



Life In The Balance – A Series On Romans
Chapter 3 – What God Has Done For Us

"Every great revival in history that ever started can somehow be related to this book." - Swiss Bible Commentator.

Court Room Scene

- The **case**: mankind's Guilt or Innocence before God
- The **charge**: mankind has deliberately rejected God
- The **prosecutor**: Paul
- The **accused**: all of humanity

Romans 3: 1-8 (NLT) – Closing Remarks:

1st: He anticipates the **questions** in the minds of the jurors.

2nd: He **answers** those questions in advance.

Romans 3:5 (LB) *But some say our breaking faith with God is good. Our sins serve a good purpose. For people will notice how good God is when they see how bad we are. Is it fair then for Him to punish us when our sins are helping Him?*

3rd: He **summarizes** his conclusion.

Romans 3:9-12 (NIV) *What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all. We have already made the charge that all Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

But now...

Romans 3:21 (NIV) *But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify*

- What God has done for us is **unearned**.



Romans 3:22 (NIV) *This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

- The whole Christian life in one word: **faith**.
- There is one condition, for us to get in on what God has done for us:

You have to believe.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

- **1st verb**: "have sinned" means: **to miss the mark**
- **2nd verb**: "fall short" means: **to fall behind in a race**

Romans 3:24 (NIV) *and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

- **3 key words that describe what God has done for us:**
 - **1st key word**: **freely**
 - Means: "without a cause"
 - **2nd key word**: **redemption**
 - Means: "to release by paying a ransom"
 - **3rd key word**: **justified**
 - Means: "to declare not guilty, to be acquitted, to make right"

Romans 3:25-26 (NIV)

- The ransom paid: **Jesus Christ giving His own life**.

Romans 3:27-31 (NIV)

- This salvation thing is all **God's** doing.