

Conscious of Sin

Romans 3:1-20

"Can any of us experience anything in life of greater personal advantage to our souls than possession of the Holy Scriptures? Of course not! Without them we are utterly confused, adrift on a sea of human speculation where all the great questions of life are concerned. Is there a God? We do not know; at least, in our sinful state we are unable to admit the full personal significance of there being a God. Who are we? We do not know that answer to that important question. Apart from Scripture, we cannot know that we have been created in the image of the one true God and are called to glorify him and to enjoy him forever. How do we come to God? How is our sin to be dealt with? What way of life is best? Does what we do here matter? It is only from the revelation of God in the Bible that we can have sure answers to any of these life-and-death questions." Boice

- I. God has given mankind an advantage over Satan, over the confusion, depravity and consequences of sin, and over the frustration of trying to find meaning in life by opening his heart to us through the truth of his Word. Like the Jew in Paul's day, many fail to grasp the magnitude of the gift they've been given, much to their eternal detriment. But for those of us whose eyes have been graciously opened to his truth, do we prize it, do we thank him for it, and are we determined to know it and live by it?

Rom. 3:1-2

"To them [the Jews] the Scriptures were given, through them the Scriptures were shared. From them the whole world would receive God's invitation of grace."
Swindoll

- II. There is nothing mankind can do to nullify God's faithfulness in fulfilling everything he has written in his Word. God is true to himself, he speaks truth and faithfully fulfills his truth. What man thinks of says about him will never change him or the veracity of his Word.

Rom. 3:3-8

Ps. 51:4

- III. God's truth reveals that mankind is totally depraved and without hope. **No one** can escape this designation apart from Christ. The solution God has made known is that we can be made right with him through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. He offers to take away our unrighteousness and give us his righteousness simply by believing the truth of the gospel.

Rom. 3:9-22

Rom. 3:10-12 – Ps. 14:1-3 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
Ps. 52:1-3
Eccl. 7:20

Rom. 3:13 – Ps. 5:9 Not a word from their mouth can be trusted.
Ps. 140:3

Rom. 3:14 – Ps. 10:7 His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats;

Rom. 3:15-17 – Isa. 59:7-8 There is no justice in their paths.

Rom. 3:18 – Ps. 36:1 There is no fear of God before his eyes.