**THE PROBLEM OF SIN AND ITS SOLUTION**

**ROMANS 3**

**Contrast Between God and Man**

GOD

**Creator**

**Authoritative**

**Powerful**

**Wise**

**Good**

**Love**

**Truthful**

**Life**

MAN

**creation**

**Disobedient**

**Weak**

**Foolish**

**Guilty**

**Selfish**

**Deceived**

**Dead**

**Contrast Between God and Man**

**Genesis 3** magnifies God’s righteousness in contrast with man’s sinfulness

Reaction to this contrast should be contrition **Isaiah 6:1-5**

**Genesis 3** **illustrates** the **universality of sin**

It is how Paul uses **Gen. 3** in **Rom. 5:12-21**

We become **sinners** by **sinning v.12**

Paul uses Old Testament scriptures in **Rom. 3** to **prove** the **universality of sin**

**Rom. 3:1-20 – Universality of Sin Problem**

**3:1-8** the contrast between God and man and how men **misunderstand** it

**3:9** already proved Jews and Greeks are under sin (under its dominion because they sinned)

**Greeks** have sinned **1:18-32**

**Jews** have sinned **2:1-25**

**3:10-20** **ALL** have **sinned v.23**

**Cannot save** ourselves **5:6 incurable disease**

Spiritual **death row 6:23**

**Rom. 3:21-26 – Universality of Sin Solution**

**3:21** *But now* (**was** a mystery) **1 Pt 1:10-12**

**3:21** *the righteousness of God* God’s means of making us **righteous** **10:2-3**

**3:21** *apart from the law* **righteousness** is not through the **law** which **condemns** the **sinner**

**3:21** *is revealed* through the **gospel 1:16-17**

**3:21** *being witnessed by the Law & Prophets* believers in the Old testament should believe in the gospel and obey it **Jn 5:46, Rom. 4:3**

**3:22** *even the righteousness of God*

**3:22** *through**faith in Jesus Christ*, through **believing** & obeying the **gospel** of Christ (**1:5**) instead of **keeping** the **law** of Moses

**3:22** *to all and on all who believe* **universal solution** to **universal problem** of **sin**

**3:22** *for there is no difference* **sin** is an **equal** opportunity destroyer employer

**Rom. 3:21-26 – Universality of Sin Solution**

**3:23** *for all have sinned* **we** are **responsible**

**3:23** *and come short* **present** **condition** based on **past** **action**

**3:23** *of the glory of God* God’s **perfect**, holy character is the **standard** we cannot reach because we have sinned—one sin breaks fellowship with God and perfect behavior can never make up for that one sin **James 2:10**

**3:24** *being justified freely* our being made right is **given**; we do not deserve it

**3:24** *by his grace* **God** justifies (makes us right) because of **His** gracious initiative

**3:24** *through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus* Jesus **paid** the **price** to **free** us from **sin**

**3:25** *whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood* God gave His Son Jesus because no other sacrifice was sufficient

* **God’s righteousness** requires the **sin debt** of **blood** (**death!**)to **be paid Hb 9:22**
* **If** unpaid, then God is unrighteous to **forgive**
* No person could **die** for his own **sin** & **live**
* A **perfect** human could only save **himself Rom. 10:5**
* **Animals** cannot save humans **Hb 10:4**
* **Only Jesus** could die for us **Mk 14:36, Hb 5:8-9**

**3:25** *through faith,* God requires us to **believe** in Jesus’ **sacrifice** for our **sins** **1 Cor. 15:1-4**

**3:25** *to demonstrate His righteousness,* the **cross** is **proof** that God is **righteous**; He cannot overlook our **sins**

**3:25** *because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that had previously been committed,* God passed over **sin** **temporarily**

**3:26** *to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness,* God overlooked sin in the past

* The **cross** proves **God** was and is **righteous**
* The **past sins** were not overlooked but **paid** for by Jesus **Hb 9:15**
* Sin no longer passed over **Acts 17:30**

**3:26** *that He might be just* He upheld His law

**3:26** *and the justifier* He **wisely** resolved the dilemma between **truth** and **mercy**

**3:26** *of the one who has faith in Jesus* faith must obey **1:5**

* **Believe** with the heart **10:9**
* **Confess** with the mouth the Lord Jesus **10:9**
* **Repent 2:4**
* **Be baptized** into the death of Christ **6:3**
* **Walk** in **new**ness of **life 6:4**