**” what (vs. 20)? YIKES. What are the two conclusions in vs. 20?

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“**But Now . . .!**” Ready for some good news? No one is righteous (3:10-20), but . . . (vs. 21-26)
Since we cannot be righteous by obeying the Law, how can we be? (vs. 21-22)

All have sinned AND all can be . . . because/by . . .? (vs. 23-24)

God made this possible by doing what . . .? (vs. 25)

We can’t boast (vs. 27). What are we to do? (vs. 22, 25, 28)

“**For we maintain that a person is . . .**

WHAT! HOW? Do tell! (vs. 28)

Circle the things that sound similar in

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

Let’s Summarize this Important Passage.

- ✓ **What’s the Bad News**, from verses 10-12, 20
- ✓ **Give Me the Good News**, from verses 21-25
- ✓ **Don’t Leave Out Our Response**, from verses 22-28