

The Verdict

November 12, 2023

Romans 3:3-20

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Introduction: Remember the context

Living by faith (Romans 1:16-17)

Not living by faith (1:18-3:20)

a.k.a. "Welcome to the mudroom."

--The mudroom has become a courtroom. Witnesses have been called, testimony has been given, and now closing arguments and a verdict are to be heard.

The _____

Creation- 1:20

Conscience- 2:15

Christ- 3:2 (John 5:39-40)

Closing Arguments: 3:3-9

- Objection #1 _____ of some nullifies God's faithfulness.

Answer #1 No! God is _____ even if no one else is faithful.

- Objection #2 Our _____ reveals God's righteousness. God is unjust to punish us.

Answer #2 No! _____ is the only basis for judgment.

- Objection #3 Why not do evil that _____ may come?

Answer #3 Their condemnation is _____.

- Objection #4 Are we _____ any better off?

Answer #4 No, not at all.

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The Verdict (continued)

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Closing Speech-- Romans 3:10-18

Who is _____? All: both Jews and Greeks

What is the _____? None righteous

No one who seeks

No one who does good

No _____ of God

Paul's closing argument leads to a clear understanding of:

Human nature

The human predicament

This is the verdict:

_____ depravity of humanity (3:19-20)

Everyone _____ before God

Everyone _____ to become righteous through the works of the Law.

- ◇ How are you attempting to be made right with God?
- ◇ Have you recognized your total inability to be made right with God through your own effort?

Conclusion: Remember where we started-- Living by _____

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17

- ◇ How have you responded to the Gospel of Christ?

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The **witnesses:**

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Closing Arguments: 3:3-9

- Objection #1 **Unfaithfulness** of some nullifies God's faithfulness.

Answer #1 No! God is **faithful** even if no one else is faithful.

- Objection #2 Our **unrighteousness** reveals God's righteousness. God is unjust to punish us.

Answer #2 No! **Righteousness** is the only basis for judgment.

- Objection #3 Why not do evil that **good** may come?

Answer #3 Their condemnation is **just**.

- Objection #4 Are we **Jews** any better off?

Answer #4 No, not at all.

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Closing Speech-- Romans 3:10-18

Who is **involved**? All: both Jews and Greeks

What is the **problem**? None righteous

No one who seeks

No one who does good

No **fear** of God

Paul's closing argument leads to a clear understanding of:

Human nature

The human predicament

This is the verdict:

Total depravity of humanity (3:19-20)

Everyone **guilty** before God

Everyone **unable** to become righteous through the works of the Law.

- ◇ How are you attempting to be made right with God?
- ◇ Have you recognized your total inability to be made right with God through your own effort?

Conclusion: Remember where we started-- Living by **faith**.

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