The Righteousness of the Law
Romans Chapter 3

Theme Verses

[Rom 2:26] Therefore if the uncircumcision keep ***the righteousness of the law***, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

[Rom 8:3-4] For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That ***the righteousness of the law*** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Outline of Chapter 3

A. Vs 1-4, The Oracles of God
1. What advantage does the Jew have?
2. The Oracles of God were committed unto them.
3. Shall unbelief make the faith of God of none effect?
4. Let God be true but every man a liar.

B. Vs 5-8, Does Unrighteousness of Man Exalt the Righteousness of God?
1. If so, how could God judge the world?
2. Man must be free of sin if his sin Exalts the Righteousness of God
3. Such a condition would suggest that we *should* really do evil
4. The damnation of all who pursue such actions is just

C. Vs 9-18, All are Under Sin
1. Quote of Psalms 14:1-3
2. Quote of Psalms 140:3
3. Quote of Isaiah 59:5-8

D. Vs 19-20, Purpose of the Law
1. Stop every mouth and all the world become guilty before God
2. The deeds of the law are unable to justify anyone

3. By the law is the knowledge of sin

E. Vs 21-26, The Righteousness of God Without the Law
1. This righteousness is witnessed by the law and prophets
2. This righteousness of God is by faith OF Jesus Christ
3. This righteousness comes “Unto” all and “Upon” all who believe
4. There is No Difference; all have sinned and come short
5. Justification is free by His grace through the redemption in Christ
6. God set forth Christ so that propitiation can be obtained through faith in His blood
7. This declares the righteousness of God for forgiving sins in the past
8. The righteousness of God is declared so that He might be just and the justifier of those who believe in Jesus

F. Vs 27-31, The Law of Faith
1. A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law
2. The Jews are justified by faith, the Gentile through faith
   a. The Gentiles were able to observe the way the Jews had been blessed of God down through time. This faith of the Jews served as a witness to the Gentile. See Rom 15:4.
3. Faith does Not make the Law Void
4. Rather, the law is established

Summary Thoughts from Chapter 3

1. Unbelief is unable to make the faith of God without effect
2. The unrighteousness of man brings no honor to God
3. All are under sin
4. By the law is the knowledge of sin
5. The righteousness of God without the law is by faith OF Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believeth
6. The Law of Faith